

Joseph W. Dobie

Grove City, PA

- 1917 Joseph W. Dobie, b. Aug 18, 1892 in Pittsburg, PA; #145 Center St, Grove City, PA; musician for Ringling Bros. Circus (draft).
- 1918 Band Sargent for US Army in the 313th Field Artillery of the 155th Brigade in the 80th Division (313th history book).
- 1920 Joseph is a musician living with father George born in England (census).
- 1940 Cornet soloist with Ringling Bros. Circus, #415 Liberty St., Grove City, PA (census & news item).
- 1941 Joseph files for patent on a trumpet mouthpiece.

Earliest ad found in *Down Beat Magazine*, March 1941.



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Later ad from November.



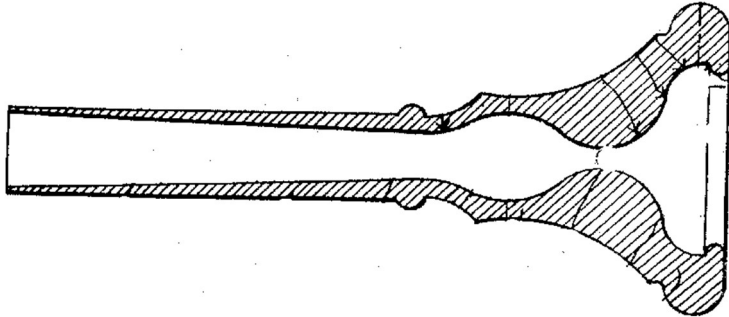
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- 1942 Joseph Wilkinson Dobie, working for Cooper-Bessemer in Grove City; #415 Liberty St. (draft)



1942 Granted patent #2,302,492 for trumpet mouthpiece with half assigned to Fred L. Schweitzer* of Meadville, PA. A few examples of Dobie Airchamp mouthpieces are found. Trumpet mouthpiece with #66 is the closest to the patent drawing below (photos 1 & 2 on page 1).



1950 Joe Dobie, diesel engine laborer, #415 Liberty St (census).

1974 Joseph dies in Grove City.

#415 Liberty St at right from 2023.

He may have made these at this home or in a separate building that's behind it.

*Frederick Schweitzer was born in Germany in 1905 and is listed as a tool & die maker for an electronics factory in the 1950 census. He seems to have been a partner in manufacturing these mouthpieces.

