

Z Albert Meredith

Marion, OH & Long Beach, CA

- 1869 Meredith born on December 14th in Waring, OH
- 1883 starts playing cornet; living in Marion, OH (Long Beach Independent article 5/15/1949)
- 1900 in Elkhart, #103 S. Third St., jeweler, single (census)
- 1901 living in Tahlequah in the Cherokee Nation in January
- 1901 The town of Tahlequah, I.T. inventor “Z. A. Meredith is perfecting his invention of a two bell cornet which will be placed on the market.” (*MTR*, February) (bottom photo is only known existing & made in Elkhart; DeCarlis coll.)
- 1901 living in Elkhart, Indiana in December (patent)
- 1903 married Leah Wise in Union, Kentucky; he is working as a jeweler in Marion, OH
- 1904 The Meredith Band Instrument Co. was incorporated on July 29th with \$10,000 capital; Z. Meredith, L. B. McNeal, J. F. McNeal, G. W. Baker & William Dowler.
- 1906 granted patent #814,615 for cornet improvements filed in 1901; he is living in Marion, Ohio in December; son Randolph is born
- 1907 forms the Meredith Band Instrument Co. in Marion, Ohio
- 1909 granted patent #939,285 for open tone cornet design filed in 1901; granted divorce from Leah
- 1912 granted patent #1,040,372 for open tone cornet design filed in 1906
- 1914 band instrument manufacturer in Marion; marries Grace
- 1916 daughter Marjorie is born in Marion
- 1918 The Meredith Band Inst. Co. is dissolved May 29th (perhaps just ending the partnership)
- 1919 Meredith Band Inst. Co., #224 State St, Marion (advert.)
- 1920 musical instrument manufacturer in Marion (census); a news report from August says Meredith is closing his business on North State St. and is storing the equipment until he finds a new west coast location; he had been on State St. for several years
- 1920s early 20s ads have him still in Marion

Photos 1-3 auction; 4 Robb Stewart, 5 Eric Totman



- 1925 moves operation to Long Beach from Marion due to bronchitis (LB Independent article 5/15/49)
 - 1930 the Meredith Band Instruments Co. first appears in the Long Beach, CA directory, #1084 Obispo Ave.
- The company name appears only from 1930-1932 then it's just under his name as manufacturer & repairer.
- 1935 Z. Albert Meredith, musical instruments, #1084 Obispo
 - 1940 at #1084 Obispo, divorced, musical instrument repair
 - 1945 his residence is at #2741 Wall
 - 1949 a newspaper article from May 15th says that Meredith has a "small, musty shop at 1084 Obispo Ave" and that he was 80 years old; moved there in 1925 from Marion
 - 1953 Meredith is no longer listed in the city directory; he is living in Long Beach and files for valve patent with assignor to Donald & George Heaston
 - 1956 Meredith dies on January 9th at age 86; his business is now owned by Donald Heaston
 - 1957 granted patent #2,794,358

It's never given in any document found so far what "Z" stands for but Donald Heaston said it was added by Albert #224 N. State St, Marion on left / #1084 Obispo on right



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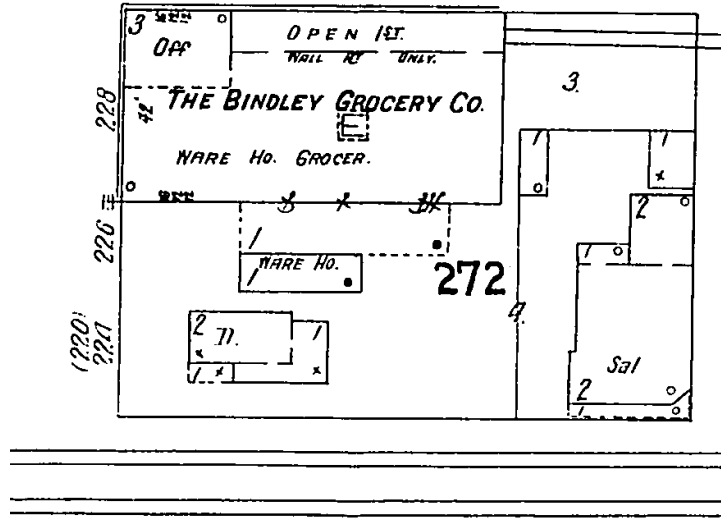
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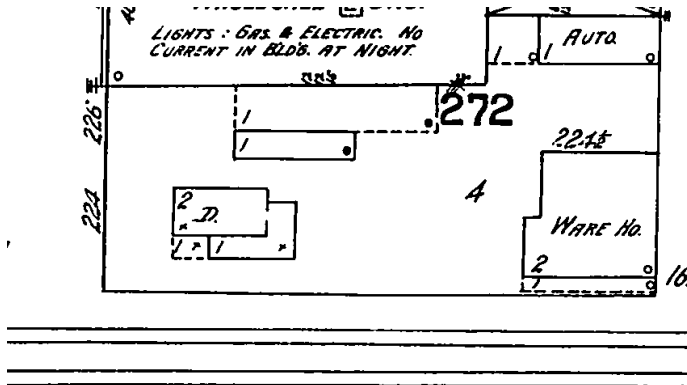
THE MEREDITH BAND INST. CO.

224 N. STATE ST. MARION, OHIO

Marion Store: #224 N. State St. shows in a 1908 map as a residence with one story warehouse next to it



By 1914, the building in the rear is a warehouse.



In 1914 there is a shop one block south at the corner of E. Mill St.; this building is blacked out in 1919 so perhaps removed.

