

Williams Brothers Inc.

Elkhart, Indiana

- 1910 The Williams Brass Foundry is run by brothers Sidney W. (1875-?) and Ursa S. (1881-?). Sidney is the owner and Ursa is a mold maker (census).
- 1912 Williams Brass Foundry, Sidney W. Williams proprietor, Ursa Williams mold maker (directory).
- 1917 Williams Brass Foundry, #1409 Hudson St, Elkhart. Sidney & Ursa are part owners (draft record).
- 1918 Williams Brothers Foundry, #1409 Hudson.
- 1920 Sidney is listed in census as brass foundry manager. Brother Ursa is listed as instrument manufacturer.
- 1921 Possible start to instrument making with "Alcazar" trade name. A few of these are found and look to be Conn Pan American stencils (based on P-A serial #s).
- 1922 Williams Brothers, band instrument accessories, #1125 West Beardsley, Elkhart (dir).
- 1930 Sidney is listed in the census as a brass foundry owner & manager. Ursa is an iron castings manufacturer.
- 1935 Williams Brothers is incorporated.
- 1940 Sidney is listed as brass foundry proprietor. Ursa is secretary & treasurer of brass foundry (census).
- 1942 Williams Bros. Inc., #1125 W. Beardsley (bottom photo).

Instruments found with the "Alcazar" name include saxophones, metal clarinets, cornets & trumpets and date to the 1920s to 1940 period. They all appear to be stencils made by Pan American / Cavalier.

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



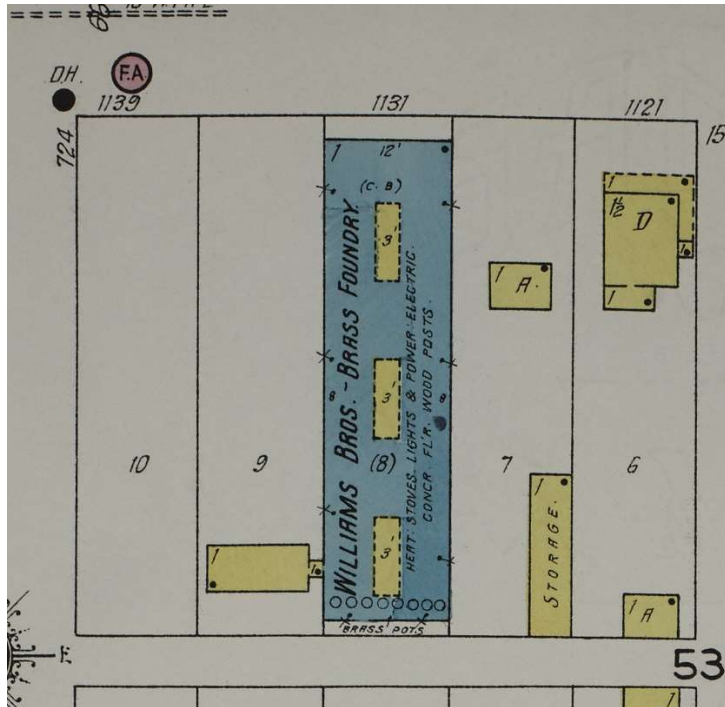
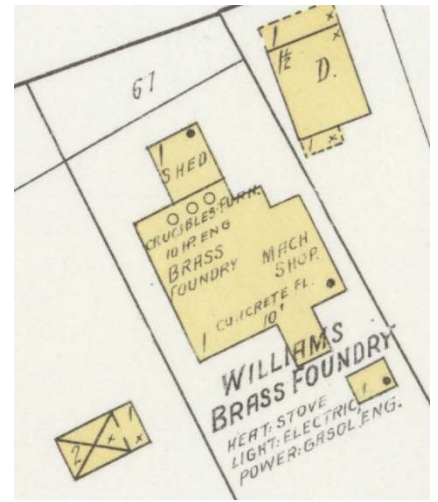
Foundry Locations:

#1409 Hudson St: c.1910-c.1920; now an empty lot

1917 Sanborn map at right.

#1125 W. Beardsley St: c.1920 to end; an unmarked industrial business in 2023 (photo 2 at right).

1927 Sanborn map



1950 Sanborn map showing many additions.

