

FRANK T. EMPFIELD, a courteous and pleasant gentleman and the present clerk of the board of commissioners of Indiana county, is a son of Isaac and Clarissa (Churchill) Empfield, and was born at Greenville, Cherry Hill township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1860. Among the many reliable German settlers of eastern Pennsylvania were the Empfields, and one of their descendants, who settled in Indiana county during the early years of the present century, was Peter Empfield, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He followed farming, reared a very respectable family of children and died in 1870, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His son, Isaac Empfield (father), was born in Brush Valley township, November 20, 1881, and died July 5, 1872, when in the fifty-fourth year of his age. He was an extensive farmer of his native township and owned about six hundred acres of land. He became a resident of Greenville when a young man and was prominent and influential in the affairs of that place as long as he lived. In addition to the management and supervision of his farms he kept a first-class hotel and livery stable at Greenville, and dealt largely in stock. As a republican and a presbyterian he was active in religious and political matters in his section of the county. His wife was Clarissa Churchill, who still resides at Greenville and has been for over twenty years a member of the Presbyterian church.

Frank T. Empfield was reared to manhood at the pleasant village of Greenville. He received his education in the public schools and the academy of that place. Leaving Greenville academy he engaged in farming which he followed for two years and then (1884) embarked in the drug business at Greenville, in which he continued successfully until 1888. In December of that year he was offered, and upon signifying his willingness to accept, was elected in his present position of clerk of the board of commissioners of Indiana county. Since then he has given his time and attention to the many and various duties of his office, in which he has acquitted himself very creditably.

June 18, 1890, he united in marriage with Ruth Porter, daughter of the late Colonel Daniel S. Porter, who was, during his lifetime a well-known citizen and attorney of Indiana.

Frank T. Empfield is a member of the Cosmopolitan, the leading club of Indiana, and various other social organizations. He is a decided republican in his political opinions and his work so far in the commissioner's office has been satisfactory to the public.