

Frank Millard Co.

Grand Rapids - Detroit - Plymouth

- 1884 Frank Millard (1860-1943) starts working for J.W. York in Grand Rapids (Berndt)
- 1901 Millard founds Newell, Millard, & Thomas with George Newell (1865-1933) and Newell L. Thomas (1853-1930) in Grand Rapids to make band insts; #29 Canal St (MTR)
- 1901 The band instrument factory of Newell & Millard has opened on Canal St (MTR, June)
- 1901 “Newell Millard & Co., the newly organized firm of band instrument manufacturers, seem to be building up a very nice business. The demand for their instruments is keeping their factory busy.” (MTR, August) (photo1)
- 1903 George Newell moves instrument factory to Detroit and forms the Bryant-Newell Co. with Willard Bryant at #218 Woodward Ave., using “Rex” brand name (photo 2); “a new factory for the manufacture of musical instruments will shortly be built in Detroit.” Bryant had purchased a half interest (*Detroit Tribune*, Feb)
- 1903 “Perry, Haynes & Hier, band instrument manufacturers, who for the past seven or eight months have maintained a small factory on South Division St., Grand Rapids, have rented the quarters formerly occupied by Newell & Millard at 29 Canal St.” (MTR, July)
- c1905 Millard starts brass making in Detroit (Berndt)
- 1910 Frank Millard and son Frederick (1887-1955) are listed in Detroit as brass band instrument manufacturers (photo 3); instruments found labeled “Millard – Detroit” have numbers in the 1100 to 1400 range (photos 4 & 5)
- 1912 Millard joins the brass workers union and starts adding their logo (MPBP&SW) to his instruments in Nov.
- 1914 Frank & Frederick Millard form the F. Millard Co. in Detroit, MI making band instruments
- 1917 Fred Millard is president of F. Millard Co., Plymouth, MI
- 1918 F. Millard Co., #537 Amelia St., Plymouth (directory); they have contract #39866 with the US Navy for bugles
- 1919 ad shows a Navy model cornet (page 2)
- 1920 F. Millard Co. in Plymouth, Frank Sr., proprietor; Fred Millard, president (photos 6 & 7 are Navy model)



- 1921 operation may have ended this year as listings end (dir)
- 1923 surplus bugles made by Millard are being auctioned off by the Navy in Philadelphia (MTR, March)
- 1930 Frank Millard now a music teacher in Detroit and Fred is a foundry engineer in Livonia, MI (census); brass making ended before this time



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