

Nuss Manufacturing Co.

Harrisburg, PA

- 1874 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
- 1913 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
- 1922 ad for Nuss Supreme Trombones; makers, repairers and platers of band instruments; 11th & Mulberry St.
- 1922 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)



- 1930 Karl Nuss is a bookkeeper (census)
- 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)
- 1945 Charles and Karl both still working at factory (draft)
- 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

Photos from Horn-u-copia.net



WE MAKE A SPECIALTY of Plating Tableware, Musical Instruments, Bicycles, Small Machine Trimmings and H-use Furnishing Goods. Polishing, Refinishing. Oxidizing, Bronzing, Brassing and Lacquering of Chandeliers and Ornamental Work. Special attention given to Silver Plating and Gilding. **12** Twelve Years' Practical Experience.

NUSS PLATING CO.

O. W. NUSS, Manager.

PRACTICAL ELECTRO PLATERS IN ALL BRANCHES

ALSO MANUFACTURERS OF BAND INSTRUMENTS.

No. 320 Market Street, Patriot Building, - Harrisburg, Pa.

