## Frank L. Hurtt

## Peoria, Illinois

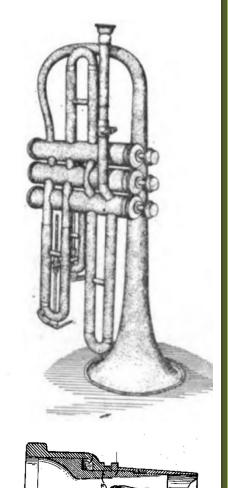
Frank L. Hurtt: (1876-1948)

- 1910 Frank L. Hurtt is an orchestra musician living in Peoria. His wife Minnie and brother-in-law Joseph were both also listed as musicians in the census.
- 1918 Hurtt is listed as an inmate at the Peoria State Hospital (draft).
- 1920 Hurtt files for a patent on a brass mouthpiece with a telescoping adjustment (photo 3).
- 1922 Hurtt granted patent #1,436,631 for mouthpiece with half assigned to George LaCroix of Peoria.
- 1928 Hurtt is said to be a renowned trumpet soloist (*Presto*).

March 1928









1928 The Hurtt-Jones-Koeder Co. begins production on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Pekin at #110 Court St. making Majestic model

cornets, trumpets, cornet horns, trombones, & bugles. Incorporated with \$25,000 capital. They also have the Hurtt Tuport line of trumpets, cornets (photos 2 & 3), & French horns. Koeder was the designer and head of all manufacturing and was said to have had 25 years of experience (*Presto*). The Hurtt cornet follows Frank Hurtt's design patent #41,613 from 1911 (photos 1 & 2 on page 1).

1930 Hurtt is listed as an orchestra musician in the census as well as being an inmate at the hospital again; a possible reason for him leaving the company.

1930s Listed in the Musician's Local #26 in Peoria.

1940 Musician for Federal music project (census).

Howard G. Jones: (1873-1960)

1920 Waterworks manager, Pekin (census).

1928 Owner of the Pekin Wagon Co. (*Presto*) (he was probably the money behind the company).

1960 Jones dies in California.

**TM Koeder:** See instrument maker section on Koeder (photo 4).







