

connected with the jewelry trade of Iowa and his stores were always attractive establishments, well appointed and equipped. Moreover, his business methods insured him a liberal patronage, for he was ever straightforward and honorable in his dealings and built up his interests along constructive lines, his path never being strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes.

In 1872 Mr. De Noyelles was united in marriage to Miss Emma Caward, a daughter of James and Mary (Brown) Caward, who were natives of England, where they were reared and married. They came to the United States in early manhood and womanhood, crossing the Atlantic about 1843, at which time they established their home in the state of New York, where Mr. Caward followed the occupation of farming. Some time later, however, believing that he might have better business opportunities in the middle west, he removed to North Prairie, Wisconsin, where the father resumed agricultural interests, carefully and systematically conducting a farm there for a number of years. Eventually he removed to Whitewater, Wisconsin, and it was while the family was residing at that place that the birth of Mrs. De Noyelles occurred. While living in Whitewater, Mr. Caward was engaged in construction work on the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railroad from 1857 until 1859. He remained a resident of that place until his death, which occurred when he was forty-nine years of age. His widow afterward removed to Chicago, Illinois, where her last days were spent, and she had reached the age of sixty-eight years ere she was called to her final rest. To Mr. and Mrs. De Noyelles was born a son, Leon Caward. Mrs. De Noyelles is still a resident of Cresco, where she has a fine modern home and is most pleasantly situated.

In his political views Mr. De Noyelles was a democrat, loyal to the party because of his firm belief in its principles. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church and he held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He had many substantial traits of character which won him kindly regard and good will from all who knew him and made his death a matter of deep regret to those who came within the circle of his friendship. Mrs. De Noyelles is widely and favorably known in Cresco and the hospitality of her pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by those with whom she is brought in contact.

A. J. VENZ.

A. J. Venz, a farmer residing on section 17, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, was born in Germany, July 14, 1862, his parents being William and Hannah (Knepp) Venz, who came to the United States in the spring of 1873 and first settled in Ripon, Fond du lac county, Wisconsin. After ten years they removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, taking up their abode in Deerfield township on a tract of land of forty acres. A year later, however, Mr. Venz went with his family to Floyd county, Iowa, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred January 2, 1919.

A. J. Venz was about eleven years of age when he crossed the Atlantic and had attained his majority at the time of the removal of his parents to Iowa. For three years after coming to Chickasaw county he worked for wages as a farm hand and then began renting land which he cultivated for seven years. The profits from his crops were carefully put away until the sum was sufficient to enable him in 1893 to purchase eighty acres of land on section 16, Deerfield township. For twelve years he resided upon and further improved the farm and on the expiration of that period he traded the property toward the purchase of his present home place, comprising one hundred and sixty acres. Today he has a modern farm, improved with good buildings that afford ample shelter for grain and stock. He devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits, producing the crops best adapted to soil and climatic conditions here, and the results of his labors have been very gratifying.

In November, 1888, Mr. Venz was married to Miss Emma Krumrey, of Chickasaw township, a daughter of Henry Krumrey, who came to Chickasaw county from Germany about 1866. He is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Venz are the parents of three children: