

# Charles Williams Stores

## New York City

- 1913 The Charles Williams Stores incorporates with \$1 million capital. Offices are at #56 Pine St. Mail order catalog only with a warehouse opening in May at #59 John St, Brooklyn (photos 1 & 5) (*NY Times*, March 1).
- 1918 William Peate of Peate's Music House, Utica, and Robert White of Cleveland have formed Peate & White in Utica and have purchased the entire stock of musical merchandise from the Charles Williams Stores, Inc., Brooklyn for \$50,000 (*Music Trade Review*, June).
- 1928 Charles Williams Stores is purchased by National Bellas Hess.

Cornet shown in photo 2 is one of the first instruments I purchased at a yard sale back in the 1990s. I believe it was made in Czechoslovakia (Bohland & Fuchs) and is a copy of the York Perfect-Tone.

Photos 3 & 4 are from Horn-u-copia.net and marked "Austria" and "Special Class B".

They are all probably made by B&F in Graslitz.

