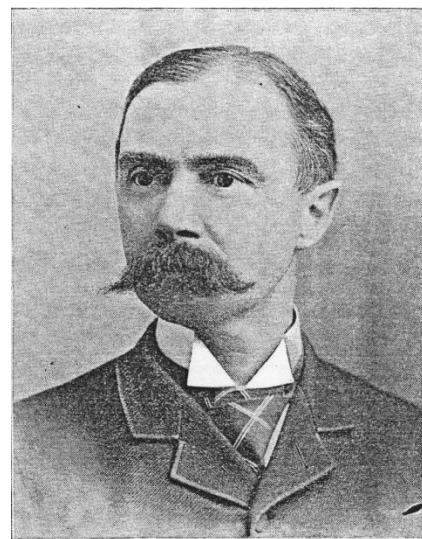


W. J. Dyer & Brother

St. Paul & Minneapolis

- 1848 the Dyer family moves from England to Boston (census)
- 1858 William J. Dyer (1841-1925) is a carpenter in Boston (dir)
- 1861-63 William is a bookkeeper in Boston (dir)
- 1864 William J. Dyer & Co., grocers, #1209 Washington St (dir)
- 1866 Doty & Dyer, #34 Broad St., Samuel H. Dyer (1842-1914)
- 1869 S.H. Dyer & Co., flour, #34 Broad St, S.H. & W.J. Dyer
- 1870 Dyer & Howard, musical instruments, Faribault, MN; W.J. Dyer joins with dry goods merchant Wilbur Howard; joined by brothers Samuel, Charles E. (1845-1897) and David M. (1850-1917) (dir)
- 1872 Dyer & Howard moves to St. Paul, MN (dir)
- 1876 Dyer & Howard, musical inst., #37 E. 3rd St., St. Paul
- 1879 Dyer & Howard (WJD & WHH), #69 E. 3rd St., St. Paul, David Dyer is clerk (dir)
- 1880 Charles E. Dyer (3rd photo on right) opens the Minneapolis branch at #507 Hennepin Ave. (dir)
- 1882 Minn. Store moves to #408-410 Nicollet Ave. (dir)
- 1884 St. Paul store now at #148-150 E. 3rd St. (dir)
- 1885 W.J. Dyer buys out Howard; now WJ Dyer & Bro. (dir)
- 1887 Minn. Store moves to #509-511 Nicollet Ave. (dir)
- 1889 St. Paul store still at #148-150 E. 3rd St.; WJ Dyer & Bro. starts the Duluth Music Co. (dir)
- 1892 incorporated as WJ Dyer & Bro. Inc., William pres, Samuel vp, David sec, Charles tres; Edward R Dyer is salesman
- 1895 St. Paul store now at 21-23 W. 5th St.; Minneapolis store still at 509-511 Nicollet Ave. (dir)
- 1897 Charles Dyer dies on July 8th, age 52
- 1898 Dyer & Bro. now named the Metropolitan Music Co. in Minneapolis; WJ Dyer is vp (dir)
- 1900 MM Co. moves to #37-43 S. 6th St. in Minneapolis (dir)
- 1902 Edward R. Dyer, Sr. (1861-1941) becomes vice-president
- 1904 Edward R. Dyer, Sr. becomes president of M.M. Co.



W. J. DYER.



D. M. DYER.



- 1913 WJ Dyer & Bro., established in 1870, #21-27 West 5th St. in St Paul; WJD pres, DMD vp, ERD sec, RH Johnson tres; Samuel is retired
 - 1914 Samuel H. Dyer dies on December 14th
 - 1917 David Martyn Dyer dies on September 26th
 - 1920 Metropolitan Music Co., #37-43 S. 6th St.; E.R. Dyer pres
 - 1925 William J. Dyer dies
 - 1930 Edward Rowland Dyer, Jr. (1897-1946) is now a clerk
 - 1940 Edward Sr. is sales manager for Dyer & Bro.; Ed Jr. is in a US veterans' hospital in Florida (census)
 - 1941 Edward Sr. dies; company possibly ends at this time
- Brass instruments are made in Austria and use model names
 "Diamond", "Chieftan", "Improved", "Voca-Tone",
 "Professional" and "American Leader"

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WJ Dyer in 1915



Dyer US Model cornet / 1880s Conn copy or stencil?

