

Robert C. Kretschmar

Philadelphia

- 1866 Robert C. Kretschmar, conductor, #124 N. Juniper (dir).
- 1867 R.C.K., salesman, #122 N. Juniper (directory).
- 1870 Kretschmar starts with Klemm & Bro (*Music Trade Review*, Dec 1904).
- 1880 Robert C. Kretschmar (1845-1915), music store owner, #1110 Girard Ave., born in NJ (census).
- 1886 Starts store at #136 North 9th (*MTR*, Dec 1904).
- 1890 Kretschmar, musical instruments, #136 N. 9th St (dir).
- 1900 Same address, home at #2038 Race St (census).
- 1903 Moves to #830 Arch (dir). In business importing musical instruments at least 30 years (*MTR*).
- 1904 Son Aubrey (1877-?) is working with him; local importer of small goods (*MTR*).
- 1910 Home at #1305 68 Ave, manufacturer of musical instruments, owner, b.1852 in NJ (census).
- 1912 Robert C. Kretschmar Co. incorporated in Camden, NJ for manuf. musical instruments. Robert & Aubrey (*MTR*).
- 1913 Robert retires due to his health (*MTR*, Dec 1914).
- 1914 Robert takes on the local agency for Bruno & Son of NY (*MTR*).
- 1915 Robert dies in Philadelphia (Find-A-Grave).

The only brass instruments found are bugles. The bell inscription on the right would imply a German origin. Photos from internet auction & Horn-u-copia.net; portrait from obituary in the 1915 *MTR*.

