

Jiran Music Store

Chicago & Berwyn, Illinois

- 1897 Joseph Jiran (1869-1957) arrives in Baltimore August 20th from Bohemia & possibly starts working for Lyon & Healy in Chicago. He is said to have been apprenticed to a brass instrument maker in Romania previous to this.
- 1898 Establishes music store in Chicago, #459 W. 18th St.
- 1899 Marries Julie Nosek (1869-1910) in Chicago.
- 1900 Musical inst. maker, h. at #521 S. Lincoln St (census).
- 1902 Musical instruments, #459 W. 18th St (directory).
- 1906 Joseph encourages Bohumir Kryl to start his own band. He is naturalized in September, #459 W. 18th St.
- 1910 Music store owner, #1333 18th St., widowed (census). Releases record label "Favorite."
- 1911 Joseph Jiran, musical inst., #1333 W. 18th St. Son Charles J. Jiran (1894-1989), musician, #4217 W. 26th St (dir.).
- 1917 Charles is assistant manager of music store, #1333 W. 18th. He was born in 1894 in Prague (draft record).
- 1918 Jiran is selling Victrolas at his store (ad).
- 1920 Joseph visits Germany & Czechoslovakia on business (passport photo top right). Around this time, he is selling Pan American instruments with his stencil (photos 2 & 3).
- 1925 Jiran is a Conn dealer.
- 1930 Joseph, music store owner, #1333 W. 18th St; Charles is music sales manager, #2100 Elmwood Ave, Berwyn (census). By this time opened a second store in Berwyn.
- 1940 Joseph still at #1333 W. 18th. Charles is the owner of the music store in Berwyn (census).
- 1942 Berwyn store is at #6209 W. Cermak Rd (draft record).
- 1956 Jiran Music Store, #6209 W. Cermak Rd (ad).
- 1957 Joseph dies Feb. 7. Listed as store owner, #1333 W. 18th. Robert Kadlec is manager of the Berwyn store.
- 1959 Jiran Music Store, Berwyn, Illinois (ad).
- 1975 Charles living at #536 S. Brainard St, LaGrange Park.
- 1989 Charles dies in LaGrange; music store owner.

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