

Sansone Musical Instruments

New York City

- 1881 Lorenzo Sansone born in Monte St. Angelo, Italy
- 1903 Lorenzo emigrates in April to US, California, plays for Chiaffarelli's Italian Band in LA
- 1906 conductor for the Ventura City Band; marries Marie La Prevoaux in LA
- 1907 son Nicholas is born in Ventura, CA
- 1909-1910 plays for the LA Symphony & Denver Symphony
- 1910 now living in Denver with wife Mary and two sons Nicholas (1907) and Lawrence Jr. (1908), theater musician
- 1910-1911 plays for the St. Paul Symphony
- 1912-1915 plays for the St. Louis Symphony
- 1914 invents a five-valve French horn produced by Wunderlich; plays for the Chicago Symphony in the summer
- 1915-1918 plays for the Cincinnati Symphony
- 1916-c1953 his horns are made by Kruspe
- 1916 Lorenzo is naturalized in October; living in Chicago
- 1918-1919 plays for the Detroit Symphony
- 1920-1922 plays for the NY Symphony
- 1920 still in Chicago (top photo), listed as musician, he was applying for a passport to tour with the New York Symphony in France, Italy and Holland; his wife is listed as Emma Grudt of Bohemia who he married in 1906
- 1921 playing for the New York Symphony Orchestra (news art.)
- 1921-1946 on the Julliard faculty
- 1925 establishes Sansone Musical Instruments
- 1927 plays for the Beethoven Symphony
- 1928 now living at #607 W. 190th St. in NYC; starts working for the NBC orchestra (news article)
- 1929 plays for the National Broadcasting Orchestra; son Nicholas moves to NYC probably joining him in the instrument company
- 1930 still at #607 W. 190th St.; orchestra musician; son Lawrence is an orchestra musician in LA also playing the French horn



Photo 1 passport; 2 Robb Stewart; 3&4 auction sales

1931-1933 plays for the Metropolitan Opera and Beethoven Association

1932 granted patent #1,855,423 for tunable mute

1940 son Lawrence is in LA with a private music practice; son Nicholas is living at #3520 73rd St. and working as the treasurer for Sansone Musical Instruments (census) at #1658 Broadway (phone book)

1942 home at #9713 31st Ave, Jackson Heights, Queens; works at Julliard School of Music (draft)

1944 home at 97-12 31st St., Jackson Heights (news article)

1946 Sansone Musical Instruments, #1658 Broadway (phone)

1952 home at #1658 Broadway, NYC

1954 starts making his own horns at shop, #1658 Broadway

1955 catalog shows the #1658 address with a new added address at #549 W. 52nd St.

1975 Lorenzo dies in Queens on June 25th, age 94

1986 son Lawrence dies in LA

Brass instruments found are mainly French horns with three to five valves, trumpets & cornets

Photos at right & below from Horn-u-copia.net & auction sales



One undated catalog page shows four models of trumpets: Courtois made \$125, Kruspe made \$90, European "Professional" model \$75, and "La Tosca" model \$55