Nuss Manufacturing Co.

Harrisburg, PA

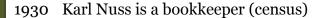
- twins Anton Henry Nuss and Carl (Charles) William Nuss are born in Dalenburg, Germany on October 26th
- 1886 their father Anton Nuss Jr. emigrates to US (census)
- 1887 the twins & mother Charlotta em. to Williamsport, PA
- 1890 Anton & Carl start working for Henry Distin at 16
- c1893 Carl moves to Philadelphia learning the plating business under John Meadows, a silver-plater at #20 N. 9th St.
- c1894 Anton works two years for J. W. Dyer learning the band instrument trade
- c1895 Carl returns to Distin for a short period
- c1896 Carl moves to Harrisburg to take charge of the Harrisburg Plating & Manufacturing Co., #1315 S. 10th St.
- 1897 Carl establishes his own plating company in Harrisburg
- 1902 Charles Nuss & Co., electro-plating, #320 Market St.; at this time Charles buys out his stockholders and brother Anton joins him to add the band instrument business
- 1903 Nuss Plating Co. has factory inspection
- 1905 Nuss Plating Co. claims 12 years experience (1893)
- 1908 Nuss Plating Co., #320 Market St., Patriot building
- 1909 Charles & Anton receive pat. #912,404 for a drum beater
- 1911 new factory is built at S. Cameron & Mulberry Streets
- an addition is built to their 3-story factory; Charles is in charge of the plating and Anton is in charge of instruments; they use a satin finish on the instruments with a gold wash inside the bells (news article)
- 1916 they are making bayonets for the PA National Guard
- ad for Nuss Supreme Trombones; makers, repairers and platers of band instruments; 11th & Mulberry St.
- In September, it was announced that Nuss Mfg. Co. was to make the Ross Hickernell solo trumpet (patent #1,509,104) but this was later made by York
- 1923 Nuss announces they are to open a complete department for the repair of band instruments; they also make a complete line of saxophones and bells (news article)





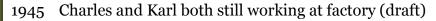






1931 selling "Nuss Supreme" straight mutes; 11th & Mulberry

1940 Charles is the owner and son Karl is a bookkeeper; Anton is also listed in the census as a plating factory owner (census)



1947 Anton Nuss is a retired member of the Nuss Mfg. Co.

1948 Charles Nuss is honored at a banquet for his 74th birthday and 50 years in the plating business; Anton is present

c1950 Karl is doing strictly metal plating now

1971 Karl retires and sells the business to Sterling McKittrick

1973 Karl Nuss Jr. (b.1905) dies in Harrisburg

Trade names on band instruments include "Supreme" and "Liberty".

Bottom left photo is from a 1929 Sanborn map showing the original 3 story building from 1911 at 27' x 32' and the 2 story back addition from 1913 at 22' x 70'. This area is now a parking lot.

Ad below is from 1905

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WE MAKE A SPECIALTY of Plating Tableware, Musical Instruments, Bicycles, Small Machine Trimmings and House Furnishing Goods. Polishing, Refinishing. Oxidizing, Bronzing, Brassing and Lacquering of Chandeller and Ornamental Work. Special attention given to Silver Plating and Gilding.

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