

# Joseph Higham

## Manchester, England

- 1842 Joseph Higham (1818-1883) establishes business at #127 Strangeways in Manchester.
- 1844-47 New location at #105 Chapel St, Salford.
- 1850-63 Added location on Victoria Street .
- 1852 Now makers to the Army.
- 1857 Higham patents "Clear Bore" cornet w/RV (top photo).
- 1863 Now makers to the army, navy, & for export. #2 Victoria St & #131 Great Ducie.
- c1880 Cundy of Boston is sole US agent for Higham.
- 1880 New factory added behind office at #127 Strangeways.
- c1881-c1898 Lyon & Healy of Chicago is US agent.
- 1883 Higham dies and is succeeded by son-in-law Peter Robinson (1835- ?).
- 1887 Cornet #36352 is given to L&H employee Fuller.
- 1889 The business is advertised for sale in June (news article).
- 1891 Patent for trombone with echo bell.
- 1892 Higham opens branch in London, #84 Oxford St.
- 1894 46,000 instruments made by this time; 90 employees.
- 1899-1900 London store now at #4 Soho St.
- 1904 Begins woodwind production. Instruments are made to Kneller Hall pitch of Bb = 479.3 hz.
- c1910 Fillmore Brothers Co, Cincinnati, Ohio, are sole US agents.
- 1923 Bought by Mayers & Harrison, #58 Erskine St, Hulme.
- 1928 Now at #213-15 Great Jackson St. Serial # around 73000.
- 1934 Bought by Premier Drum Co.; use "Epic" and "Olympian" tradenames.
- 1938 Production ends for WWII.
- 1945 Production resumes with Mayers & Harrison as owners.
- 1960s All production ends.

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