



Abram Furman Springsteen, Private/Musician, Co. I, 63 IN Infantry, US

1850 July 5: Springsteen was born to Jefferson and Anna Springsteen in Brooklyn, NY.

July 28: Baptized at St. Paul's Catholic Church in New York City. His godparents were listed as Daniel Murphy and Mary Healy.

1860 June 30: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Indianapolis, Marion County, IN Showed nine-year-old Abram living with his parents and siblings. His father was the City Marshall.

1861 October 15: Enlisted in the U.S. Army. Springsteen was 11 years old. He mustered into Co. A 35 IN Infantry.

“When the regiment was ordered to the front, however, and was entertaining at the old Jefferson depot on South street, in Indianapolis, the parents kidnapped the boy and took him to a farm owned by relatives near Noblesville for hiding. Missing the drummer boy at Cincinnati the captain of the company wired back to Indianapolis threatening arrests..”

December 23: Springsteen was discharged from the army on his parents application.

1862 July: Springsteen once again, at age 12, enlisted in the U.S. Army. He mustered into Co. I, 63 IN Infantry.

“He [Springsteen] beat the drum about the streets of Indianapolis when the 63rd regiment was being recruited. He was mustered into Co. I of the regiment this time with his parents consent. He was then little more than 12 years old. The night the regiment was to entrain for actual service, the parents received permission to take the boy home for the night. Suspecting another attempt to keep him out of the fighting; the boy climbed out of an upstairs window and hurried back to camp.”¹

1864 November 29: Captured at Spring Hill, TN but managed to escape without his drum.

November 30: Springsteen made it back to his regiment by morning and was present during the Battle of Franklin.

1865 July 2: Discharged from the U.S. Army.

1870 July 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Indianapolis, Marion County, IN showed seventeen-year-old Abram, a brick mason, living with his parents and siblings His father, Jefferson, was a detective and his three brothers John, Jeff and Charles were painters.



Front L to R: Anna Missouri, Jefferson, Anna, Robert, John, Back L to R: ?, Abram, ?,
Mary

¹ The Noblesville Ledger, Noblesville, IN, Thursday, 23 Jan 1930, pg. 1

² Family photo from ancestry.com/user/blumoonie2

- 1872 January 11: Married Laura May Longfellow.
- 1873 April 13: Wife Laura died after giving birth to the couples' daughter, Laura.
- 1880 June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Indianapolis, Marion County, IN showed Abram, a clerk in a court, living with his parents and brother. His father, Jefferson and his brother, Charles were both painters.
- 1881 July 25: Applied for and was granted a military pension for his service during the Civil War.
- 1885 July 22: Married Emma Combs in Washington D.C.

THE SPRINGSTEIN-COMBS WEDDING.—Miss Emma I. Combs, the daughter of Mr. Michael R. Combs, was married last evening at St. Patrick's church to Mr. M. A. F. Springstein. There was a large attendance of friends, and the bride, who was dressed in a handsome white brocade silk and carried a bouquet of white flowers, looked very pretty. Rev. Father Walter officiated, and Mr. W. W. Canfield acted as best man. After an informal reception at the residence of the bride's father, the newly married couple left for a tour north.

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1896

A. F. Springsteen, Drum Major.
A. F. Springsteen, a veteran soldier of the civil war, was yesterday unanimously chosen, on nomination of Captain John B. Wirte, drum major of the indianapolis organization, No. 1, of the Soldiers and Sailors and Sons of Veterans,

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- 1900 June 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Washington, D.C. showed Abram, a gov't clerk, and wife Emma living with their two children Ruby and Perry.
- 1912 October 30: Married Birdie Crozier.

³ Evening Star, Washington, D.C., Thursday, 23 Jul 1885, pg. 5

⁴ The Indianapolis Journal, Indianapolis, IN, Monday, 12 Oct 1896, pg. 8

1916

Maj. A. F. Springsteen Re-Elected.
Maj. A. F. Springsteen of the bureau of pensions has been re-elected vice president of an Indiana soldier organization composed of several thousand veterans of the civil war. Maj. Springsteen served in Company A, 35th, and Company I, 63d Indiana Volunteers from 1861 to 1865.

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- 1920 January 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Washington D.C. showed a Major A. Springsteen, a gov't clerk, living as a lodger in another household.
- 1927 January 26: Admitted to a National Home for Disabled Soldiers (hospital). He was diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- 1930 January 20: Abram Furman Springsteen died in Los Angeles, CA. He was buried at the Los Angeles National Cemetery.



May 19: Second wife Birdie applied for and was granted a widows' pension for her husbands' Civil War service.

⁵ Evening Star, Washington, D.C., Monday, 10 Jul 1916, pg. 8

⁶ Photo from ancestry/user/chold114