

manner of the farm lad of northern Iowa. When he reached man's estate he resolved to establish a home of his own and to this end was married June 17, 1902, to Miss Mary Kovarik, of Winneshiek county. The following spring the young couple located on their present home farm of two hundred acres, eighty acres of which was given to Mr. Kalishek by his father. He afterward purchased eighty acres from his father and subsequently invested in a forty acre tract, so that within the farm boundaries are now comprised two hundred acres of rich and arable land that responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it, for his efforts have converted the place into productive fields, from which he annually gathers large harvests. He is also a stockholder in the Bohemian Savings Bank of Protivin, and Utica township numbers him among her leading citizens.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kalishek have been born two children, Bennie C. and Marcella C. The parents and children are members of the Catholic church and in his political views Mr. Kalishek is a democrat, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is now serving on the township board of trustees and in all matters of progressive citizenship is deeply interested, aiding freely any plan or project for the general good.

J. H. WHALEN.

J. H. Whalen has long been known in Chickasaw county, where he now makes his home on section 25, Jacksonville township, while his birth occurred in Utica township. His natal day was September 11, 1866, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Reilly) Whalen, who were natives of Ireland. The year 1854 witnessed the arrival of the father in the new world, at which time he took up his abode in Georgia. He afterward removed to Iowa and established his home in Utica township, where for a time he engaged in farming. Later he removed to Jacksonville township and settled upon the place which is now the home of his son, J. H. Whalen. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil and brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, annually gathering large crops as a reward for his diligence and his thrift. He died upon the old homestead in 1903. His wife was born in Massachusetts and came to Iowa with her parents, Sylvester and Bridget Reilly, who located in Utica township, where Mrs. Whalen was reared and married. It was her father who donated fifteen acres of land where the Catholic church of Reilly Ridge now stands, and upon that tract a house of worship was erected. This tract was named in his honor and the church stands as a monument largely to his generous spirit and devotion to the cause of religion. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly were among the oldest of the pioneer settlers of Utica township and in the work of development and progress there they took an active and helpful part. In community affairs Thomas Whalen took a deep and helpful interest and was regarded as a most public-spirited citizen'. He served as town clerk of Utica and Jacksonville townships for a period of thirty-six consecutive years and no higher testimonial of his efficiency and fidelity could be given than the fact that he was so long retained in that office. Never for a moment did he disregard his duty or hold it in slight consideration. He was likewise justice of the peace for twenty-eight years and his decisions in that connection were strictly fair and impartial, "winning him golden opinions from all sorts of people." In educational matters, too, he was deeply interested and for a number of years served as treasurer of his school district in Utica township. A life of great usefulness and worth ended when he was called to the home beyond. His wife was a woman of many admirable traits of heart and mind, and her death, which occurred November 18, 1893, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

J. H. Whalen, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, pursued his education in the public schools of Jacksonville township and when his textbooks were put aside he continued upon the home farm with his father until the latter's death and remained throughout that period his father's active assistant. He was reared as one of a family of ten children, having four sisters and five brothers, all