

Elbridge G. Wright

Boston, Massachusetts

- 1811 Wright is born in Ashby, Mass. on March 1 (birth cert.).
- 1839 Instrument maker in Roxbury, Mass. (*NLI*).
- 1841 Moves to Boston; #29 Fayette St (directory).
- 1842 Moves to #8 Bromfield St; Isaac Fiske is living one block away and may have been working for him this year (dir).
- 1845 Now Wright & Baldwin (Cyrus) at #8 Bromfield (dir).
- 1846 Wright alone at #475 Washington St (dir).
- 1848 Wright now at #115 Court St with Henry Esbach (dir).
- 1850 Esbach not listed but now joined by Theodore Bertelling.
- 1854 Now at #121 Court St (dir).
- 1855 Instrument maker; wife Augusta & 3 children (census).
- 1856 Wright now at #68 Albany St. with Graves & Co. (dir).
- 1858-59 Wright working in Lowell, Mass. (*NLI*).
- 1860 Bandmaster for Wright & McDonald's Quadrille Band. Still working in Lowell in June (census).
- 1861 Wright Musical Inst. Co. is formed at #18 Harvard Place when Allen moves out to form Allen & Hall. Former Allen workers Henry Esbach, Louis Hartman, Joseph Koestler, and Anton & Erhart Hüttl stay with Wright (dir).
- 1862 Now just listed as E. G. Wright. Only the three brothers Anton, Erhart & Ferdinand Hüttl remain with him. Wright is joined by Samuel & Elbridge Graves (dir).
- 1863 The Hüttls are gone. Wright is joined by George Graves (dir).
- 1864 E.G. Wright & Co. is formed at #71 Sudbury with Henry Esbach and Louis T. Hartman. Gilmore, Graves & Co is formed at #18 Harvard (dir).
- 1867 Wright, Gilmore & Co. is formed at #71 Sudbury with Patrick Gilmore, Esbach, Hartman & the Graves (dir).
- 1868 The name is back to E.G. Wright & Co. with Esbach, Hartman & the Graves. Samuel Graves is now gone (dir).
- 1869 The Boston Musical Inst. Mfy. is formed at #71 Sudbury sometime after the July release of the directory. It's possible Wright disagreed with this change and left (dir).

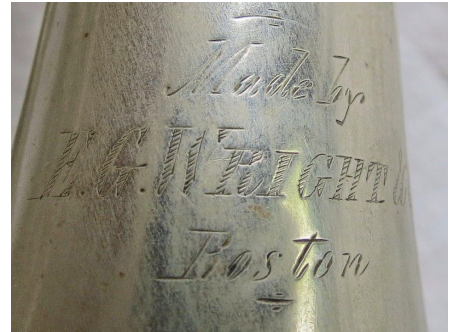


1870 Wright moves to #62 Sudbury with the Quinby brothers sometime before the directory comes out in July (dir).

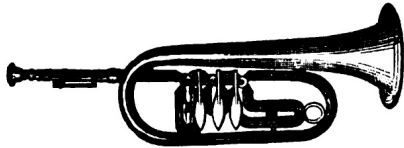
1871 Wright dies on March 15th at age 60.

Photo 1 auction; photos 2, 5 & 6 Robb Stewart; photo 3 NMM; photo 4 Met museum (page 1); page 2 photos 1-3 Wright & Co cornet c.1864-1869 (auction photo); photo 4 c.1845 trumpet

Wright ad from 1870 directory.



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