

Charles Meisel

New York City

- 1859 Meisel is born in Klingenthal, Saxony on July 23.
- 1875 Emigrates to NYC in November (one Census says 1878).
- 1878 Establishes music business (according to later ads).
- 1884 First directory listing at #339 E. 10th St.
- 1887 Marries Anna Caroline Stengel.
- 1888 Musical instrument importer, #343 E. 10th St (dir).
- 1901 Moves to #4 St. Marks Place (dir)
- 1911 Wife Anna dies in January. He is a member of a Moravian Church with the Zoebisch family.
- 1920 Ad for C. Meisel, Inc says they are wholesale dealers, importers, manufacturers, & repairers of stringed instruments. Established in 1878; no mention of brass.
- 1921 Charles Meisel dies on July 31 from blood poisoning.
- 1922 Listed as American Rosin & Oil Co., #4 St. Marks Pl. (probably merchandise for stringed instruments).
- 1932 Publishes the Meisel method for accordion.
- 1942 Listed as selling harmonicas, #4 St. Mark's Place.
- 1952 Last year that C. Meisel, Inc. owns #4 St. Mark's Place.

Meisel is said to have used the "Beaumont" trade name for brass instruments. Photos on right are two of these. He also may have been a dealer for Thibouville-Lamy. Their main business seems to have been stringed instruments.

Top photo is St. Mark's Place store in the 1930s.
Instrument photos are from Horn-u-copia.net.

