

Benson Music House

Minneapolis, MN

- 1888 Peter Benson (1867-?) emigrates from Sweden to Minneapolis (other dates given in the Census are 1877 & 1887)
- 1891 Benson & Ekstrom, guitar manufacturers, #510 Cedar Ave., Peter Benson & Charles Ekstrom (dir)
- 1892 Peter Benson, guitar manufacturer, #510 Cedar Ave.; granted patent #487,820 for guitar music rack
- 1893 Peter Benson, guitar maker (dir)
- 1894 Peter Benson, music dealer, #1126 S. 17th St (dir)
- 1896 Peter Benson, books & musical instruments, #1204 Washington Ave. S.; Peter was naturalized this year
- 1897 Peter Benson, books, musical inst., bicycles, #1204 Wash.
- 1898 Peter Benson, books, manuf. of musical inst. & cases, musical merchandise, #1225 Washington Ave. S. (dir)
- 1899 manuf. of high grade guitars & mandolins, #1225 Wash.
- 1909 manuf. & importers of high grade musical instruments
- 1920 first year listed as Benson Music House, Peter Benson, proprietor, #1225-1229 Washington Ave. S. (dir)
- 1936 WPA photo of Benson Music House, #1225 Wash. (top)
- 1940 Peter and wife Helga are living at the Scandinavian Union Relief Home in Minneapolis (he probably lost the store to the depression or sold it sometime after 1936) (census)
- 1898 ad below shows new store & manufacturing facility

Cornet at right c.1900 made by B&F in Austria (auction photo)

