

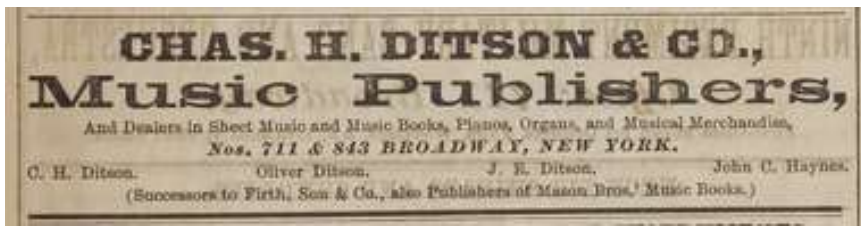
# Oliver Ditson / John C. Haynes

## Boston & New York

- 1811 Oliver Ditson is born in Boston on October 20 (obit.).
- 1835 Oliver Ditson (photo 1) establishes a music store in Boston at #107 Washington St.; music publisher (directory).
- 1836 Parker & Ditson with Samuel H. Parker; #107 Wash. (dir).
- 1839 Parker & Ditson moves to #135 Washington St. (dir).
- 1842 Ditson buys out Parker (*MTR*, 1925).
- 1845 Ditson at #115 Washington (dir); John C. Haynes (photo 2) starts working for him at age 16.
- 1857 Ditson builds new store at #227 Washington (*MTR*, 1925).
- 1858 Oliver Ditson & Co is formed with Haynes (*MTR*, 1925).
- 1860 Ditson establishes a branch store with John Church in Cincinnati (*MTR*, 1925).
- 1861 Ditson establishes the John C. Haynes Co. as a branch for instrument making by buying the business of Elias Howe at #33 Court St. (photos 3 & 4 marked Haynes).
- 1864 Lyon and Healy, two Ditson employees, start a branch store in Chicago.
- 1867 Son Charles H. Ditson (p.2, photo 1) opens branch in New York at #74 Broadway (directory).
- 1871 The Cincinnati store is sold to John Church (*MTR*, 1925).
- 1875 Son James E. Ditson opens a branch in Philadelphia. Boston store moves to #451 Washington; Frank & Edward Ditson are clerks.
- 1876 Chas. H. Ditson & Co., #711 Broadway, NYC (dir).
- 1878 Chas. H. Ditson, #711 & 843 Broadway, NYC (dir).
- c. 1880 D.C. Hall makes cornet for Haynes (photo 3).
- 1881 Chas. H. Ditson & Co., #843 Broadway, NYC (dir).
- 1883 Haynes catalog shows brass instruments mainly by A. Hilleron of Paris and the best cornets by Hutchins.
- 1887-1906 Chas. H. Ditson & Co., #867 Broadway, NYC (dir).
- 1888 Oliver Ditson dies in December. The company changes to Oliver Ditson Co. in 1889 with Haynes and Charles Ditson.
- 1889 A wholesale store is added at #694-700 Washington (dir).
- 1891 Boston store moves to #453-463 Washington St. (dir).



- 1892 Ditson is selling Hileron brass band instruments (*MTR*).
- 1894 “Bay State” tradename starts under Haynes Co. (photo 2). Chas. H. Ditson incorporates in NY with John Haynes pres & Chas. Ditson sec & treas (ad). Piccolo & flute production starts at Haynes (*MTR*) (photo 2 Bay State baritone).



- 1898 The 33 Court St store is demolished. Haynes buys property at Winchester & Ferdinand Streets for erecting a building for Oliver Ditson Co. (*MTR*).
- 1899 Haynes & Co have a new Bay State band department selling high-grade instruments. They also sell A. Hileron (medium grade) and Special Grade (lower) models (*MTR*).
- 1901 The Boston store is at #451 Washington (dir).
- 1903 Haynes is making guitars, mandolins, banjos, zithers, and flutes (advertising).
- 1904 Boston store moves to #150 Tremont St. Haynes Co. merges with Ditson Co. on January 1<sup>st</sup> with the store move. Charles Bobzin, involved with Lyon & Healy since a young age, will be in charge of the new store. The L&H line will replace some Bay State models (*MTR*).
- 1907 Haynes dies on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, age 68, leaving Charles as president. Chas. H. Ditson & Co. moves to #10 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. in NYC (dir).
- 1908 Ditson is selling York band instruments as well as their own New Century, Hileron & Bay State models. They also sell French horns and trumpets made by August Bopp of Munich, Germany (*MTR*).
- 1910 The Philadelphia store closes. The NY store moves to #8 E. 34<sup>th</sup> (dir).
- 1917 The Boston store moves to #178 Tremont St. (dir).
- c. 1920 brass inst. labeled “Victory” made in Austria or Czech.
- c. 1930 brass “Bostonian” models possible US made Pan-American stencil
- 1931 Ditson publishing is bought by Theodore Presser; instrument business stays at Tremont as Ditson Distributors, Inc.; retail stores closed (*MTR*).



Photos: 3 = New Century cornet c.1900 with hand engraved logo (B&F made); 4 = cornet w/Bb/A valve; 5 = New Century cornet with later logo style (probably B&F model 7)

Photos: 1 = New Century Eb cornet; 2 = New Century marked "Austria" so B&F; 3 = New Century; 4 = bell engraving from New Century cornet; 5 = Bay State Professional cornet bell engraving; 6 = Victory trumpet

New Century with "5" on center valve so likely B&F made



New Century with "6" on center valve so B&F made



Victory cornet so post WWI?



Trumpet by Bopp in Munich



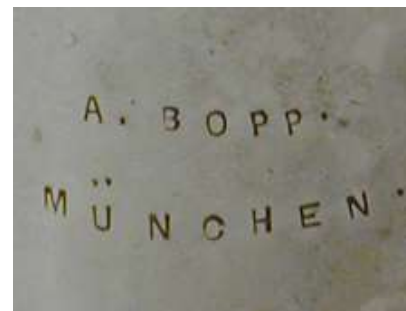
Photos: 1 & 2 = Bopp French horn mentioned in 1908; 3 = bell detail from cornet on page 1, photo 4

1892 Haynes ad

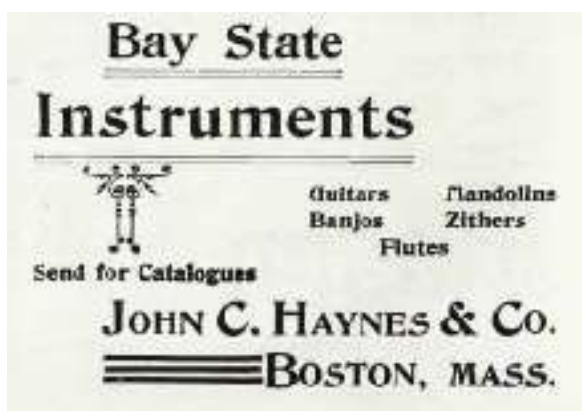


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Haynes in 1898



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