

# Daniel F. Hess

## New York City

- 1836 Daniel born in Germany (census)
- 1861 Hess arrives in NYC on June 5<sup>th</sup> on ship Borussia (Castle Gardens record)
- 1862 I found a Daniel Hess listed as wounded in the Civil War on June 10<sup>th</sup> and part of the 36<sup>th</sup> NY Regiment, Company K, but cannot confirm this is the same person.
- 1862 earliest ad found for Hess is September 11<sup>th</sup>; importer of musical inst. & manufacturer of accordions, concertinos, & harmonicas; located at Millett's Music Store, #395 Broadway, NYC
- 1863 earliest ad showing him at #19 Maiden Ln is from October
- 1864 first directory listing; Daniel Hess, importer of musical instruments & strings, manufacturer of accordions, concertinos & harmonicons, depot #19 Maiden Ln (dir)
- 1866 now at #49 Maiden Lane, importer of mus inst (dir)
- 1869 in January, his store on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of #49 Maiden Lane was robbed of \$50; described as musical inst. dealer
- 1869 moves to #33 Maiden Lane (dir)
- 1871 married Jennie Benselin (b. 1853) of Newtown, L.I.
- 1872 still at #33 Maiden Ln; home on Prescott St.
- 1874 son Victor born
- 1876 home now on L.I.
- 1881 still at #33 Maiden Ln.; manuf. & importer of cornets & band instruments with improved rotary valves
- 1882 now at #41 Maiden Ln.; home Winfield, L.I. (dir)
- 1885-86 now at #22 Maiden Ln (dir)
- 1887 Hess gone from NYC directory
- 1888 daughter Jeanette born March 1<sup>st</sup> in Fredericksburg, VA where Hess had moved to farm
- 1896 Hess tries to organize a brass band
- 1915 Hess dies on April 24<sup>th</sup> at age 79; he is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg, Virginia

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