

Kummer & Schetelich

Baltimore, Maryland

- 1858 August Kummer, instrument maker, #93 Harrison (dir)
- 1860 August Kummer, mim, #47 Harrison; Charles Kummer, mim, #89 N. Front (directory)
- 1863 Kummer & Schetelich, (Charles K. & William S.) #81 N. Front; August at #47 Harrison (dir)
- 1875 last year for K&S listing (dir)
- 1876 Charles K at #81 N. Front; William S. at #83 N. Front (dir)
- 1877 William Schetelich dies; #83 is then listed under Henry W. Shetlich (dir)
- 1882 August Kummer, Jr. joins as a clerk, #47 Harrison; only listed with them 2 years (dir)
- 1883 Fred Schetlich joins Henry at #83 N. Front (dir)
- 1887 streets are renumbered and #81-83 becomes #324-26
- 1888 August Sr. now at #602 Etna Ln (he is never listed at the factory address on N. Front so perhaps he is always listed under his residence) (dir)
- 1890 August Sr. now at #147 Harrison; William Strange Jr. joins Charles at #324 N. Front (dir)
- 1891 Charles E. Schetlich, woodworker, joins Henry at #326
- 1892 August Sr. now at #807 W. Barre; Henry, Charles & Fred Schetlich are all listed at #137 N. Gay (dir)
- 1893 August is now at #131 Harrison (dir)
- 1895 August Kummer, Sr. dies on August 16th
- 1901 Charles Kummer, musical instrument repair, #227 Harrison; he dies this year; Charles E. Schetlech listed as a musician at #335 N. Gay; Henry & Fred are at #137 N. Gay
- 1904 Charles E. Schetlich, musical inst, #335 N. Gay; Henry still at #137 N. Gay; Fred is musician at #516 N. Bond (dir)
- 1921 last year Charles Schetlich listed under musical instruments at #335 N. Gay St.
- 1922 Charles now a jeweler

Photos: top four are Kummer & Schetelich; bottom is cornet marked "H.W. Schetlich" from Horn-u-cpoia.net

The next page are bios to help sort out who worked and when.



August Kummer: (1827-1895), he first appears in the city directory in 1858 on Harrison St. and stays there until his death except for a couple of years in other locations; he is never listed with Kummer & Schetelich so I can't be certain how much he was involved with them; he is always listed as a musical instrument maker (Harrison St. may have been his residence)

Charles W. Kummer: (1819-c1901), brother to August; first appears in 1860 in the city directory at #89 North Front St as a musical instrument maker; listed as co-owner of Kummer & Schetelich at #81 N. Front from 1863-1875 then by himself at the same address until at least 1893; the 1901 directory lists him as instrument repair at #227 Harrison; he is not listed in 1903 or later

August Kummer Jr.: (1866-after 1930), son of August; shown at same Harrison St. address from 1882-1892 but never under instruments; sometimes under clerk or barber

William Schetelich: (1832-1877), nephew of Charles Kummer and living with him in the 1860 census; listed as co-owner of Kummer & Schetelich from 1863-1875 then separate in 1876-1877 next door at #83 N. Front; not listed after 1877

Henry W. Schetlich: (c.1835-1921), nephew of Charles Kummer and brother or cousin of William; he is living with August in 1876-77 then listed as instrument maker at #83 N. Front from 1878-1891; 1892-1904 listed as musical instruments at #137 N. Gay (a residence)

Charles E. Schetlich: (1875-?), son of William or Henry; first listed as woodworker with Henry at #326 N. Front St. in 1891-92 but a gap in available directories makes him a mystery until he appears as a musician in 1901 at #335 N. Gay then under musical instruments at the same address from 1904-1921; in 1922 he is a jeweler

Frederick B. Schetlich: (1867-?), son of Henry; listed as a musician with Henry from 1883-1888 then again with Henry from 1891-1903; last listed in 1904 as a musician at #516 N. Bond St.

Arny Hentschel: one article says that he was a relative who worked as an apprentice in the shop in 1860

The K&S Workshop: It's hard to get a full picture of the history from the directory listings. One article says that the shop was at #81-83 N. Front (#234-236 after the 1887 street re-numbering) yet K&S is only listed at #81; #83 doesn't appear until the apparent ending of the partnership in 1876. K&S horns with "Schetelich" may be before the cornet from 1869 with "Schetlich". Overall, brass instruments were made or sold under these names from 1858-1921.



C.E. Schetlich imported
cornet from Austria
c.1915 above



1869 Eb (auction photo)

