

# Herman Schindler

## Milwaukee

- 1864 Schindler born in Saxony; emigrates in 1892
- 1892 established music store at #316 W. Water St.
- 1896 history book shows him at #316 W. Water St and selling antique violins as well as being a dealer, importer, repairer, and manufacturer of musical instruments; he makes to order all types of brass instruments
- 1897 Schindler helps start the first Swiss band
- 1900 home at #195 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; possible store location (census)
- 1907 store listed at #305 Cedar St. (directory)
- 1910 Census lists him as emigrating in 1893 and a naturalized citizen; occupation is musician in [Joseph] Clauder's Band (he played the French horn for various German bands)
- 1919 store at #305 Cedar St.; manufacturer of high grade brass instruments; repairs also; 1<sup>st</sup> class gold & silver plating
- 1920 Census lists him as manufacturer of musical instruments; his son Oscar (b. 1896) is a musician (census)
- 1926 Granted patent #1,593,603 for trombone slide bushings; store is listed at #302 Cedar St.
- 1930 Census lists him as owner of instrument manuf. business; his shop may have been on 4<sup>th</sup> St. at this time; son Oscar owns a garage (census)
- 1932 store is at #326 W. State St.; in business for 40 years; at first made most instruments sold but now only a few since he couldn't compete with the large makers; his shop was in the back of the store (the article says he is 70 years old)
- 1933 Schindler dies of the flu on January 11<sup>th</sup>; store probably closes; his home is at #1034 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St.; store still at #326 W. State St.; it is said that many orchestra and band players in the city used his instruments at one time but in recent years he couldn't compete and business was very slow; his prize instrument was a gold-plated trombone in the shop window; he lived in Milwaukee since boyhood

Photos are trumpet (author's collection), cornet (auction) and trumpet (auction).

