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The Yoe Printing Company was founded by James K. Taylor, in 1896. It has since been engaged in printing calendars, novelties and advertising specialties, employing in 1907, twenty-two persons.

Churches. The United Brethren Church at Yoe was built in 1902 at a cost of \$9,000. It is a handsome brick structure facing on three different streets. The present church was built under the pastorate of Rev. J. P. Koontz, who served the congregation from 1896 to 1903. He was succeeded by William Dougherty, who remained two years. Rev. E. L. Hughes was chosen in 1905. The church membership is 160, and the Sunday School, with W. H. Snyder as superintendent, has a membership of 280.

The United Evangelical Church was founded by Rev. George Joseph, who held the first religious services in the houses of members. He was succeeded by Revs. J. M. Price, E. B. Keen, Frank Foss, E. Fulcomer, John H. Heitz and W. E. Brillhart.

JAMES KENNETH TAYLOR, a representative business man of the younger generation in the lower end of York county, where he has resided from the time of his birth, is a leading manufacturer of the county, his plant and headquarters being in the town of Yoe. He was born in York county, in the immediate vicinity of the present borough of Shrewsbury, Oct. 1, 1865, youngest of the six children of Henry F. and Anna Y. (Keeney) Taylor.

Henry F. Taylor now makes his home in Dallastown; his wife, Anna Y. Keeney, daughter of the late John Keeney, died in April, 1899. Only four of their six children are still living.

James K. Taylor passed his boyhood in the vicinity of his birth place, and was practically reared to the discipline of the farm, while in the district schools common to the rural localities he secured his preliminary educational training. His public-school work was supplemented by three terms in the Normal Department of York County Academy, at York, where he fitted himself for teaching, and became the instructor in one of the district schools in York township when eighteen years of age. He has pronounced talent, however, in another direction. As a penman he displayed much artistic ability and facility, and this talent secured him no little recognition in an incidental way. After three seasons of successful work as a teacher, under the county superintendency of D. G. Williams and H. C. Brenneman, he decided to turn his attention to the "art preservative of all arts," for which he manifested no slight predilection. Readily and with due appreciation he mastered the intricacies of the printing business, and several years were devoted to working for different persons engaged in business along this line. Mr. Taylor was not satisfied, however, and his ambition soon led him to formulate plans to engage in business for himself, and he forthwith began canvassing the situation and devising ways and means. Realizing that considerable capital would be demanded to inaugurate an enterprise of very considerable scope, he wisely decided to begin operations upon a modest scale, and accordingly, Feb. 11, 1892, he purchased six

small fonts of type and a small Dorman hand press, capable of printing a form five by seven and one-half inches, and with this little equipment initiated the business which has now grown to be one of considerable scope, as the result of his energy and able management. To-day Mr. Taylor owns the finely appointed plant and businesses conducted under the titles of the Yoe Printing Co., and the Taylor Calendar Co., and his concerns have gained reputations which transcend the limits of the State of Pennsylvania. With his six fonts of type and small press Mr. Taylor began the printing of cards, note-heads, envelopes, etc., at his residence, then in Jacobus, this county. He was his own solicitor by day, journeyman printer by night and bookkeeper at intervals. Trials and tribulations were encountered on every hand, and at times the outlook was far from alluring, Mr. Taylor's greatest worry being his inability to have an office of adequate equipment to enable him to turn out a great amount of work which was tendered him, and which he was compelled to refuse for lack of proper facilities. Many a time, in the coldest days of winter and the hottest of summer, he was his own pack-mule, never having been troubled with false pride. With finished work that would weigh 160 pounds he would trudge from one town to another to deliver the same, which he carried on his back. His perseverance and unremitting application brought the business to a prosperous standpoint. The enterprise at that time was conducted under the title of the Jacobus Printing Co. New type, larger presses and other mechanical accessories became necessary, and Mr. Taylor made additions to his equipment as rapidly as he felt justified, and finally, almost before he realized the condition, he found himself in control of a plant from which could be turned out almost anything desired in the printing or paper line. His specialty from the inception of the business was mercantile work, and his motto is at the present time, "If it's made of paper, we have it." Novelties of every description are now to be had from this admirable establishment, and special features are cartons, cigar-cases, cigar pouches, telescope pouches, calendars and fans for advertising purposes, besides book, job, half-tone and lithogravure printing of the highest class. The goods of this company go into all parts of the Union,

and while the establishment is one of the most prosperous and well equipped under Mr. Taylor's management, the enterprise can hardly be said to be more than an "infant industry," for with the application of his originality, push and marked power of initiative, a prediction as to the ultimate magnitude of the business is difficult to make. A year ago the Taylor Calendar Company was organized to take care of the wholesale part of the calendar business, and it has already assumed great proportions. The two concerns are rated in both Bradstreet's and Dun's mercantile books. Mr. Taylor has made his field of business brighter by a number of years of patient toil and hard, indomitable application. Among his most valued possessions to-day is the little Dorman press, which stands silent in the midst of the fine modern machinery of a thoroughly first-class printing establishment, and the estimate which he places on the primitive, little press is based on his full appreciation of the fact that it was the nucleus of the present large business enterprise.

On July 13, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Taylor to Miss Emma Jane Hengst, who was born and reared in this county, a daughter of John and Fienna (Knaub) Hengst, old and honored residents of York county. In his home are centered our subject's highest hopes, affections and interests, and the conditions are ideal in their nature. About the pleasant hearthstone of the home are the following named children: Ada Idella, Austin James, Edna Grace, Florence Estella, Mabel Minerva, Emma Leona, Herold DeWitt, Dwight Clement and Kenneth Hengst. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are zealous and devoted members of the United Evangelical Church, in which he has been a most active and valued worker. Several years ago, as a mark of appreciation of his zeal and his ability as a Bible student and expounder, the church ordained him as a preacher, and he frequently occupies the pulpit. Notwithstanding the exactions of his business and the manifold claims upon his time and attention, Mr. Taylor takes a deep interest in everything connected with the material and civic welfare of his home town, freely giving his time and energies, as well as his financial support, to those movements which tend to conserve the general good. He is identified with a number of fraternal and other organizations.

DANIEL K. TAYLOR, editor of the *Dallastown Advocate*, was born in Shrewsbury, York county, Aug. 8, 1864, to Henry F. and Annie Y. (Keeney) Taylor. His paternal grandparents were John and Sarah Taylor, while his mother was the daughter of Henry Keeney.

During boyhood Mr. Taylor attended the public schools of Shrewsbury and York townships, and then continued his education at the Normal schools. During his last two years at the Normal he also worked in several printing offices, acquiring the rudiments of the printer's trade. After he left school in 1884 he secured employment with the Herald Printing Company, in Dallastown, learned his trade thoroughly, and remained there until 1891. In that year he established a job printing office in town, and succeeded so well that in 1894 he enlarged his field greatly and established the *Dallastown Advocate*. The paper was a success from the beginning and has steadily extended its sphere of usefulness and grown in public favor until it now has an assured place among the very best weekly newspapers of the county. Independent in its politics, it stands for the industrial and moral progress of one of the most prosperous and cultured communities in that part of the State. Mr. Taylor is an able and progressive journalist and sets a high standard in his publication. Mr. Taylor also carries a large line of up-to-date calendars, fans, blotters, novelties, and a variety of imported goods, which he sells at the most reasonable prices, and he is in a position to compete with any house in the country. Mr. Taylor takes an active part in municipal affairs and is now serving his fifth term (fifteenth year) as a member of the Dallastown council, and for seven years has been treasurer. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Dallas Lodge, No. 1017, and to the Encampment branch of the same order; to the Independent Order of Americans, Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., and the Independent Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Taylor was united in marriage May 26, 1889, to Miss Lovina E. Hildebrand, of York, daughter of John H. and Leah Hildebrand. They have a family of four children, Archibald E., Clinton M., Beatrice E. and Gertrude L.