

Springfield Armory
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Springfield Armory's military brass band provided the music for the January 13, 1863 Emancipation Jubilee held at Springfield City Hall. Celebrating President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which freed 3 million slaves, the jubilee was sponsored by local African American churches and private citizens. The band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the proclamation was read aloud.

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