

Byfield (Beifeld) Joseph hotel man

born in Hungary 8/22/1853  
to U.S. 1867

died Sept 17 - 1926

mar. Fannie Grossman 1876  
3 children

Pres Hotel Sherman 1902

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his son

Ernest Lesing B.

See: Fortune mag. 6, Chicago 11/3 - 1889  
June 1946, ill. Hotel Sherman Co.

## Ernest Byfield Dies; Founded Pump Room

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Ernest L. Byfield, host to celebrities and purveyor of meals on flaming swords, died today of a heart ailment. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Byfield was president of the Sherman and Ambassador East and Ambassador West hotels. He also headed the College Inn Food Products Co.

The Pump Room of the Ambassador East, on Chicago's Gold Coast, became the gathering place of movie and stage folks, artists, opera performers and other celebrities. It was there that Mr. Byfield introduced dinners served from a flaming sword.

"It doesn't seem to hurt the food much and the customers seem to like it," he observed.

Members of the Hollywood colony traveling between coasts rarely passed through Chicago without lunching with Mr. Byfield in the Pump Room. Many of the living rooms of his Ambassador East bear silver door plates carrying the names of the famous who occupied the suites at one time or another—John Barrymore, Lily Pons, Gertrude Lawrence and others.

... Ernie Byfield jr., giving up his career as a video show director to take charge of his late father's hotel business . . .



Ernest L. Byfield