


Introducing Annie + John W. Spencer

Part of the joy of conducting genealogical research is the unexpected. Sometimes that comes from finding an interesting passage in an old book that has been digitized by Google, a blog post that leads you in a new direction or getting a response to an inquiry.

 FATAL ACCIDENT. Mr. Abiram Spencer, of this city, while walking on the railroad track, near the station, Dec. 11, stepped out of the way of one train directly in front of another, and was instantly killed. On being solicited to insure against accidents, some time ago, he not only refused, but snubbed the agent.

In one instance, I'd asked a researcher from the [Connecticut State Library](#) for information about my 3rd great grandfather Abiram Spencer (1812-1871). He passed along some general information and then added, you do know how he died – don't you? Like the train that killed Abiram, I did not see that coming.

However, that piece of information does not come remotely close to another discovery that also features Abiram. Out of the blue, I received a message on this blog that stated, *My name is Shelby – , and while looking for information about Abiram Spencer, I landed on your page. I am delighted to learn that you and I share our 2nd great grand-parents, Annie Eggleston and John W. Spencer.*

And here is what blew me away, she added, *"I have their original wedding photograph, which I would be overjoyed to share with you."* Well, here they are, 16 year old Annie Eggleston and 25 year old [John W. Spencer](#). How cool is that!



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