

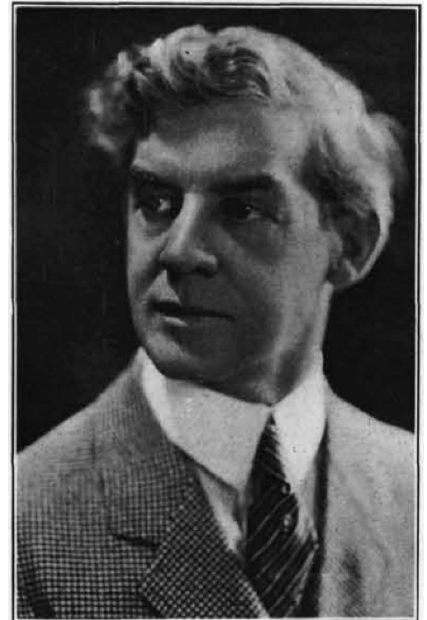
# Henton – Knecht Music

## Philadelphia

- 1877 H. Benjamin (Benne) Henton born in Illinios (census)
- 1884 Albert Aloysius Knecht born in Conahohocken, PA
- 1905-1919 Knecht & Henton play saxophone in Sousa's band
- 1920 Henton-Knecht Music Store, #1734 Market St., Phila.
- 1922 H-K also have music Conservatory at store which moves to #24 South 18<sup>th</sup> St. in September; Conn dealer
- 1924 #1734 Market St (*MTR* article)
- 1925 ad has them at #110 South 17<sup>th</sup> St. with the Conservatory (they may have had two locations at this time)
- 1926 the Conservatory is at #1714 Chestnut St.; they are leasing added quarters at #24 S. 18<sup>th</sup> (*MTR*)
- 1929 store at #24 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. (*MTR*)
- 1938 Henton dies and the store changes to Knecht's Music Store
- 1942 store at #24 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1953 Albert Knecht is the last living member of the Sousa band that travelled the world in 1911; store still at #24 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1954 Knecht dies and the store likely closes

The Henton-Knecht store was always a Conn and Pan-American dealer even into the 1950s. There are many brass instruments labeled "Benal" model, which is their two names combined, and probably all Conn or Pan-American stencil horns. They never would have made their own. These date to the 1920 to 1938 period. ([Horn-u-copia.net](http://Horn-u-copia.net))

The two portraits are from a 1927 *Music Trade Review* article.



H. Benne Henton



Albert A. Knecht

