

# Keefe Band Instruments

Williamsport, PA

1909-1943

## Keefe Serial Numbers found:

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Start</u>	<u>Engraving Style*</u>
682	Cornet	Center Bore		
915	Baritone			
4286	Alto			
5050	Cornet	Center Bore		
5251	Baritone			
5597	Cornet	Grenadier/Fixed LP	1922	
5643	Tuba			
5665	Tuba			1
5955	Mellophone			
6000	Cornet	Center Bore		
6008	Trombone			
6084	Trombone			1
6196	Bugle			
6256	Cornet	Center Bore		1
6302	Cornet	Grenadier		
6468	Cornet	Grenadier		1
6583	Tuba			
6607	Trombone			1
6660	Cornet	Center Bore		1
6754	Tuba			
6984	Trumpet			1
7007	Trumpet			
7030	Tuba			
7046	Trombone			
71xx	Tuba	Helicon]		
7172	Trombone			

7626	Alto			
7670	Trumpet	Rev. 3 <sup>rd</sup> slide		
7676	Trombone			
7890	Alto			
7900	Cornet	Grenadier		
79xx	Trombone	Septor		
8089	Cornet	?		
8540	Tuba			
9016	Trombone	possible use of 1925 patent tuning adjuster		
9029	Cornet	Grenadier		
9145	Trombone			
9336	Cornet	American?		
9347	Trombone	Keefer-Simons		
9408	Trombone			
9466	Trombone	Keefer-Simons		
9686	Cornet	Grenadier		2
9878	Trombone			
9989	Baritone			
10006	Trumpet	K-Williams	c.1924	4
10056	Trumpet	JR-2		5
10058	Cornet	Grenadier		
10098	Trumpet	K-W		4
10581	Alto			
10618	Trumpet	Stentor	1922	
10911	Tuba			
11217	Alto			
11234	Cornet	Grenadier		
11620	Trumpet	Stentor		3
11644	Trumpet	Stentor		
11932	Tuba			
12000	Cornet	Grenadier		
12031	Cornet	Grenadier		

12122	Trumpet	Stentor	
12733	Trumpet	Stentor	
12422	Trumpet	Stentor	
12451	Cornet	Grenadier	3 (in diamond)
12592	Sousaphone		
12975	Trombone	Bass	6
13501	Sousaphone		
18081	Trumpet or long cornet		6

There are a lot of numbers missing in the 13000 to 20000 range suggesting a reset to 20000.

20002	Trumpet	Intonatic	c.1940	
21898	Cornet	Grenadier		3
24xxx	Trumpet	K-W		6
24074	Trumpet	Harmonic?	c.1922	6
24468	Trumpet	?		4
24774	Trumpet	K-W		6
24819	Trumpet	K-W		
24932	Trumpet	K-W		6
25000	Trumpet	K-W		6
25361	Trumpet	K-W Special		7
25429	Trumpet	K-W		
25521	Trumpet	K-W Special		7
25578	Mellophone			
25600	Baritone			
31058	Trumpet	Intonatic	c.1943	8

Keefer-Williams models are not listed in the 1924 catalog yet one source said that Keefer ran an ad mentioning Williams in 1924; possibly later in the year. The first ad I have a copy of is from 1929 (above) where he claims they are famous so must pre-date 1929. *Music Trade Review* ran a news article in March of 1927 mentioning the “new Keefer-Williams cornet”. Since I have never found a cornet, this could mean a trumpet.

**\*Engraving Styles:**

**Style 1:** Stamped lettering “Brua C. Keefer Mfg Co / Maker / Williamsport PA / Highest Grade / #”



**Style 2:** Hand-engraved name in block letters, serial # moves to valve 2



**Style 3:** large “KEEFER” in center



**Style 4:** swirl logo with Keefer in center



**Style 5:** Eagle and keystone with Keefer and large K



**Style 6:** oval with Keefer, sometimes highly engraved



**Style 7:** stamped lettering with “JR” inside the keystone; found on Keefer-Williams Special model trumpets only



**Style 8:** horse collar wreath found on Intonatic trumpet

