

Thomas D. Paine & Co.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island

Thomas Dudley Paine: 1812-1895, maker of brass instruments, violins; repaired clocks & watches; owned shop in Woonsocket 1840-1895

Emery A. Paine: 1823-1903, brother of Thomas, partner in shop, music teacher and performer, maker of brass instruments

John O. Paine: 1786-1868, father to both, maker of brass instruments, retired in 1857 and sold to Thomas

1822 Thomas moves from Foster to Woonsocket and works in a spinning mill for ten years.

c.1832-1835 Thomas learns watch & clock repair with Daniel Hubbard at Woonsocket Falls.

1840 Thomas built his shop at 274 South Main St., Woonsocket.

1841 Thomas listed as a musical instrument maker in the Boston directory, living at 40 Marion St. He possibly travelled there to learn brass making with E. G. Wright, as both are listed as showing keyed trumpets at the Mass Charitable Mechanics Assoc. exhibition in September that year. Paine is listed as T.D. Paine & Co., Woonsocket, RI.

1848 Thomas receives patent #5,919 for a rotary valve.

18?? The Paines made brass instruments for Dodworth's band, Beck's band of Phil., and the American Band of Providence, among others. They built these in the back of their shop in Woonsocket.

1852 Thomas won a 1st prize for a dozen rotary-valved cornets at the Franklin Institute exhibition in Philadelphia.

1857 Father John retires, sells his share of the shop to Thomas.

1860 Census has Thomas as watchmaker, Emery as inst. maker.

1868 Father John dies.

185?-1895 Thomas makes 134 violins and finishes the last one a week before he dies at age 83. #11 made in 1856.

1895 Thomas dies on June 1. At this time Emery is living in East Blackstone, RI.

Photos: top is cornet marked Emery Paine, c.1855; bottom is violin by Thomas Paine

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