# **Thibouville Brass Instruments**

There were a number of companies with the Thibouville name in France, and this history covers those who made or sold brass instruments. Information is from the *New Langwill Index* unless noted otherwise.

### 1. Jerome Thibouville-Lamy

- 1839 The company starts as Husson & Duchene, Paris.
- 1848 The company changes to Husson & Buthod.
- 1857 Louis Martin Thibouville joins them to form Husson, Buthod & Thibouville, Paris.
- 1861 H,B&T opens a factory at Grenelle, Paris for brass inst.
- 1865 H.B&T is located at rue Reaumur 42 bis, Paris.
- 1866 Louis Emile Jerome Thibouville (son of Louis Martin) registers his trademark lyre & JTL logo (top photo).
- 1867 Jerome advertises factory at Grenelle for brass, strings and organs, at Mirecourt for strings, and at La Couture for woodwinds.
- 1874 Jerome awarded French patent #104550 for brass instrument key.
- 1875 Now at rue Reaumur 68 & 70.
- 1878 Employs workforce of 420 at four factories.
- 1880 Opens branch in London at #10 Charterhouse St.
- 1885 Employs workforce of 1,000.
- 1886 Ad says steam factories at Paris, Grenelle, Mirecourt & LaCouture.
- 1888 Registers trademark lyre with bird in horn (4th photo).
- 1889 Son Louis Jerome Emile Thibouville partners with Alexandre Acoulon.
- 1889 Opens agency in New York City, #106 Mercer St.
- 1896-1908 Acoulon is proprietor.
- 1897 NY office now at #35 Great Jones St (directory).
- 1899 Now at #7 & #10 Charterhouse, London (directory).
- 1900 Now located at 68 & 68bis rue Reaumur, Paris. Incorporate in Dec. in NY as Jerome Thibouville-Lamy & Co with Leopold Thibouville, Alfred Alcoulon & Emile Beranger.

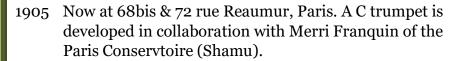


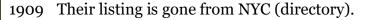












1912 Franquin helps develop the 4-valve C/D trumpet patented in 1913 (Shamu).



1928 Couesnon replaces T-L in supplying brass for the Paris Conservatoire (*Zig Kanstul*, Olsen).

1932 Now just listed at 68bis rue Reaumur, Paris.

1951 Still at same address.

1969 The company closes (Olsen).

For catalogs see <u>www.luthiers-</u> mirecourt.com/documentation.htm#Documentation

#### 2. Martin Thibouville Aine

1820 Martin Thibouville (1793-1873) establishes a musical instrument factory in La Couture-Boussey, France, east of Paris.

1823 Son Nicolas Eugene Thibouville is born.

1848 A second location is now at 67 rue des Vieux Augustus, Paris and working with two sons Martin & Eugene.

1855 Martin & son Martin split with Eugene and move to 69 rue des Vieux Augustus; flutes & clarinets.

1875 Martin Thibouville et Cie. located at La Courture.

1878 Still at the 69 Augustus address. Martin Sr dies in May and the company becomes M. Thibouville Fils.

1889 Now at 91 rue de Turenne, Paris (photo 2).

## 2a. Eugene Thibouville

1855 Starts his own shop at 67 rue des Vieux Augustus, Paris, then later moves to Ivry-la-Bataille (near La Couture).

1858 Partners with Noblet (another source says 1862) (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> photos).

1874 Noblet & Thibouville are no longer together.

1875 Listed as Eugene Thibouville, Ivry-la-Bataille.

Eugene has a contract with Hubart & Persin of Paris to supply horns, cornets, trombones & violas.

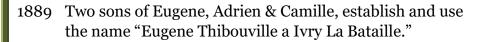


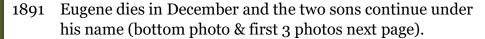


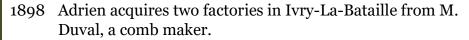


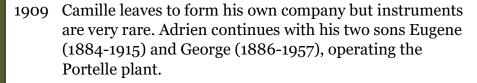


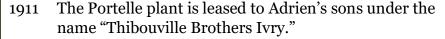












- 1915 Brother Eugene dies in WWI at Souchez.
- 1919 The factory at Moulin is sold.
- 1923 Adrien dies.
- 1940 The factory closes following no activity during WWII.
- 1947 George Thibouville joins Maurice Masson making woodwinds.
- 1974 The company is sold to Couesnon.

## 3. Thibouville-Creutzer

- 1890 Andre Thibouville, successor to Lefevre, 148 rue du Theatre Grenelle, Paris; woodwinds.
- 1900 "Thibouville fils et Cie.", successor to Bie & Noblet at La Couture and Lafevre of Paris.
- 1902 Thibouville-Creutzer, 17 Rochechouart Boulevard, Paris.
- 1903 T-C, 148 rue du Theatre Grenelle, Paris; run by Andre's son Desire Etienne Thibouville.
- 1905 Now at 50 Temple.
- 1909 Thibouville-Creutzer, successor, 50 rue du Faubourg-du-Temple, Paris; woodwinds & brass (4<sup>th</sup> photo).



c.1910 now in bankruptcy.

Lefevre, Paris cornet bottom right

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