

J. W. Jenkins' Sons Music Co.

Kansas City

- 1878 music store founded by John Woodward Jenkins (1827-1890, top photo) at #611 Main Street, Kansas City, MO
- 1880 census says he deals in pianos and music
- 1880s son John Wesley Jenkins (1864-1932) joins him and the name changes to JW Jenkins & Son Music Co.
- 1890 founder John dies and the business is changed to JW Jenkins' Sons Music Co. with John Jr., Clifford W. Jenkins (1869-after 1930), and Frederick Butler Jenkins (1870-1939)
- 1902 store moves to #1013-1015 Walnut St. (directory)
- 1903 selling brass from York & Sons, Gomat & Co., August Heinem, & Courtois
- 1910 Clifford is sec/tres of company
- 1911 new store at #1217-1223 Walnut Street
- 1917 John W. Jenkins III (1894-1958, son of Clifford) at store
- 1920 John Wesley Jenkins is president
- 1931 now named the Jenkins Music Co.
- 1932 store enlarged with 8 story addition
- 1930s selling Pan-American & Cavalier brass by Conn
- 1940 John W. Jenkins III is vice-president
- 1950s maximum expansion to 14 stores in 5 states with 700 employees
- 1958 Frederick Bliss Jenkins (1898-1960, son of Fred) sells his interest in the business to family members; he served as vice-president
- 1971 filed for bankruptcy
- 1973 sold to Rich Music Co.

Brass instruments include: August Heinem (3rd photo, 1890s to early 1900s, Austrian), Harwood (4th photo, early 1900s to 1930s, Austrian, some B&F), Jenkins Special (5th photo, 1920s & 30s, US made stencil poss. Conn), American Capital (6th photo, 1930s, US or import), New Jenkins (Czech. made, 1918-1938), and Karl Schubert (Czech. made, 1918-1938)

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