

Sistek Band Instrument Co.

Cleveland, Ohio

- 1882 James Wenceslos Sistek born in Pilsen, Austria (census).
- 1906 James W. is an engraver living at #4240 Broadway (dir).
- 1910 James W., musical instrument manufacturer in census. A few early instruments are marked "Bedford, Ohio", so he may have been located at his brother's farm on Dunham Rd in Bedford.
- 1911 James W., musical instruments, #4248 Broadway (dir).
- 1914 James W. Sistek Band Instrument Co. is on union list, #4248 Broadway (home & shop in 1912 bottom photo).
- 1917 James W., musical instruments, #4248 Broadway.
- 1919 James W. Sistek (1882-1976) one of five partners to start the Cleveland Musical Instrument Co. in February.
- 1920 James W. listed as a theater musician (census).
- 1921 James W. still at #4248 Broadway (dir).
- 1925 White buys Cleveland Musical Inst. Co. for student line.
- 1927 James Sistek & Son, musical instruments, #5414 Brwy.
- 1928 Sistek Music Co. Inc, James J. Sistek (b.1904) pres, James W. vp, William Sistek sec-tres, #5414 Broadway (dir.).
- 1930 James W., inst. manif.; James J., orchestra musician; Sistek Music House at #12,713 Miles Ave (census).
- 1931 Both are gone from the city directory.
- 1932 James (not sure which one), musician, r. #12,801 Holborn.
- 1936 James J., Sistek Music Co., #5307 Broadway (dir).
- 1938 James J., Sistek Music Co., #4248 Broadway (dir).
- 1940 James W., musical inst. repairman, #12,912 Broadway; James J., musical inst. repairman, #4628 Broadway.
- 1942 James W., m.i. repair, #12,912 Broadway; James J. is salesman for Josephine Sistek (his wife), #4628 Br. (WWII draft).
- 1951 Both James Sisteks still have the same listings as 1940.
- 1954 James W. now not listed for occupation (dir).
- 1955 Sistek Music, #4628 Broadway, James J. & Josephine.



1970 James J. is murdered and the store burned; #4628 Broadway.

Photos are from Horn-u-copia.net or auction sales.

Sistek trumpet #210 from Bedford (below & top right).



Cornet #2000



Sistek Music Co trumpet 52502 (likely a German stencil).



Sistek Music Co trumpet #54052, New Wonder.

