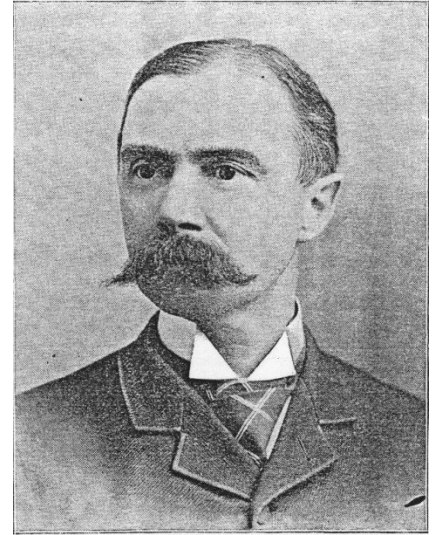


W. J. Dyer & Brother

St. Paul & Minneapolis

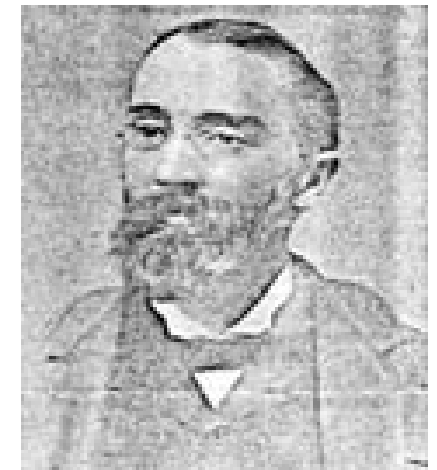
- 1848 The Dyer family moves from England to Boston (census).
- 1858 William J. Dyer (1841-1925) is a carpenter in Boston (dir).
- 1861-63 William (photo 1) is a bookkeeper in Boston (dir).
- 1864 William J. Dyer & Co., grocers, #1209 Washington St (dir).
- 1866 Doty & Dyer, #34 Broad St., Samuel H. Dyer (1842-1914).
- 1869 S.H. Dyer & Co., flour, 34 Broad St, S.H. & W.J. Dyer (dir).
- 1870 Dyer & Howard, musical instruments, Faribault, MN. W.J. Dyer partners with dry goods merchant Wilbur Howard & joined by brothers Samuel, Charles E. (1845-1897, photo 3) and David M. (1850-1917, photo 2) (dir).
- 1872 Dyer & Howard moves to St. Paul, MN (dir).
- 1876 Dyer & Howard, musical inst., #37 E. 3rd St., St. Paul.
- 1879 Dyer & Howard (WJD & WHH), #69 E. 3rd St., St. Paul; David Dyer is clerk (dir).
- 1880 Charles E. Dyer opens the Minneapolis branch at #507 Hennepin Ave (dir).
- 1882 Minn. Store moves to #408-410 Nicollet Ave (dir).
- 1884 St. Paul store now at #148-150 E. 3rd St (dir).
- 1885 W.J. Dyer buys out Howard; now WJ Dyer & Bro. (dir).
- 1887 Minn. Store moves to #509-511 Nicollet Ave (dir).
- 1889 St. Paul store still at #148-150 E. 3rd St. WJ Dyer & Bro. starts the Duluth Music Co. (dir).
- 1892 Incorporated as WJ Dyer & Bro. Inc., William pres, Samuel vp, David sec, Charles tres; Edward R Dyer is salesman.
- 1895 St. Paul store now at 21-23 W. 5th St.; Minneapolis store still at 509-511 Nicollet Ave (dir).
- 1897 Charles Dyer dies on July 8th, age 52.
- 1898 Dyer & Bro. now named the Metropolitan Music Co. in Minneapolis; WJ Dyer is vp (dir).
- 1900 MM Co. moves to #37-43 S. 6th St. in Minneapolis (dir).
- 1902 Edward R. Dyer, Sr. (1861-1941) becomes vice-president.
- 1904 Edward R. Dyer, Sr. becomes president of M.M. Co.



W. J. DYER.



D. M. DYER.



- 1913 WJ Dyer & Bro., established in 1870, #21-27 West 5th St. in St Paul; WJD pres, DMD vp, ERD sec, RH Johnson tres; Samuel is retired.
- 1914 Samuel H. Dyer dies on December 14th.
- 1917 David Martyn Dyer dies on September 26th.
- 1920 Metropolitan Music Co., #37-43 S. 6th St.; E.R. Dyer pres.
- 1925 William J. Dyer dies.
- 1926 Selling USA band instruments (*Musical Messenger*).
- 1930 Edward Rowland Dyer, Jr. (1897-1946) is now a clerk.
- 1940 Edward Sr. is sales manager for Dyer & Bro.; Ed Jr. is in a US veterans' hospital in Florida (census).
- 1941 Edward Sr. dies; company possibly ends at this time.

Brass instruments are made in Austria and use model names "Diamond", "Chieftan", "Improved", "Voca-Tone", "Professional" and "American Leader"

Photos from Horn-u-copia; bottom author's collection

WJ Dyer in 1915



Dyer US Model cornet / 1880s Conn copy by B&F of Austria.

