

Association General

Paris

- 1865 Established by F. Neudin & Francois Sudre (1844-1912) as a workers' co-op for making brass instruments
- 1867 exhibit in Paris
- 1870 located at rue St. Maur 45; Sudre & Cie
- 1875 Sudre leaves; now L. Francois & J. Maitre directors; bell logo, "Sous la Raison Francois, Maitre & Cie"
- 1876 exhibit at Philadelphia centennial
- 1878 exhibit at Paris
- 1881 employ 36 workers
- 1883 employ 80 workers in a new factory (possibly rue St. Maur 81)
- 1885 AG buys August Feuillet who started in 1867 making saxophones; exhibit at London
- 1886 granted French patent #175287 for saxophone
- 1887 granted French patent #183821 for trumpet & bugle
- 1888 exhibit at Melbourne
- 1889 exhibit at Paris
- 1890 exhibit at London
- 1893 exhibit at Chicago
- 1894 now "Sous la Raison Sociale F. Maitre, Francois Fonclouse et Cie", rue St. Maur 81; exhibit at Lyon
- 1902 now "Sous la Raison A. Fonclouse, Jacquemart et Cie", rue St. Maur 81
- 1904 exhibit at St. Louis
- 1905 AG bought by Couesnon

An AG euphonium that I have with serial #13075 has an address of 68 rue Reaumue and says they were makers for both the Paris Conservatory and the French Army. (top photo)

Some instruments with the 81 St. Maur address have "Feurs de L'armee / Ouvriers Reunis" [suppliers to army / workers reunited] with an angel logo. (auction photos 2 & 3)

Instruments should be approximately dated by the address and last exhibit or medal date shown. Information on this page is from "The New Langwill Index".

