

in that country. It was with the hope of enjoying better business chances and opportunities that the family crossed the Atlantic and made their way westward to Iowa.

John Nohale had in the meantime acquired a fair education in the schools of his native land and after reaching Iowa he began work as a farm hand in Howard county, where he was employed until twenty-five years of age. He then felt that his experience and his capital justified his engaging in business on his own account and he subsequently cultivated rented land for a period of three years. He still continued to practice thrift and industry and at the end of that time was able to purchase his present place. He has since made all of the improvements upon his property and now has a good farm on which are substantial buildings and all modern equipments. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and everything about his place is carefully managed, while in the production of crops he employs the most progressive methods.

Mr. Nohale's mother is still living and makes her home in Protivin with her daughter. On the 15th of September, 1893, John Nohale of this review was united in marriage to Miss Tony Papouch, a daughter of Frank and Katie Papouch, of Howard county. They have become the parents of three children: Frank, Mamie and Elizabeth. Two years ago the last named gave her hand in marriage to Adolph Kalishek, a resident farmer of Winneshiek county. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and in politics Mr. Nohale largely maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment with little regard for party ties. He is truly a self-made man and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out to provide for his own support when but sixteen years of age and has today reached a position among the men of affluence in Paris township.

PHILIP KRATZ.

Philip Kratz, deceased, was for many years identified with farming interests in Howard county and became the owner of an excellent property which was the result of his close application and indefatigable energy. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1849, a son of Philip and Margaret (Gzell) Kratz. He was but four years of age when his parents bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, settling in Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming. He afterward removed to Lincoln township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, and throughout his remaining days his attention was given to the development and improvement of his farm, upon which both he and his wife passed away.

Philip Kratz spent his youth largely upon the old homestead farm in Iowa and the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy were his. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons attended school. In 1877, when twenty-eight years of age, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cawelti, who was born near North Washington, in Chickasaw county, Iowa, a daughter of George and Mary (Weiler) Cawelti, who were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, but came to the United States at an early day arriving in 1848. They remained for a short time in Wisconsin but afterward removed to Iowa, establishing their home at North Washington, Chickasaw county, where Mr. Cawelti purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid a dollar and a half per acre. He added to this as his financial resources increased, extending the boundaries of his farm from time to time until he had four hundred acres of good land. He died at Alta Vista, Iowa, while his wife died upon the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Kratz.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kratz took up their abode upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres a mile from the old homestead. This Mr. Kratz purchased and for a number of years he continued its development and cultivation. He afterward sold that property and removed to New Oregon township, where he purchased two hundred and twenty acres of land. This he further developed as the years passed, adding to it many modern improvements which added greatly to the appearance