

Pfaff Brothers

New York City

Christian Charles Pfaff (1825-1890)

Christian Frederick Pfaff (1824-1902)

1851 The Pfaff brothers emigrate to NYC in July.

1852 First listing for Frederick Pfaff, musical inst maker, h. #239 Rivington, NYC (directory).

1853-1856 No Pfaffs are listed in the NYC directory.

1857 Charles Pfaff, instrument maker, #42 Stanton St (dir).

1858 No listing in NYC.

1859-1865 Pfaff Brothers, mus inst, Charles & Frederick, #44 Stanton St, Frederick's home at #123 3rd St.; Charles at #42 Stanton (dir).

1860 Census has Charles (34), inst maker from Saxony. Also living with them is August Ziegler (24), inst maker from Saxony.

1861 Listed as brass instrument makers (AMD).

1866 The brothers have now separated. Charles Pfaff, musical inst, #148 E. Houston; Frederick Pfaff, mi, #135 3rd (dir).

1867 Only Christian C. Pfaff, #148 E. Houston St. Ad says maker of musical instruments and strings for all. Frederick is now listed under saloon, #1 Centre, h. #135 3rd.

1868-1890 Christian C. Pfaff, mus inst, #148 E. Houston.
Christian F. Pfaff, mus inst, #135 3rd St. (dir).

1880 Census shows Charles (54), dealer in musical inst, at #148 E. Houston with son Edward (24) also in m.i., born in NYC c.1856.

1891-1901 Now only Christian F. Pfaff, mus inst, #135 3rd (dir).

1900 Census shows Frederick (76) living at #135 E. 3rd St., inst maker, born January, 1824 in Germany and immigrated in 1851.

1902 Last listing for Christian F. Pfaff (dir).

No marked instruments have been found.