

# Ernest S. Williams

## Brooklyn, NY

- 1881 Ernest Samuel Williams born September 27<sup>th</sup> in New Richmond, IN.
- 1891 Cornet soloist in father Samuel's Williams Family Orchestra.
- 1895 Director of the Winchester High School Orchestra.
- 1898 Joins the 158<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Regiment Band during the Spanish-American War.
- 1899 Leaves the military to study music in Boston.
- 1901 Joins Sousa Band in New York.
- 1904 Finds a music publishing business.
- 1907 Returns to Boston to direct the Boston Cadet Band.
- 1911 Marries cornet student Katherine Rankin and they move to Colorado Springs.
- 1916 Ernest is 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet for the Ballet Russe Orchestra.
- 1917 Ernest is soloist with the Patrick Conway Band and starts playing with the Philadelphia Orchestra.
- 1918 Ernest endorses and helps develop the Conn Victor cornet.
- 1923 Ernest leaves the Philadelphia Orchestra.
- 1924 He endorses the Keefer-Williams Trumpet made by the Brua C. Keefer Co. in Williamsport, PA.
- 1929 Begins as Dean of the Ithaca Band & Orchestra School.
- 1930 Designs and builds a summer music school in Woodstock, NY.
- 1931 Opens the Williams School of Music in Brooklyn.
- 1943 End of the Williams School.
- 1947 Ernest dies in Saugerties, NY on February 10.

