

John Franklin Stratton

New York City

- 1832 John Stratton is born in West Swanzey, NH (census).
- 1846 John is a machinist in North Chelmsford, MA.
- 1849 Leader of Worcester Brass Band.
- 1851 Leader of Hartford Cornet Band.
- 1856 Listing for musical instruments, Hartford, CT.
- 1857 Music store in Hartford closes for financial reasons. Stratton moves to NYC to perform and conduct for the Staten Island Philharmonic Society and Stratton's Palace Garden Orchestra.
- 1859 Starts factory for rotary valve brass at the corner of Centre & White Streets (directory).
- 1860 John F. Stratton, mus inst, Centre & White (directory).
- 1861 Moves to #105 E. 22nd St (Civil War era drum is labeled 108 E. 23rd St). Brass instrument maker on AMD list.
- 1864 Stratton & Foote with John Howard Foote (importer), #31 Maiden Lane. They bought the importing business of Rohe & Leavitt (dir) (photo 1, page 2).
- 1865 Receives patent #51,363 for mute in Dec, #31 Maiden Ln. Directory listing at #118 W. 27th & 538 Broadway.
- 1866 Now at #118 w. 27th & #735 Broadway (dir). Brother George starts a store in Boston.
- 1867-70 Now at #63 Maiden Lane (dir).
- 1868 Startes German factory at Markneukirchen (*NLI*).
- 1869 Charles H. Parsons starts with Stratton (dir).
- 1870 Starts string instrument factory at Gohlis, Germany (*NLI*).
- 1871-80 Now at #55 Maiden Ln (dir).
- 1881 Now at #49 Maiden Lane (dir).
- 1882 Now Stratton & Co., #49 Maiden Ln. (dir).
- 1883 Sells German factories and returns full-time to NYC (*NLI*).
- 1884 Charles Parsons leaves to form his own company (dir).
- 1888 Moves to #43-45 Walker St between June & July (dir).
- 1889-93 Now Stratton & Son, #43 Walker, w/Frank A. Stratton (dir).



- 1891 Stratton adds #306 Centre St to their address (dir).
- 1892 Second address changes to #17 Franklin St (dir).
- 1894 Frank A. Stratton & Co. now separate at #37 Howard St.
John F. Stratton Co. now at #811 E. 9th St (dir).
- 1897 J. F. Stratton Co. now at #62 Grand St (dir).
- 1898 Ads show both #62 Grand St. & #811-817 E. 9th St.
- 1903 Ad shows only #62 Grand St.
- 1912 John dies on October 23.
- 1913 John F. Stratton Co. & Marie T. Stratton, mus inst, #62 Grand (dir).
- 1914 Bought by C. Bruno & Son on June 17.

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

