

John Howard Foote

New York & Chicago

- 1833 John is born in Canton, CT (census).
- 1850 John is living in Bristol, CT (census).
- 1857 John starts with Rohe & Leavitt, 31 Maiden Ln., NYC (his obit. says 1853 but I didn't find him in the directories).
- 1863 John buys out R&L, 31 Maiden Ln. (directory).
- 1864 Now Stratton & Foote, 31 Maiden Ln and factory #105-107 E. 22nd St., importers & manuf. of musical instruments with J. F. Stratton (dir).
- 1865 Foote alone, 31 Maiden Ln. & 105 E. 22nd, imports (dir).
- 1868 Foote opens Chicago store at 49 Dearborn St (dir).
- 1874 Chicago store now at 154-156 S. Clark St (dir).
- 1880 Chicago store now at 188 State St (dir).
- 1881 Foote is the sole US agent for Courtois cornets.
- 1884 Chicago store now at 307 Wabash Ave (dir).
- 1888 Article says that the NY store covers six floors and is the oldest and largest store in the country. They sell brass instruments, violins, flutes, cellos, guitars & banjos. They are the sole US supplier for Courtois and the sole maker for the "Challenge" and J. Howard Foote "Superior" brands of light piston band instruments. Also sole maker of "Favorite" & "Bini" patent guitars; 31-33 Maiden Lane.
- 1892 Howard W. Foote is manager of the Chicago store (dir).
- 1895 The Chicago store is sold to Howard, who has been in charge for the last 8 years (*Music Trade Review*).
- 1896 John dies May 17 & Chicago store incorporates as Howard W. Foote & Co., 307-309 Wabash Ave. with Howard pres.
- 1897 Incorporated April 17 as J. Howard Foote, Inc., 31 Cortlandt; George Mason pres, Tillie & Bessie Foote dir.
- 1902 J. Howard Foote, Inc., mus inst, #31 Cortlandt (dir).
- 1903 Foote moves to #28 E. 22nd (*MTR*).
- 1904 The J. Howard Foote company, #28 E. 22nd, has gone into voluntary liquidation & the business will be closed (July).
- 1905 Last listing in NY for Foote, #28 E. 22nd (dir).
- 1910 The Howard W. Foote company is not listed in Chicago.
- Photo 2 NMM; #4 Horncollector.com; #5 author's collection

