

Ray Lammers Music House

Cincinnati, Ohio

Occasional brass instruments show up with the name “Ray Lammers” on them. They are probably all US-made stencil horns from some unidentified maker.

- 1897 Raymond L. Lammers is born in Cincinnati.
- 1911-1922 Ray sells instruments at the Milner Music House then the Anderson Piano Company. He is also a professional drummer.
- 1923 Ray starts his own band and orchestra instrument business, leasing part of the Starr Piano Co store at #27 West 4th St.
- 1924 Ray sells King brand saxophones and band instruments, Paramount banjos, Gibson strings, & Ludwig drums.
- 1928 Moves to #123 East 6th St, Ray Lammers Music House.
- 1932 Moves to #534 Walnut St.
- 1938 His wife Cecelia is now also listed with him.
- 1947 Incorporates as Ray Lammers Music House, Inc.
- 1964 Now at #610 Walnut St; moved here after 1941.
- 1975 Ray dies on October 20th, age 78.
- 1982 Son-in-law Ivo Gerken retires after running the store for many years.
- 1988 The company is officially dissolved.

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The cornet and trumpet on the right have a similar design with the double pipe brace and round, pointed bell braces. They appear to match the Cleveland Musical Instrument Co. Gladiator models from the late 1930s (photos below).

