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.”

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

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1 The Noblesville Ledger, Noblesville, IN, Thursday, 23 Jan 1930, pg. 1
2 Family photo from ancestry/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.

1886

1896


1912  October 30: Married Birdie Crozier.

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3 Evening Star, Washington, D.C., Thursday, 23 Jul 1885, pg. 5
4 The Indianapolis Journal, Indianapolis, IN, Monday, 12 Oct 1896, pg. 8
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.

January 26: Admitted to a National Home for Disabled Soldiers (hospital). He was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

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.

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5 Evening Star, Washington, D.C., Monday, 10 Jul 1916, pg. 8
6 Photo from ancestry/user/chold114