

Mark J. Kalashen

New York City

- 1867 Mark is born in Russia (census)
- 1892 emigrates to New York (census)
- 1897-1904 Mark J. Kalashen, mus inst, #173 Bowery (dir)
- 1904 naturalized as US citizen; in NYS factory inspection at #173 Bowery
- 1904 Kalashen, mus inst, #14 Cooper Sq. (dir)
- 1921 ads show him as instrument supplier at #14 Cooper Sq.; he is offering the "Peerless" & "Yankee" models
- 1922 ad says established more than 25 years ago
- 1926 news article claims record sales for the year (*MTR*)
- 1935 supplied string bass for Alfred, NY school for \$65
- 1939 Mark dies on August 22 from a heart ailment at his home at #1809 Albermarle Rd. He is listed as a pioneer in the musical instrument business with an office at #14 Cooper Square in Manhattan. He is buried at Washington Cem. In Brooklyn (obit.)
- 1940 his estate, including instruments, is auctioned on June 9th

Photos:

Top two are "M Kalashen New Star New York". This looks identical to a Besson and they did have a New Star model so perhaps he copied them. (author's collection)

3rd photo is a miniature cornet (Robb Stewart photo)

4th photo is cornet dated 1910 and is an import from B&F

Bottom trumpet is a Peerless Hand Made model sold by 1914 and probably into the 1930s. They have a 1910 patent which refers to valves by Blessing so possibly made by him. Serial #s 7K to 9K may be a Blessing number. (photos 4-6 Horn-u-copia.net)

Photo of Mark below is from a 1922 news article

