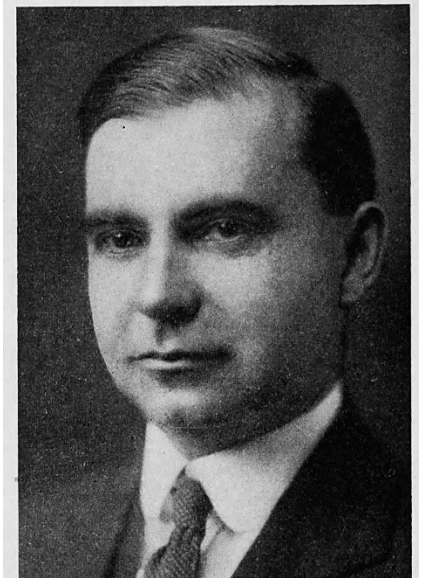


Rexcraft Bugles

Brooklyn, New York

- 1886 Leslie Eugene McCuen is born on March 9 in Chazy, NY (WWI draft record).
- 1910 Leslie is a law student at Harvard (census).
- 1918 Bowman & McCuen, lawyers, Manhattan (WWI draft).
- 1920 Leslie is a lawyer in Manhattan (census).
- c1920 Rex International Products, Inc., #57-59 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY (estimated start using 1924 location from city directory and May 1925 *Music Trade Review* article mentioning that the Rexcraft bugle had been used by the Boy Scouts for five years; they are not listed in the 1920 directory).
- 1924 Rex International Products Inc, #57 Jay (directory).
- 1925 Rex Int. Prod. recently changed its name to Rexcraft, Inc. (*MTR*, Sept).
- 1926 Rexcraft, Inc, #57 Jay St, Brooklyn; Leslie E. McCuen, president & GM; making official BSA bugles (*MTR*, Nov, ad on top right) (photo 2 from 1927 *Musical Merch.*).
- 1930 Leslie McCuen, owner of bugle manufacturer (census).
- 1931 Rexcraft, Inc, #57 Jay St (photo 3) (phone book).
- 1933 Rexcraft was purchased by Buglecraft (Middlehorn Leader).
- 1934 Rexcraft, Inc, #80 York St (phone book).
- 1935 Rexcraft Inc, #80 York St (last year listed in phone book).
- 1940 Leslie McCuen, lawyer & manager of brass manufacturer, 7017 Groton Rd, Forest Hills, Queens (census).
- 1942 McCuen dies on August 20 from a heart attack. His family moves back to Chazy, NY (obit. at Find-a-grave).
- 1985 The BSA stopped their official approval of the Rexcraft model bugle (Middlehorn Leader).
- 1996 Buglecraft is in Long Island City, NY (Middlehorn Leader).
- Bugle photo from auction sales.



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