

Charles Delaware Staigers

Muncie, Indiana

- 1899 Charles Delaware (Del) Staigers is born on August 20 in Muncie, Indiana to Charles & Jennie (census & death cert).
- 1907 Del is taking cornet lessons from W. E. Garrett at the Muncie Conservatory of Music (Trescott).
- 1908 Del is on stage by age nine at Winona Lake and is called the “boy wonder.”
- 1910 Del’s family at #504 E. Marshal St in Marion, IN (census).
- 1912 Del has his first professional appearance with the NHDVS Band in Dayton and gets a scholarship to the Manlius School (Daniel Morris).
- 1914 Patrick Conway hears Del at the Manlius School and hires him to play at Willow Grove Park in Philadelphia as third chair (first cornet) (Morris).
- 1916 Del is playing with the Keith & Orpheum Vaudeville Circus (Morris).
- 1918 Del is hired to play in Sousa’s band assisting Frank Simon (Trescott, Morris). He marries Hazel Gray in Texas in January. Later that year living at #277 7th Street in Brooklyn with wife Hazel, musician at Steel Pier in Atlantic City, NJ (WWI draft).
- 1920 Now working in New York for theater orchestras (Trescott)
- 1926 Del joins the Victor Salon Orchestra and does radio and records for 16 years (Trescott) (photo 2).
- 1927 Del plays 1st trumpet for Goldman’s Band in Central Park until 1934 (Trescott).
- 1932 Del is honored to play taps at Sousa’s grave (Morris).
- 1934 Del is fired by Goldman due to drinking problems (Morris)
- 1930s Del is a King artist and spokesman and they make the Del Staigers model cornet & trumpet mouthpieces (photo 3).
- 1940 Home on 48th Street in Queens (census). Plays 1st chair cornet for the NY World’s Fair Band (Trescott).
- 1942 Del moves to LA to play for radio and as a studio musician (death cert).
- 1947 Del is living in North Hollywood (son Charles Jr marries).
- 1950 Del dies of a heart attack on July 12. Home at #11352 Tiara St, North Hollywood (death cert).



Del authors several trumpet work books.

