

Bohumir Kryl

Horace, Bohemia

- 1875 Bohumir Kryl is born on April 2nd in Horace, Bohemia (Trescott)
- 1885 began to study violin at age 10 (Trescott)
- 1886 runs away to the circus and starts to learn the cornet (Trescott)
- 1889 sails to America and works for his passage by playing violin and cornet with the ship's orchestra (Trescott)
- 1889 settles in Indianapolis and finds work as a sculptor (photo 2) which he had training in from his father (Trescott)
- 1891 Kryl moves to Chicago
- 1893 Kryl is naturalized (passport)
- 1894 Kryl visits Sousa's band when they perform in Indianapolis, manages to get a hearing then gets hired since he played better than any other cornetist (Trescott)
- 1896 marries Mary Jerabek (1875-1962, photo 4 from 1922) in Marion, Indiana
- 1899 Kryl switches from Sousa to T.P. Brook's Band (Trescott)
- 1900 start of recording with Edison (photo 3)
- 1901 soloist for Duss Band of NY (Trescott)
- 1902 soloist for Inne's Band (Trescott)
- 1904 with Inne's Band at St Louis Expo (*Music Trade Rev.*)
- 1905 daughter Silvia born in Chicago
- 1906 Kryl leaves Inne's Band to form his own which he keeps going for the next thirty years or more (Trescott)
- 1910 Chicago, #1900 South Spaulding Ave (census; below)



- 1920 same address (census); described as 5'-7" tall with brown hair (passport)
- 1924 Kryl is playing a Conn Victor cornet and says that he chose Conn at the start of his career and never switched; the current Victor is the best they have ever made (*Presto*); daughter Josephine marries Paul Taylor White of Boston
- 1929 Kryl is guest conductor for the Holton-Elkhorn Band (*MTR*)
- 1935 #3300 Sheridan Rd, Chicago, orchestra leader (census)
- 1961 Kryl dies on August 9th in Lake Placid, NY where he had a summer home, his Chicago address is #3300 Lake Shore Drive (obit; below)



The cornet in photo 1 looks like a Conn Perfected Wonder from around 1910. (1907 example below from VintageCornets.com / Nick Decarlis)

