

# Moses Slater

## New York City

- 1826 Slater born in England in November (census)
- 1841 emigrated to US (possibly Rhinebeck, NY)
- 1864 1<sup>st</sup> listing in NYC, #538 Broadway at same location as Stephen T. Gordon who dealt in music & pianos (dir)
- 1866 both at #706 Broadway; they manufacture all their RV brass (dir & catalog)
- 1867 Gordon & Slater, #706 Broadway & #41 Greene (dir)
- 1868 Gordon & Slater, mus inst, #706 Broadway (dir)
- 1869 Martin & Slater, #221 Greene St. (dir)
- 1871-72 Slater & Martin, #36 Cortlandt St. (2<sup>nd</sup> photo r.)
- 1873-74 Slater alone at #36 Cortlandt (dir)
- 1875-88 Moses Slater, mus inst, #42 Cortlandt St. (dir)
- 1889 Slater, mus inst, #56 Vessey & v-pres #41 Union Sq. W.
- 1890-99 Slater, mus inst, #56 Vessey (dir)
- 1899 Slater dies on October 11<sup>th</sup> of apoplexy at home, #145 East 55<sup>th</sup> St. (death cert.)
- 1900 Moses Slater (firm of), mus inst, #43 Murray (dir)
- 1901 Adeline Slater (widow of M), manager, #43 Murray (dir)
- 1902 M. Slater (estate of), mus inst, #43 Murray
- 1903-09 no company listed, just widow Adeline (dir)
- 1910-11 M. Slater, mus inst, #145 E. 55<sup>th</sup> (dir)
- 1912 M. Slater (Adeline), mus inst, #126 West 34<sup>th</sup> St. (dir)
- 1913 Slater's widow Adeline died at 84; she had been running the business since he died; a legal notice on July 15<sup>th</sup> says that Harry & William Fort now own the company and will continue under the M. Slater name at #126 West 34<sup>th</sup>
- 1920 William Fort (b.1875) is listed as seller of musical inst. (census); manager of M. Slater, a King distributor (*Music Trade Review*)
- 1922 ad shows them still at #126 West 34<sup>th</sup>
- 1923 The King-Slater Company is incorporated on December 15<sup>th</sup> and is listed as making orchestral instruments under the ownership of E.I. Unger and A.M. Hafner



1924 An article in *Music Trade Review* says that King-Slater was incorporated on Jan 1; William Fort pres, Phillip Nash vp, & Fred Gretsch sec/tres; dealer for King band instruments & Kruspe horns among others; #126 W. 34<sup>th</sup>

1924 An article says that a Mr. Slater is the president, #126 W. 34<sup>th</sup>

1925 December ad shows them at #126 W. 34<sup>th</sup> & #12 Union Square

1927 now at #12 Union Square only (ad); William Fort manager (*MTR*)

1928 ad says they now sell radios & pianos

1929 last ad found for King-Slater is from February

Photos from [Horn-u-copia.net](http://Horn-u-copia.net) & auction sales

Bass horn at right from c.1866 Gordon catalog

