

# A. Leforestier, Son & Co.

## Philadelphia

- c.1840 Alexandre LeForestier born in France
- 1850s apprenticed with Besson in Paris (NLI)
- 1860s worked with A. Courtois in Paris (NLI)
- 1868 son Arthur born in London
- 1871-1882 working for J. Higham in Manchester, England
- 1887-1895 working as foreman for J. W. Pepper in Philadelphia
- 1888 granted Patent #382,991 for brass instrument pistons with helical grooves (not assigned to Pepper)
- 1889 granted Patent #392,873 for belt fastener with B.F. Barnes; instrument maker, #1014 S. 9<sup>th</sup> (dir)
- 1890 granted Patent #408,419 for bottle stopper fastening; listed in Philadelphia as inst. maker, #1300 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1891 Alexander is naturalized, born in France
- 1892 #1854 Rosewood (dir)
- 1893 granted Patent #497,126 for a machine to roll tapered metal tubing
- 1895 foreman, #1127 Titus (dir)
- 1896 forms A. Leforestier, Son & Co.
- 1898 Alexandre L., musical inst., #1202 S. 11<sup>th</sup> (dir)
- 1899 A. L. & Son (Arthur), musical inst., #316 S. Lawrence (dir)
- 1900 A. Leforestier, Son & Co., musical instruments, #316 South Lawrence St, Philadelphia; includes Alexander and son Arthur living at #1202 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Conrad Brooks living at #4847 Pulaski Ave. (dir)
- 1901 all names gone (dir)

There are no known instruments with his name.