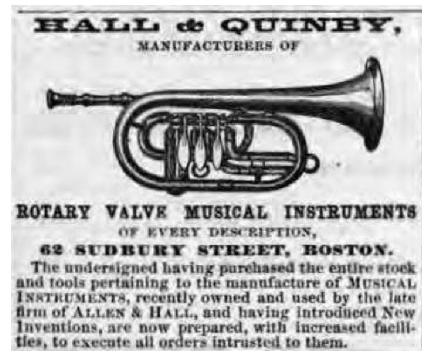


Quinby Brothers

Boston, Massachusetts

- Leonard Clark Quinby: 1817-1887; oldest brother, instrument maker in Boston 1865-1870
- John Oliver Quinby: 1827-1911; instrument maker in Boston 1865-1881; brush maker 1884-1891
- Benjamin Franklin Quinby: 1830-1890; instrument maker in Boston 1861-1883; brush maker 1884-1890
- George Washington Quinby: (twin to Ben.) 1830-1876; instrument maker in Boston 1861-1876
- 1856-60 Benjamin & George are machinists in Boston (dir.).
- 1861-64 Benjamin & George are musical instrument makers at #334 Washington St (the same address as Allen & Hall in 1861) (dir).
- 1865 Brothers Leonard & John join them and move with David Hall to #112 Congress St (dir).
- 1866 Hall & Quinby is formed at #112 Congress St (dir). They advertise as having tools & stock from Allen & Hall.
- 1867 Hall & Quinby moves to #62 Sudbury St. The company includes David Hall and brother Rudolph (Rhodolph), the four Quinby brothers, James Holden, Thomas Holmes, Richard Huse, F.W. Koright, & J.G. Nickerson (dir).
- 1870 Hall & Quinby are joined by E.G. Wright. The business listing shows them as two separate companies with joint ownership (dir).
- 1871 Leonard is gone & Wright dies in March, leaving ownership to Hall & Quinby (dir).
- 1872 George granted patent #125,614 for improvement on military brass instruments. George is also listed with A.M. Stearns & Co., #89 Court St (dir).
- 1874 Quinby Brothers exhibit at Mass. Expo and win 2nd place behind Boston Musical Inst Co.
- 1875 Instrument makers listed for #62 Sudbury St. are the three Quinby brothers, William Brown, Ferdinand Decker, Norris Mansfield, John Mellen, William Patterson, Albert Rimbach, E.G. Simmons & Thomas Watson as well as Hall's Band (dir).
- 1876 Quinby Brothers is formed under George, Benjamin and John. George dies later that year and Hall leaves.



- 1879 George F. Quinby (son of Benjamin) joins them (dir).
- 1882 John is now gone (dir).
- 1884 Quinby Brothers is purchased by Thompson & Odell and becomes the Standard Band Instrument Co., #62 Sudbury.
- 1884 John is back and listed with Benjamin as brush makers still at #62 Sudbury St (dir).
- 1885 Benjamin F. Quinby & Co. is listed as a circular brush manufacturer at #30 Hanover St.; Ben, George & John.
- 1890 Benjamin dies on July 9.
- 1892 Benjamin F. Quinby & Co. moves to #129 Summer St. with George F. as manager. John is now gone (dir).
- 1894 Now listed as Quinby Brush Co. with George F. (dir).
- 1896 Last year that Quinby Brush Co. is listed in directory.
- 1899-1900 George F. Quinby is now with the Atlantic Machine Screw Co., #48 Binford St (dir).
- 1909 The Standard Band Inst Co. is bought by the Vega Co.
- 1922 The Standard Band Inst. Co is still listed at #155 Columbus Ave with the Vega Co (dir).

Note: It has been said that the Whipple Music Co. formed in 1883 from L.E. Whipple and Quinby Brothers (Ayers, 1937) but I found no evidence to tie the two companies together. The name appears only in the 1883 city directory but located at #495 Washington St. An ad for Leander E. Whipple from that year states that he was a music dealer & publisher and had a new cornet called, "Whipple's Diamond Cornet". He is gone by the 1884 Boston directory. It's possible that Whipple bought Quinby for making his cornets then went bankrupt, allowing T&O to buy it in 1884.

Photos from auction sales and Horn-u-copia.net unless noted.

Photos 4 & 5 are a rare piston valve cornet (author's photo).

Photo 6: cornet with Wright name surrounded by Quinby wreath so probably made in 1870 (Robb Stewart photo).

Photo 7: Quinby Bros Bb cornet (author's photo).

