

Georgi & Vitak Music

Chicago

- 1880 Louis A. Vitak (1862-1933) emigrates from Bohemia (other dates found in census are 1881 & 1889).
- 1886 Vitak is a music teacher in Canton, OH (directory).
- 1891 Vitak is a musical instrument dealer in Canton, OH (dir).
- 1893 Vitak marries Augusta in Manhattan.
- 1892 Otto E. Giorgi (1870-1937) emigrates from Germany (top photo).
- 1900 Giorgi has a music store in Chicago (census).
- 1902 Vitak moves business to Chicago at #204 Wabash Ave before joining with Georgi (photo 2).
- 1904 The Louis Vitak Co is incorporated on Nov 7 (Opencorporates.com).
- 1906 Start of Georgi & Vitak Music; at some time located at #4663 Gross Ave (dir).
- 1910 Louis Vitak, manufacturer of musical instruments (census).
- 1912 The Vitak-Elsnic Co is incorporated on June 7 (Opencorporates.com).
- 1919 Georgi & Vitak, #4639 S. Ashland Ave (dir).
- 1924 Vitak forms Vitak-Elsnic Co. with nephew Joseph Elsnic after parting with Georgi, who continues his own music business.
- 1926 Vitak retires leaving Elsnic in charge.
- 1927 Vitak-Elsnic Co, #4639 S. Ashland (ads in *MTR*).
- 1933 Vitak dies; company at #4816 S. Ashland Ave.
- 1937 Georgi dies in November; music dealer.
- 1944 Vitak-Elsner Co., #4815 S. Ashland Ave (dir).

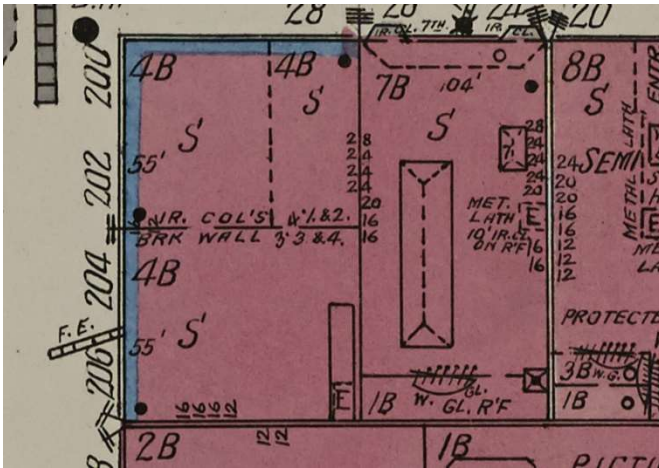
Brass instruments found are models "Meritone", "ACME", "Meritone Charmer", and "Artist". Some are made by C. F. Cerveny with either Louis Vitak or G&V as sole agents.

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Store Locations:

#204 S. Wabash: Here in 1902. Now the site of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 1906 map below.



#4639 S. Ashland Ave: c.1915-c.1930 (photo 1 at right)

#4816 S. Ashland Ave: 1933 (now an empty lot)

#4815 S. Ashland Ave: 1944 (photo 2)

G&V ACME model baritone (photo 3)

Vitak-Elsnic Co trumpet below (probable imported stencil) with 1930s-style case (auction photo).



1927 ad in *Musical Merchandise*

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