

# Larkin Musical Instrument Co.

**Sidney & Binghamton, NY**

- 1901 The Larkin Music House is established in NY by Francis Larkin Jr. (1859-1938) (photo 1)
- 1905 the NYS census lists Francis as an upholsterer living in Norwich, NY; his sons are musicians
- 1916 the Larkin Music House is in Sidney, NY (photo 2)
- 1920 Larkin moves to Binghamton and starts the Larkin Musical Instrument Co. with son Francis (1882-1938) (photo 3), #94 Chenango St.
- 1928 Francis Larkin Jr. retires due to his health (*MTR*)
- 1934 grandson Francis S. Larkin (1911-2002) (photo 4) goes to work for Carl Fischer Music in NY as a travelling salesman in California (*MTR*)
- 1938 the elder two Larkins die within two weeks of each other in March; Francis S. Larkin returns from L.A. to take over the business in Binghamton; he files for incorporation as the Larkin Musical Instrument Co. Inc. in December (*MTR*)
- 1966 the old 3-story building on Chenango Street was torn down for urban renewal and Larkin moves to #27 Henry St
- 1975 son Christopher Larkin is now working with his father
- 1998 the business is owned by Christopher Larkin
- 2002 Francis dies this year and Christopher is living in Maryland so the business is probably closed by now

The only brass instruments found are trumpets marked from Binghamton and likely made by others. (photos below from auction sales)



*The Larkin Music House, Sidney, N. Y.*

