

Dodworth Family

New York City

Since there is so much information on the Dodworth family, I am focusing here on items pertaining to instrument making.

Thomas J. Dodworth, Sr.: c.1790-1876; came from England in 1825 with family; started a music store in NYC; started Dodworth's Band c.1840; never made instruments

Allen T. Dodworth: 1817-1896; leader of D. Band until 1848; started a dancing school in 1845 and it was the main focus of his life; son of TJ Sr; never made instruments

Harvey B. Dodworth: 1822-1891; leader of D. Band until 1890; his main occupation was band leader of various organizations; he is said to have invented the over-the-shoulder type of instrument popular in the Civil War

1856: had music store at #493 Broadway; sold brass inst.

1864: first listing for musical instruments, #6 Astor (dir)

1865: he is listed under musical instruments, #422 Broome St. and #6 Astor Place; 2 OTS horns from this period have been found with his name and appear to be made by Stratton or imported by him (top 2 photos on right)

1868: Dodworth, Allen & Fischer, mus inst, #6 Astor, with J. Lathrop Allen and William Fischer, one year only (dir)

Allen R. Dodworth: c.1842-c.1917; son of Allen T.; most instruments found have his name (bottom 2 photos); moved to Pasadena with his father c.1892; built office building in 1902

1880: in census as musical instrument maker

1881: musical inst. maker, #47 Lafayette (directory)

1882: Busch & Dodworth, one year partnership with Frederick Busch, catalog says Busch made instruments and Dodworth imported, #47 Lafayette

1885: listed as instrument maker with Thomas George Dodworth (son of Th. J.D., Jr.), #47 Lafayette

1891: listed as musical instruments, #47 Lafayette

Thomas George Dodworth: c.1855-?; son of Tho.J.D., Jr.; listed as musical instrument maker only in 1885 with A.R.



Olean Harvey Dodworth: 1844-1916; son of H.B.; leader of Dodworth Band after his father retired in 1890

1866-67: musical insts, #6 Astor (with H.B.)

1876: musical instruments, #5 E. 14th St (with H.B.)

1877: O.H. Dodworth & Co., music, 23 Union Sq. (w/H.B.)

1885-86: musical instruments, #12 Bible St.

Dodworth, Gilmore & Cappa, band instruments, #12 Bible, in ad below (not found in city directories). Carlo (Charles) A. Cappa was a musician born in Italy in 1835 and was listed for many years at 25 Union Sq.



1887-88: musical instruments, #41 Union Sq West (dir)

1889-96: music, #108 E 125th St (dir)

1900: music, #74 E 125th St (dir)

Allen T. Dodworth photo at right

Valve trombone and cornet marked Allen R. Dodworth, New York

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