

Capitol Music Center

Montgomery, Alabama

- 1945 James Houston Darby (1929-2022) started selling pianos for Ryan Piano Co in Florence, AL (obit., photo 1).
- 1955 Darby opened Capitol Music Center in Montgomery, AL in August in the downtown area (obit., photo 2).
- 1970s Darby worked with Holton to produce the JH Darby trumpet made from the ML-1 and a mix of other Holton parts (Randy Johnson of Holton).
- 2018 Jim Darby retired at age 89 and closed the store (Trumpet Herald customer).
- 2022 Jim died on June 10 (obit.).



Examples found have a 522k to 584k serial number range.

This corresponds to c1973 to c1981 production dates.