

# Daniel F. Hess

## New York City

- 1836 Daniel Hess is born in Germany (census).
- 1861 Hess arrives in NYC on June 5<sup>th</sup> on ship Borussia (Castle Gardens record).
- 1862 I found a Daniel Hess listed as wounded in the Civil War on June 10<sup>th</sup> and part of the 36<sup>th</sup> NY Regiment, Company K, but cannot confirm this is the same person.
- 1862 Earliest ad found for Hess is September 11. Importer of musical inst. & manufacturer of accordions, concertinos, & harmonicas. Located at Millett's Music Store, #395 Broadway, NYC.
- 1863 Earliest ad showing him at #19 Maiden Ln in October.
- 1864 First directory listing. Daniel Hess, importer of musical instruments & strings, manufacturer of accordions, concertinos & harmonicons, depot #19 Maiden Ln (dir).
- 1866 Now at #49 Maiden Lane, importer of mus. inst. (dir).
- 1869 In January, his store on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of #49 Maiden Lane was robbed of \$50; described as musical inst. dealer.
- 1869 Moves to #33 Maiden Lane (dir).
- 1871 Married Jennie Benselin (b. 1853) of Newtown, L.I.
- 1872 Still at #33 Maiden Ln; home on Prescott St.
- 1874 Son Victor is born.
- 1876 Home now on L.I. (dir)
- 1881 Still at #33 Maiden Ln.; manuf. & importer of cornets & band instruments with improved rotary valves.
- 1882 Now at #41 Maiden Ln.; home Winfield, L.I. (dir).
- 1885-86 Now at #22 Maiden Ln (dir).
- 1887 Hess now gone from NYC directory.
- 1888 Daughter Jeanette born March 1<sup>st</sup> in Fredericksburg, VA where Hess had moved to farm.
- 1896 Hess tries to organize a brass band.
- 1915 Hess dies on April 24<sup>th</sup> at age 79. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

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