

Willard Bryant Music House

Detroit

1862: Willard George Bryant is born in Logansport, IN On November 28. (passport application)

1896: Bryant is granted patent #556,579 for a music holder.

1900: Bryant is listed as making carriages in Detroit. (census)

1903: Bryant buys a half interest in the brass instrument business Newell, Millard & Thomas, of Grand Rapids, and the factory moves to Detroit. They start the "Rex" brand and are located at 218 Woodward Ave. The name changes to the Bryant-Newell Co. (*Detroit Tribune*, Feb.)

1907: Bryant is chairman of the Bryant-Newell Co, Ltd. (*Music Trade Review*) He and Newell Thomas are granted patent #839,547 for valve springs.

1910: Bryant is listed in the census as a musician and music store owner.

1917: The Willard Bryant Music House is at 218 Woodward Ave and part of the Cable Piano Co. (*MTR*)

1920: Bryant is listed in the census as a retail music shop owner.

1921: Bryant is living at 1420 Woodward Ave. (passport application; photo 1 at right)

1924: Bryant moves his store to the second floor at 1425 Broadway in Detroit. (*Music Trade Review*, July)

1925: Bryant is described as a doctor and professor of music and known for at least 25 years. (*MTR*)

1928: The Bryant Music House is a York dealer. (*MTR*)

1930: Bryant is retired and living in Miami, FL.

1940: Bryant is still living in Florida. (census)

