

Peate's Music House

Utica, NY

- 1892 start of Wm Peate's music business (20th century ads)
- 1899 George Beechwood Co is selling musical stock purchased from E L Griffith & William Peate; both of whom had been engaged in the musical instrument business for several years (*Music Trade Review*, Dec)
- 1899 Peate's Musical is founded in Montreal by William's brother George Alfred Peate (1880-?), a mandolin virtuoso (Peate website)
- 1903 William Herbert Peate (1879-1958), of Syracuse, is the road agent for E. W. Edwards & Son; a Syracuse department store (*MTR*, Jan)
- 1906 the Utica Mandolin School has been organized by Wm Peate at the store of W. A. Semple, #84 Genesee St (*MTR*)
- 1907 a new music store has been opened in Utica by William Peate (*MTR*, April)
- 1910 William H. Peate, Utica, music store owner (census)
- 1911 ad for Peate's in *Music Trade Review* (photo 1)
- 1917 Waldo Music Co, Boston, purchased by Wm Peate of Utica (*MTR*)
- 1918 Wm Peate of Peate's Music House and Robert White of Cleveland have formed Peate & White in Utica for dealing in musical instruments and small goods; they bought the entire stock of Charles Williams Stores, Inc, Brooklyn, a large mail-order company, for \$50,000 (*MTR*, June); store at #122 Columbia St (WWI draft)
- 1921 Peate buys additional property & plans to expand (*MTR*)
- 1922 Peate's Music House incorporates with \$50,000 capital; W. H. Peate, J. L. Peate & Clarence A. Gurley (William's brother-in-law) (*MTR*, March)
- 1922 the Waldo Music Co has been merged with Peate's Music (*MTR*, April)
- 1926 shop on Columbia St (ad)
- 1930 Wm Peate, music store owner, Utica (census, April 4th)
- 1930 son William Fulmer Peate (1905-?), manager of Peate's music store, home in Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA (March 3rd), father W. H. Peate in census living with him on April 7th just three days after the Utica census

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W. H. PEATE
UTICA, N. Y.



- 1935 Wm H. Peate living in St Petersburg, FL (census); his wife Jesse dies there on Feb 23rd
- 1935 store at #49 Franklin Square at corner of Oriskany (ad)
- 1937 bankruptcy notice for Peate's Music House (*Utica Daily News*, Oct)
- 1938 Peate's purchased by Harry M. Williams who had owned William's Band Instrument Co, a Conn dealer, for about 10 years (*MTR*)
- 1940 Wm F. Peate living with in-laws in LA, advertising salesman; Wm H. Peate, lodger in LA, no occupation (census)
- 1942 Wm F. Peate, Wilmington, CA; Wm H. Peate, no occupation, #2249 W 24th St, LA (WWII draft)
- 1945 store still at #49 Franklin Sq
- 1958 Wm H. Peate dies June 28th in LA (death cert); buried in Clifton Springs, NY (FAG); Peate's is incorporated under Paul Williams, Harry's son
- 1964 store at #52 Franklin Sq (ad)
- 1970s Peate's Music of Utica owned by Jim Williams
- 1980 store at #52 Franklin Sq (ad)
- 2004 Peate's Music of Utica closes (Horn-u-copia.net), #52 Franklin St
- 2018 Peate Musical in Montreal still in business with 4th generation Rick Peate (Peate website)

Photos:

Page 1: 1 = sax; 2 = trumpet; 3 = baritone #8858

Page 2: 1 = Baritone #6424; 2 & 3 = Monitor trumpet #1400; 4 = Monitor trumpet #3136 (not sure of Peate's origin for these but there are not many options in Utica)

Photos from Horn-u-copia.net & auction sales

