

Theodore Hoch

Germany – New York

- 1842 Karl Gottlieb Theodor Hoch (photo 1) born on January 9th in Finsterwalde, Germany (photo 2) (passport appl.).
- 1860s Hoch with Emperor Franz Guard Grenadier Regiment #2 in Berlin (*NY Times*, 1906).
- 1872 Hoch emigrates to NY City in June (passport appl.).
- 1879 Conn is selling a mute said to be the Hoch patent of 1879.
- 1880 Hoch returned to US in July (immigration date given on naturalization paper & 1900 census). Hoch playing in July at new Long Beach hotel where Kleophas Shriener of Vienna was hired to supply music and brought “noted Berlin cornet player Theodor Hoch.” (*The Sun*). He is said to be “the greatest living cornetist” (*NY Herald*).
- 1881 Hoch marries Amelia.
- 1882 Hoch is playing at Koster & Bial’s (*The Sun*).
- 1887 Conn ad says the Wonder Solo model cornet is sold with the “Hoch patent bell mute” (no patent has been found).
- 1888 Hoch is given a presentation Conn cornet by the city of Elkhart said to be worth \$1,000 and have engraving that took two months to complete (*MTR*).
- 1891 Hoch is naturalized in NY. #1055 Halsey St, Brooklyn; playing at Huber & Gebhardt’s Casino (*The Sun*).
- 1892 Hoch soloist with the Eldorado Band at The Palisades opposite West 42nd Street ferry in NY (*The Sun*).
- 1894 Hoch playing at Koster & Bial’s Roof Garden and at Mt Morris Park with the 71st Regiment Band (*The Evening World*).
- 1898 Hoch with the Mozart Symphony Club; “Herr Hoch, with his golden cornet set with precious stones and his Roman triumphal trumpet, takes the audience by storm.” (*Penn Yann Express*)
- 1900 Still living at #1055 Halsey (census).
- 1901 “Herr Theodore Hoch revealed his complete mastery of the cornet by rendering a difficult Fantasie of his own composition. A feature was his triple tonguing and his tones were clear, powerful and sweet.” (*Suffolk Co News*)
- 1903 A passport application lists Hoch as 5’-4” tall.



1904 Hoch with Mozart Symphony Club (shown below in 1901)



1906 Theodore Hoch dies on February 14th at his home from blood poisoning. #1055 Helsey St (*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*).

1907 “Mr Hoch, after Levy, was considered the best cornet player in this country.” (*The Standard Union*)