

Potter Family

London - Aldershot

- 1810 Samuel Potter (1772-1836) establishes as Henry Potter & Co., named after his just born son, making drums and wind instruments for the army.
- 1817 Samuel leaves the army and starts full time business; #20 King St, Westminster, London.
- 1836 Samuel dies and is succeeded by son Henry (1810-1876) (top photo).
- 1838 Moves to #37 Marsham St, Westminster, London.
- 1841 Moves to #2 Bridge St., Westminster.
- 1845 Henry receives patent #355 for a flute.
- 1858 Moves to #30 Charing Cross Rd.
- 1860 Henry's son George establishes a shop for military band instruments in Aldershot on High Street (photos 2 & 7).
- 1868 George Potter & Co., Bank St., Aldershot.
- 1876 At Henry's death, sons Harry & William succeed him.
- 1904 Henry Potter & Co. Ltd., #36-38 West St., Charing Cross.
- 1918 George Potter & Co. buys the Henry Potter business. Aldershot store is at #26-28 Grosvenor Rd at corner of Queens Rd (below left).
- 1970 London location ends and both are now in Aldershot.
- 2007 George Potter & Co. closes and the store is sold.
- 2017 Henry Potter & Co. Ltd is active again making timpani and percussion; #145 Newport Rd., Aldershot.

