

Charles A. Gaetz

Columbus, Ohio

- 1887 Charles A. Gaetz is born in Germany (marriage cert.)
- c1902 Charles begins an apprenticeship in Graslitz, Austria at a brass band instrument factory [probably B&F] (National Register of Historic Places Survey [NRHP])
- c1905 Charles moves to Erfurt, Germany and works for Kruspe (NRHP)
- 1907 Charles emigrates to the US at New York City to work as a repair expert before moving to Chicago. (NRHP)
- 1909 Charles moves to Columbus and starts building his own music business (NRHP)
- 1911 Charles establishes his first store (NRHP)
- 1913 Charles A. Gaetz, manufacturer, importer, & repairer of musical instruments, #22 Wesley Block, #101 N. High St (Columbus city directory)
- 1919 Charles moves to #51-53 West Long St at the corner of North Front St. (NRHP) (below)



- 1920 Charles A. Gaetz, manufacturer of musical instruments, emigrated in 1907, Columbus (census)
- 1930 Charles, music store owner; son Lloyd (b.1912) is clerk (census)
- 1931 Charles buys the store building and Lloyd becomes a partner (NRHP)
- 1940 Lloyd Gaetz, music store owner & manager (census)
- 1957 Charles dies on July 27th (NRHP)
- 1972 The business closes at Lloyd's death on July 21st (NRHP)



This only known example of a Gaetz mouthpiece was seen on an internet auction in 2020.