

Thibouville Brass Instruments

There were a number of companies with the Thibouville name in France and this history covers those who made or sold brass instruments. Information is from the *New Langwill Index* unless noted otherwise.

1. Jerome Thibouville-Lamy

- 1839 company starts as Husson & Duchene, Paris
- 1848 company changes to Husson & Buthod
- 1857 Louis Martin Thibouville joins them to form Husson, Buthod & Thibouville, Paris
- 1861 H,B&T opens a factory at Grenelle, Paris for brass inst.
- 1865 located at rue Reaumur 42 bis, Paris
- 1866 Louis Emile Jerome Thibouville (son of Louis Martin) registers his trademark lyre & JTL logo (top photo)
- 1867 Jerome advertises factory at Grenelle for brass, strings and organs, at Mirecourt for strings, and at La Couture for woodwinds
- 1874 Jerome awarded French patent #104550 for brass instrument key
- 1875 now at rue Reaumur 68 & 70
- 1878 employs workforce of 420 at four factories
- 1880 opens branch in London at #10 Charterhouse St
- 1885 employs workforce of 1,000
- 1886 ad says steam factories at Paris, Grenelle, Mirecourt & LaCouture
- 1888 registers trademark lyre with bird in horn (4th photo)
- 1889 son Louis Jerome Emile Thibouville partners with Alexandre Acoulon
- 1889 opens agency in New York City, #106 Mercer St.
- 1896-1908 Acoulon is proprietor
- 1897 NY office now at #35 Great Jones St. (directory)
- 1899 NY office with Leon Duchatellier, agent; #7 & #10 Charterhouse, London (directory)
- 1900 now located at 68 & 68bis rue Reaumur, Paris; incorporate in December in NY as Jerome Thibouville-Lamy & Co with Leopold Thibouville, Alfred Alcoulon & Emile Beranger



- 1905 now at 68bis & 72 rue Reaumur, Paris; a C trumpet is developed in collaboration with Merri Franquin of the Paris Conservatoire (Shamu)
- 1909 listing gone from NYC (directory)
- 1912 Franquin helps develop the 4-valve C/D trumpet patented in 1913 (Shamu)
- 1926 employed 1,000 workers at Grenelle, La Couture, Mirecourt (top photo), Poussey & Chateau Thierry
- 1928 Couesnon replaces T-L in supplying brass for the Paris Conservatoire (*Zig Kanstul*, Olsen)
- 1932 now just listed at 68bis rue Reaumur, Paris
- 1951 still at same address
- 1969 the company closes (Olsen)

For catalogs see www.luthiers-mirecourt.com/documentation.htm#Documentation

2. Martin Thibouville Aine

- 1820 Martin Thibouville (1793-1873) establishes a musical instrument factory in La Couture-Boussey, France, east of Paris
- 1823 son Nicolas Eugene Thibouville born
- 1848 a second location is now at 67 rue des Vieux Augustus, Paris and working with two sons Martin & Eugene
- 1855 Martin & son Martin split with Eugene and move to 69 rue des Vieux Augustus; flutes & clarinets
- 1875 Martin Thibouville et Cie. located at La Courture
- 1878 still at the 69 Augustus address, Martin Sr dies in May and the company becomes M. Thibouville Fils
- 1889 now at 91 rue de Turenne, Paris (2nd photo, probably sax)

2a. Eugene Thibouville

- 1855 starts his own shop at 67 rue des Vieux Augustus, Paris then later moves to Ivry-la-Bataille (near La Couture)
- 1858 partners with Noblet (another source says 1862) (3rd & 4th photos)
- 1874 Noblet & Thibouville no longer together
- 1875 listed as Eugene Thibouville, Ivry-la-Bataille
- 1887 Eugene has a contract with Hubart & Persin of Paris to supply horns, cornets, trombones & violas



- 1889 two sons of Eugene, Adrien & Camille, establish and use the name “Eugene Thibouville a Ivry La Bataille”
- 1891 Eugene dies in December and the two sons continue under his name (bottom photo & first 3 photos next page)
- 1898 Adrien acquires two factories in Ivry-La-Bataille from M. Duval, a comb maker
- 1909 Camille leaves to form his own company but instruments are very rare; Adrien continues with his two sons Eugene (1884-1915) and George (1886-1957), operating the Portelle plant
- 1911 the Portelle plant is leased to Adrien’s sons under the name “Thibouville Brothers Ivry”
- 1915 brother Eugene dies in WWI at Souchez
- 1919 the factory at Moulin is sold
- 1923 Adrien dies
- 1940 the factory is closed following no activity during WWII
- 1947 George Thibouville joins Maurice Masson making woodwinds
- 1974 the company is sold to Couesnon

3. Thibouville-Creutzer

- 1890 Andre Thibouville, successor to Lefevre, 148 rue du Theatre Grenelle, Paris; woodwinds
- 1900 “Thibouville fils et Cie.”, successor to Bie & Noblet at La Couture and Lafevre of Paris
- 1902 Thibouville-Creutzer, 17 Rochechouart Boulevard, Paris
- 1903 T-C, 148 rue du Theatre Grenelle, Paris, run by Andre’s son Desire Etienne Thibouville
- 1905 now at 50 Temple
- 1909 Thibouville-Creutzer, successor, 50 rue du Faubourg-du-Temple, Paris; woodwinds & brass (4th photo)



c.1910 now in bankruptcy
 Lefevre, Paris cornet bottom right
 Photos from Horn-u-copia or internet auction sites.

