William H. Horstmann Co.

Philadelphia, PA

- 1815 A silk weaving shop was started by William A. Horstmann (1785-1850) in Philadelphia (Hagley Museum).
- 1828 Starts making military trimmings (HM).
- 1831 Starts branch in New York City (HM).
- 1843 Now Horstmann & Sons with William H. & Sigmund H. Horstmann (HM).
- 1844 Now Horstmann Bros. & Drucker (MFA-Houston).
- 1850 Now Horstmann Bros. & Co. (MFA-Houston).
- 1852 Now Horstmann Bros. & Allien (MFA-Houston).
- 1893 Now William H. Horstmann Co (HM).
- 1904 Wm H. Horstmann Co. Inc., 5th & Cherry St, military goods (directory).

Factory at 5th & Cherry



1940 The business closes (HM).

Numerous military bugles have been found and were likely all imported or purchased from other US sources. The top bugle is from WWI and the bottom is marked "Made in France."





