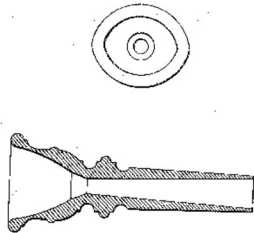


Z Albert Meredith

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)
- 1904 The Meredith Band Instrument Co, of Marion, OH, was incorporated on July 29th with \$10,000 capital; Z. Meredith, L. B. McNeal, J. F. McNeal, G. W. Baker & William Dowler. (*MTR*)
- 1908 granted patent #895,570 for a cornet mouthpiece



- 1918 The Meredith Band Inst. Co. is dissolved May 29th (Ohio State report; perhaps just ending the partnership?)
- 1919 Meredith Band Inst. Co., #224 State St, Marion (advert.)
- 1920s early 20s ads have him still in Marion
- 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 (photo 4)
- 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 (directory)
- 1940 at #1084 Obispo, divorced, musical instrument repair (census)
- 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
- 1956 Meredith dies on January 9th at age 86; his business is now owned by Donald Heaston

Mouthpiece photo by author

