## **Peate's Music House**

## Utica, NY

- 1892 start of Wm Peate's music business (20th century ads)
- 1899 George Beechwood Co is selling musical stock purchased from E L Griffith & William Peate; both of whom had been engaged in the musical instrument business for several years (*Music Trade Review*, Dec)
- 1899 Peate's Musical is founded in Montreal by William's brother George Alfred Peate (1880-?), a mandolin virtuoso (Peate website)
- 1903 William Herbert Peate (1879-1958), of Syracuse, is the road agent for E. W. Edwards & Son; a Syracuse department store (*MTR*, Jan)
- the Utica Mandolin School has been organized by Wm Peate at the store of W. A. Semple, #84 Genesee St (*MTR*)
- a new music store has been opened in Utica by William Peate (*MTR*, April)
- 1910 William H. Peate, Utica, music store owner (census)
- 1911 ad for Peate's in Music Trade Review (photo 1)
- 1917 Waldo Music Co, Boston, purchased by Wm Peate of Utica (MTR)
- 1918 Wm Peate of Peate's Music House and Robert White of Cleveland have formed Peate & White in Utica for dealing in musical instruments and small goods; they bought the entire stock of Charles Williams Stores, Inc, Brooklyn, a large mail-order company, for \$50,000 (*MTR*, June); store at #122 Columbia St (WWI draft)
- 1921 Peate buys additional property & plans to expand (MTR)
- 1922 Peate's Music House incorporates with \$50,000 capital; W. H. Peate, J. L. Peate & Clarence A. Gurley (William's brother-in-law) (*MTR*, March)
- the Waldo Music Co has been merged with Peate's Music (MTR, April)
- 1926 shop on Columbia St (ad)
- 1930 Wm Peate, music store owner, Utica (census, April 4<sup>th</sup>)
- son William Fulmer Peate (1905-?), manager of Peate's music store, home in Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA (March 3<sup>rd</sup>), father W. H. Peate in census living with him on April 7<sup>th</sup> just three days after the Utica census

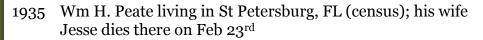
## Wanted To Buy For CASH Entire Stocks of Small Goods and Sheet Music Large Stock Preferred

W. H. PEATE UTICA, N. Y.









1935 store at #49 Franklin Square at corner of Oriskany (ad)

1937 bankruptcy notice for Peate's Music House (*Utica Daily News*, Oct)

1938 Peate's purchased by Harry M. Williams who had owned William's Band Instrument Co, a Conn dealer, for about 10 years (*MTR*)

1940 Wm F. Peate living with in-laws in LA, advertising salesman; Wm H. Peate, lodger in LA, no occupation (census)

1942 Wm F. Peate, Wilmington, CA; Wm H. Peate, no occupation, #2249 W 24<sup>th</sup> St, LA (WWII draft)

1945 store still at #49 Franklin Sq

1958 Wm H. Peate dies June 28<sup>th</sup> in LA (death cert); buried in Clifton Springs, NY (FAG); Peate's is incorporated under Paul Williams, Harry's son

1964 store at #52 Franklin Sq (ad)

1970s Peate's Music of Utica owned by Jim Williams

1980 store at #52 Franklin Sq (ad)

2004 Peate's Music of Utica closes (Horn-u-copia.net), #52 Franklin St

2018 Peate Musical in Montreal still in business with 4<sup>th</sup> generation Rick Peate (Peate website)

## **Photos:**

Page 1: 1 = sax; 2 = trumpet; 3 = baritone #8858

Page 2: 1 = Baritone #6424; 2 & 3 = Monitor trumpet #1400; 4 = Monitor trumpet #3136 (not sure of Peate's origin for these but there are not many options in Utica)

Photos from Horn-u-copia.net & auction sales







