

# The Free Tone Mute

## Indianapolis, Indiana

- 1872 Harry J. O'Leary is born in Indianapolis (census)
- 1894 Harry marries Francis (Fannie) Morse (census)
- 1900 Harry is a machinist living at #1501 North Arsenal St, Indianapolis (census)
- 1910 Harry is a machinist now widowed and living with his sister at #1410 Arsenal St (census)
- 1916 Harry O'Leary, musician, #1424 Hamilton Ave (city directory)
- 1920 Harry is a theater musician at #1410 Arsenal (census); soon after living at #3911 Ruckle (obituary)
- 1924 Advertising Free Tone aluminum mutes for cornet, trumpet and trombone; #3911 Ruckle St (*Music Trade Review*)



**The Free  Tone**

Aluminum mute is a marvel for tone and tune. Cornet or trumpet. \$2.50; trombone. 6½ to 7¼ bell. \$3; 7½ to 8¼ bell. \$3.50.

Liberal proposition to dealers on C.O.D. trial order. Write  
**H. J. O'LEARY, 3911 Ruckle St., Indianapolis, Ind.**

- 1928 Harry is a merchant (daughter's marriage record)
- 1930 Musical instrument machinist – owner; #3911 Ruckle (census)
- 1940 Orchestra musician; #3911 Ruckle (census)
- 1965 Harry dies on December 16<sup>th</sup>; he was the oldest member of the local musician's union and was a vocalist and trombonist who had played in the Indiana Military Band and local theaters; he had lived at #3911 Ruckle St for 45 years (obituary)