## Michigan Musical Manufacturing Co. Detroit Cornet Co.

## Detroit, Michigan

- 1825 Gottfried R. Martin born in Saxony (census)
- 1850 Gottrf. Martin, musical inst maker, 24, from Saxony, emigrates to NY on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> on ship Elise from Bremen (US German to American Index)
- 1884 Gottfried R. Martin (son), #177 E. 111<sup>th</sup>, no occ. listed; Gottfried Martin (father), mus inst, #180 Centre, h.#32 Delancey (dir)
- 1884 Michigan Musical Manufacturing Co., cornet 4<sup>th</sup> & Grand River, Detroit. (dir) (2548 Grand River Ave below)



"We have bought out the factory of G. Martin in New York.

Trombones ... are made from the celebrated Martin model
... a large bore so that they will fill their place in a band, as
a trombone is an instrument that is supposed to be heard
above the rest. [They are] made in such a manner that it is
impossible for the slide to stick." (from Diamond Band
Instruments catalog made by the Michigan Musical
Manufacturing Company, corner 4th & Grand River)

The owners were W. E. Knapman & T. C. Johnson. (NLI)

John Henry Martin and Gottfried Robert Martin joined them in Detroit (NLI). Home at 221 Gratiot Ave (dir).

- 1886 Gottfried Martin, cornet maker (Detroit Cornet Co.), home 221 Gratiot, Detroit. Brother John returns to Elkhart to work for Conn. (NLI)
- 1886-1887 Detroit Cornet Co, corner of Brush & Lafayette (dir) with Lewis M. Miller. (NLI) [It is possible that the MMM Co became the Detroit Cornet Co.; Martin's home was only a few blocks away and a mile from the Grand River shop.]