

Earl D. Irons

Arlington, Texas

- 1891 Earl D. Irons is born on March 10th in Sulphur Springs, Texas (death certificate) (top photo from c.1911).
- 1895 Earl begins to learn the violin then later takes up the drum and cornet (UT).
- 1907 Earl becomes the director of a local band (U of Texas).
- 1910 Earl is working as a music teacher in Sulphur Sp. (census).
- 1917 Earl is working for clothing company in Commerce (draft). He becomes the first cornetist in the Replacement Camp Band of Waco when drafted into the army (UT).
- 1922 Earl becomes the director of the Greenville American Legion Band and head of the violin department at Burlean College (UT).
- 1925 Earl becomes head of the band department at North Texas Agricultural College (UT).
- 1930 Earl is living in Arlington, TX and is a college band director (census).
- 1940 Earl is the band director for the North Texas Agricultural College (census).
- 1942 Earl becomes the head of the Fine Arts Department at the college (UT).
- 1956 Earl retires.
- 1967 Earl dies on May 19th (death cert.).

This very unique cornet mouthpiece came up for sale on ebay in 2020 and was either his personal mouthpiece or one that he actually made. Earl was a noted bandmaster, composer, and cornetist.

