

Clifford E. Ridgely

New York City

- 1872 Clifford Eugene Ridgely born in Jeromsville, OH (census)
- 1894 marries Malinda (Linna) in Ashland, OH
- 1897 daughter Helen is born in Indianapolis, IN; wife dies the same year so probably complications from birth; he is not listed in the Indianapolis city directories at this time so perhaps was just visiting
- 1900 daughter Helen with grandparents in Ashland (census)
- 1910 Clifford at #174 E. 75th St. in Manhattan; theater musician; married to Minnie (from Ireland) in 1899 (census)
- 1911 CER buys out R. A. Kaempf & Sons, #336 E. 86th St. (dir)
- 1913 CER, musical instrument manuf., #1503 3rd St., NYC (dir)
- 1915 CER, musical inst., #1503 3rd St., h. #171 E. 75th St. (dir)
- 1918 Lieut. CER, musical director & inst. manufacturer, #1503 3rd Ave., home at #167 E. 83rd St.; he is the bandmaster for the 69th Regiment Band, NY Guard, and is running ads for equipping local bands with instruments; he is a WWI veteran with the 69th Regiment (photo 1)
- 1920 #1503 3rd St; Ridgely Columbia model trumpet = \$100
- 1921 Lieut. CER, bandmaster of the 69th Reg.
- 1925-1931 listed as Prof. CE Ridgely of the 69th Regiment Band
- 1927 the 69th does two Victor record recordings
- 1928 member of the Association of Musical Instrument Dealers
- 1929 Ridgely leases a store & 2nd floor at #1247 Lexington Ave for use as a music store (*Music Trade Review*)
- 1930 now living at #167 83rd St., Manhattan (census)
- 1932 still bandmaster of the 69th in October
- 1940 #120 E. 83rd St., Bandmaster of NY Post Office (census)
- 1944 Clifford dies and is buried in Ashland, Ohio

The trumpet pictured here is only one of two instruments I have found so far with his label "C E Ridgely New York". It has a hand inscribed "28344" on the bell and "P 12803" on the 2nd valve which is a Pan American serial number dating this to 1920. (auction photos)

Bottom photo is Ridgely cornet (Horn-u-copia.net)

