

EDWARD EMPFIELD, of Indiana, proprietor of the "New Indiana Hotel," belongs to a family of German origin which has long been settled in Pennsylvania, the earlier generations in this country living in the eastern part of the State. Thence Peter Empfield, grandfather of Edward Empfield, came to Indiana county during the early years of the nineteenth century. He was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and died in 1872, aged eighty-four years, in Cherryhill township, where he had followed his trade of carpenter and millwright. He did such work in many sections of Indiana county during his active life, and his later years were spent among his children, who cared for their parents in their old age. Mr. Empfield was buried in the Lutheran church cemetery. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose name is not known, had three children: Margaret (who married John Coy), George and John. His second marriage was to Mary Hart, and their children were: Jane; Nancy, who married Henry Wike, of Pine township; Sarah, who married Cyrus Dunn; Alexander, who died in Missouri; Henry, living in Missouri; Simon, deceased; Martha, deceased, who married John Green; William Harrison, now living retired in Brushvalley township, Indiana county; and Caroline, who died unmarried. The mother died while living with her children and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Brushvalley.

Isaac Empfield, son of Peter, was born Nov. 20, 1818, in Brushvalley township, Indiana county. He was quite young when his parents located at Penn Run, Indiana county, where he grew up and received his education, attending the local public school. For several years he followed farming in Cherryhill township, and became an extensive land owner, his holdings amounting to about six hundred acres. Besides managing and supervising his home property he kept a hotel and livery stable at Penn Run for many years, being proprietor of the hotel at the time of his death, which occurred July 5, 1873. His home was at that place from the time he was a young man, and he was one of the successful and influential citizens of his section. He was a Republican and a Presbyterian, and active in both political and religious matters in his locality. Mr. Empfield married Clarissa Churchill, who survives him, making her home at Penn Run, and though over eighty she is very active. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their family consisted of eight children: Elizabeth, wife of C. C. Emiglo; Margaret A., wife of W. C. Pattison; Ella, who married Rev. D. C. Pattee, an Episcopal minister (he is now deceased); Kate E., wife of Charles A. Jenks, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Charles W.; Albert F.; Frank T., deceased; and Edward.

Edward Empfield began his education in the public schools, and also attended the Eastman business college, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and the Indiana State normal school, graduating from both institutions. When a young man he engaged in the drug business, at Cresson, Pa., continuing thus for about four years. At the end of that time, in 1901, he organized the First National bank of Cresson and became cashier of that institution, holding that position for the next five years. In 1906 he came to Indiana, where he bought and remodeled (practically rebuilt) the "New Indiana Hotel," which he has since successfully conducted. He modernized the building in every respect, and has seventy-five handsomely furnished rooms, many of them with private baths. The hotel is centrally located, at Sixth and Philadelphia streets, and is a substantial five-story

brick structure well adapted for the purpose. His house is popular priced and well patronized by the traveling public and Mr. Empfield has the faculty of retaining as well as attracting people.

In 1890 Mr. Empfield married Mary E. Fowler, daughter of James Fowler, of Penn Run, and they have one child, Edward. Mr. Empfield holds a life membership in Lodge No. 102, B.P.O. Elks, of Altoona, Pa.; Ebensburg Lodge, No. 312, F. & A.M.; Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree), of which he was a charter member; and Jaffa Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., of Altoona, Pennsylvania.