

# Slovacek Music Co.

## Waco, Texas

- 1882 Alois M. Slovacek born in Moravia, Czechoslovakia on September 26<sup>th</sup> (death cert.)
- 1886 the Slovacek family emigrates to US (census)
- 1917 Alois Slovacek, director of Slovacek's Band & music teacher, #214-1/2 South 4<sup>th</sup> St., Waco; home #1810 South 7<sup>th</sup> St. (directory)
- 1917-1920 Alois is band director at Texas A&M (obit.); his grave stone is marked "Bandmaster T A&M 1918-1920"
- 1921 son Alois Jr is born to wife Bertha (census)
- 1927 Alois opens a music store in Waco (obit); Slovacek Music Co., #120 Franklin Ave., Everything Musical (advert.)
- 1940 Alois Jr enlists in the military; listed as musician & teacher
- 1942 Alois Sr is music store owner, #320 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Waco (photo 1) and living at #1103 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. (draft)
- 1949 music store at #610 Franklin Ave., Waco (advert.)
- 1953 Slovacek Music Co., #610 Franklin Ave. (advert.)
- 1954 Alois Jr. returns to Waco after several years in the Army directing bands and partners with his father at the music store. (news article)
- 1968 Alois Sr. dies on November 6<sup>th</sup>; living at #2120 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.; his obituary says he was a collector of valuable violins and other rare musical instruments that he used to display at his store at #610 Franklin Ave. He was also an inventor of small appliances and pieces for musical instruments. He organized music stores in Bryan and Temple and directed many bands in the Waco area including the Cotton Palace Band, Salvation Army Band, Waco State Home Band, Waco City Band and the West Jr & Sr High School Bands.

Alois Jr was then in Los Angeles

One example of his trumpet mouthpiece is labeled, "Alois Slovacek / Waco Texas / Dasant Brillant" (photos 2-4)

