

George McFadden

Worcester, Mass. & Syracuse, NY

- 1834 George born in Scotland on May 23rd
- 1854 son William B. McFadden born
- 1872-1874 George partners with Frederick Beaumont to produce cornets that are copies of Isaac Fiske; the top photo at the right is marked "McFadden & Beaumont" and is a copy of the 1868 patent valves and made c.1872; Beaumont was a former Fiske employee; #19 Church St. & #241 Main St.
- 1874 second photo is the only known cornet with the triangular valve arrangement patented by Fiske in 1873 and copied by McFadden (all photos except 3 by Robb Stewart)
- 1874 McFadden moves to Syracuse, NY, #66 S. Salina (*NLI*)
- 1876 McFadden is a medal winner at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia (bottom cornet)
- 1882 moves to #71 S. Clinton; #71 & 73 starting in 1884 (*NLI*)
- 1886 McFadden's shop is at #71-73 Clinton St.; son William tries to commit suicide but ends up just shooting his arm, parents say they wish he had succeeded; he is described as being a musical instrument maker (Syracuse newspaper)
- 1889 McFadden dies on May 19th in Syracuse; he is said to have produced about 500 instruments total; widow Emma continues the music & repair shop (newspaper obit.)
- 1903 Emma dies; William is the administrator of the estate
- 1904 William has a shop on the 4th floor of #401 to 407 South Clinton St. which he had occupied for years as a plant to manufacture band instruments; he was facing eviction
- 1906 William awarded patent #861,305 for a freezer scraper
- 1910 William awarded patent #1,056,109 for a vehicle wheel
- 1913 William is at #100 Park Ave.
- 1918 the McFadden Band Instrument Shop runs an ad in the paper in February, located at #100 Park Ave.
- 1920 a July 9th article in the paper says that William went to Hamilton, Ontario to organize a plant to produce his patented wheels; he is living at #100 Park Ave. and is referred to as a "former bandsman and manufacturer of band instruments"
- 1927 William dies March 29th

