

# John F. M. Joerdens

## New York City

- 1829 John F. M. Joerdens is born in Germany.
- 1846 or 1848 possible emigration to US.
- 1857 Frederick Jordan, clerk, #66 President, Brooklyn (dir).
- 1858 Frederick Jordens, bookkeeper, h. #66 President (dir).
- c1857-62 Frederick Jordens, merchant, #49 Nassau, h#66 Pr.
- 1859 John, broker, #49 Nassau St., NY; home in Brooklyn.
- c1860 Ch. F. Joerdens, importer, h. #66 President, Brooklyn.
- 1861 John F. M. Joerdens, inst. importer, #49 Nassau St., NY.
- 1862 Adolph Joerdens, importer, #51 Maiden Ln, NY; home #66 President, Brooklyn (directory).
- 1863 C. F. M. Jordan, importer, h. #46 Summit St (dir).
- 1864 John receives a government contract to supply 5,000 bugles (top photo from Nelson collection), 131 William St.
- 1864 George O. Joerdens, importer, home #48 Summit St.
- 1865 John, importer, #131 William St., NY; h. #48 Summit St.
- 1865 George Joerdens, fancy goods, #49 Nassau NY, home #48 Summit St., Brooklyn
- 1866 Frederick A. Joerdens, fancy goods, #131 William St, NY; home #48 Summit St.
- 1867 Frederick Joerdens, music, #60 Maiden Ln; h.48 Summit.
- 1868 Fredy Joerdens, mus. inst., #67 Liberty NY; h.#48 Summit
- 1869 J & M Joerdens, #63 Liberty St; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rental damaged in a fire in February. Dealer in musical instruments & fancy goods (NY Sun). John F. Joerden, h. #48 Summit.
- 1870 J. F. M. Jordens, musical instrument dealer, #83 Chambers St., suffers \$1,500 loss in fire, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (NY Sun)
- 1870 John naturalized, merchant, #116 Summit St., Brooklyn. Census lists Frederick Joerdens, music dealer, b.1821 in Prussia m. to Caroline (b.1830 in Saxony), no address.
- 1871 Frederick Joerdens, music, #83 Chambers NY, h.#51 Summit (also #65 Reade St. possible 2<sup>nd</sup> location).
- c1871 John F. Joerdens, music, #38 Murray St, NY; home #116 Summit St., Brooklyn.



- 1872 John F. M. Joerdens, musical inst., #25 Murray St, NY  
(this is the 1<sup>st</sup> year that George Kober also is selling  
instruments at #25 Murray).
- 1873 #4 Courtlandt St.; no listing for Joerdens in Brooklyn.
- 1874 John F. M. Joerdeus, mus. inst., #4 Cortlandt St. NY, h.  
#116 Summit.
- 1875 James F. Joerdens, music, home #116 Summit St.
- 1877 James Jordan, #116 Summit, had home damaged by fire, 3  
story brick house.
- 1879 John F. Joerdens, mus. inst., Maiden Ln; h #116 Summit.
- c1880 John F. Joerdens, musical inst., home #116 Summit St.
- c1881 James F. Jordens, music, #116 Summit.
- 1891 Frederick Jordan, #116 Summit.
- 1892 Frederick Jordan (71), of Germany, merchant, wife  
Caroline (61), son Harry (21) in Brooklyn (NYS Census).
- 1893 Madias Joerdens, home #116 Summit St.
- 1894 James Joerdens, h. #116 Summit St.
- 1895 John died in Brooklyn, bookkeeper, Greenwood Cem.
- 1895 Lena Joerdens, b. 1829 in Germany, widow Chas., h. #116  
Summit St.
- 1900 Lena Jordon, to US in 1846 from Germany.
- 1913 Lena dies and is buried in Greenwood Cem. with John;  
emigrated to US in 1848; lived in Brooklyn 50 years (from  
newspaper obit.); son Harry works on a tug boat; still at  
#116 Summit.

The question is how many Joerdens were there? Is John F. M. really John Frederick Madias? This would account for two other names but not James, Adolph, George, and Charles. They all seem to live at the same addresses but no city directory has more than one name listed per year. Lena is listed as the widow of Charles right after John dies, yet she is buried with John in the same plot with no other Joerdens. Is Lena short for Caroline since they have the same age, address, and son Harry born in 1871? Most of the entries above are from Brooklyn and New York City directories. There are variations in the spelling which I have left as they are shown. "Joerdens" should be correct as that is what's on the grave stone.

**Jordens & Martens:** Unrelated music store on Broadway from about 1867 to 1874 and owned by Gerhard Jordens. This was followed by a Jordens Bros. owned by Peter & Martin Jordens.