

# Charles W. Hutchins

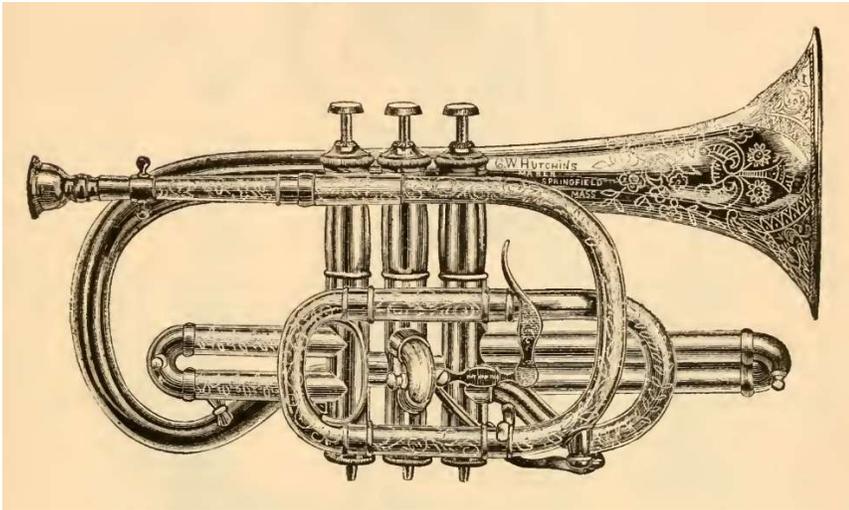
## Springfield, Massachusetts

- 1860 Charles Hutchins is born in Greenfield, Mass.
- 1870 Hutchins moves to Springfield.
- 1881 C. W. Hutchins, manuf. of band inst., #402 Main St.
- 1882 John Heald is granted patent #265,498 for a water key with thumb lever (photos 2-4 right, #5066) with assignor to Hutchins, so Heald must have been working for him.
- 1883 Granted patent #274,608 for a bottle stand. Made presentation bugle serial #5090 (photo top right; this sold in 2008 for \$4,000). Heald patent from October, 1883 is not assigned to Hutchins so perhaps on his own by then.
- 1885 Hutchins is granted patent #319,907 for a book & music holder and assigned to Edwin Barr.
- 1886 Now at #335 Main St (dir).
- 188? Trombone (bottom photo) is marked "Hutchins American Improved Artist's Model, Deerfield, Mass."
- 1893 Granted patent 490,564 for a tuning peg for stringed inst.
- 1894 Hutchins purchased the stock of his mother's music store and plans to open a new store at #21 Elm St (*MTR*, Oct).
- 1896 Hutchins Manufacturing Co. was organized on Aug 12<sup>th</sup> with C.W. Hutchins, general manager; F. Edwards, treasurer; Charles H. Parsons, president. He had run a brass inst. factory for 10 years (*Music Trade Review*).
- 1897 Granted Canadian patent #54,507 for aluminum mandolin as well as US patent #575,425 for tailpiece & guard (*Music Trade Review*).
- 1903 The Fletcher Aluminum Co. and the C.W. Hutchins Mfg. Co. were combined under the Fletcher Aluminum Novelty Co. to make specialty signs and advertising. Hutchins was used for printing on aluminum.
- 1907 An act to dissolve the Hutchins Mfg. Co.
- 1926 Hutchins dies in Philadelphia. The last several years he worked with B. B. Todd (*Music Trade Review*, July).

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1884 Haynes catalog illustration of Emerson model by Hutchins.



American model photo & restoration by Robb Stewart (below & photo 3 right)



1883 Hutchins ad

**C. W. HUTCHINS,**  
**Band Instruments & Bicycle Bugles,**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**



The Emerson Model Bb Cornet, with "The C. W. Hutchins' Patent Water Key," used and recommended by Walter Emerson. Sole manufacturer of the genuine Emerson Mouth-Piece; Gold plated, with fine case, \$2.50.  
**OFFICE, 402 MAIN STREET; FACTORY, TAYLOR STREET.**  
 Proprietor C. W. Hutchins' Brass Band of 25 Pieces, and Drum Band of 20 Pieces  
 C. W. PERKINS, Manager.