

J. W. Jenkins' Sons Music Co.

Kansas City

- 1878 Music store is founded by John Woodward Jenkins (1827-1890, top photo), #611 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.
- 1880 The census says he deals in pianos and music.
- 1880s Son John Wesley Jenkins (1864-1932) joins him, and the name changes to JW Jenkins & Son Music Co.
- 1890 Founder John dies and the business is changed to JW Jenkins' Sons Music Co. with John Jr., Clifford W. Jenkins (1869-after 1930), and Frederick Butler Jenkins (1870-1939).
- 1902 The store moves to #1013-1015 Walnut St (directory).
- 1903 Jenkins is selling brass from York & Sons, Gomat & Co., August Heinem, & Courtois.
- 1910 Clifford Jenkins is sec/tres of company.
- 1911 New store at #1217-1223 Walnut Street.
- 1917 John W. Jenkins III (1894-1958, son of Clifford) at store.
- 1920 John Wesley Jenkins is president.
- 1931 Now named the Jenkins Music Co.
- 1932 The store enlarged with an 8-story addition.
- 1930s Selling Pan-American & Cavalier brass by Conn.
- 1940 John W. Jenkins III is vice-president.
- 1950s Maximum expansion to 14 stores in 5 states with 700 employees.
- 1958 Frederick Bliss Jenkins (1898-1960, son of Fred) sells his interest in the business to family members after serving as vice-president.
- 1971 Jenkins files for bankruptcy.
- 1973 Jenkins is sold to Rich Music Co.

Brass instruments include: August Heinem (3rd photo, 1890s to early 1900s, Austrian), Harwood (4th photo, early 1900s to 1930s, Austrian, some B&F), Jenkins Special (5th photo, 1920s & 30s, US made stencil poss. Conn), American Capital (6th photo, 1930s, US or import), New Jenkins (Czech. made, 1918-1938), and Karl Schubert (Czech. made, 1918-1938).

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