

Oliver Ditson / John C. Haynes

Boston & New York

- 1811 Oliver Ditson is born in Boston on October 20 (obit.)
- 1835 Oliver Ditson (photo 1) establishes music store in Boston at #107 Washington St.; music publisher (dir)
- 1836 Parker & Ditson with Samuel H. Parker; #107 Wash. (dir)
- 1839 Parker & Ditson moves to #135 Washington St. (dir)
- 1842 Ditson buys out Parker (*MTR*, 1925)
- 1845 Ditson at #115 Washington (dir); John C. Haynes (photo 2) starts working for him at age 16
- 1857 Ditson builds new store at #227 Washington (*MTR*, 1925)
- 1858 Oliver Ditson & Co is formed with Haynes (*MTR*, 1925)
- 1860 Ditson establishes a branch store with John Church in Cincinnati (*MTR*, 1925)
- 1861 Ditson establishes the John C. Haynes Co. as a branch for instrument making by buying the business of Elias Howe at #33 Court St. (photos 3 & 4 marked Haynes)
- 1864 Lyon and Healy, two Ditson employees, start a branch store in Chicago
- 1867 son Charles H. Ditson (p.2, photo 1) opens branch in New York at #74 Broadway (directory)
- 1871 Cincinnati store sold to John Church (*MTR*, 1925)
- 1875 son James E. Ditson opens branch in Philadelphia; Boston store moves to #451 Washington; Frank & Edward Ditson are clerks
- 1876 Chas. H. Ditson & Co., #711 Broadway, NYC (dir)
- 1878 Chas. H. Ditson, #711 & 843 Broadway, NYC (dir)
- c. 1880 D.C. Hall makes cornet for Haynes (photo 3)
- 1881 Chas. H. Ditson & Co., #843 Broadway, NYC (dir)
- 1883 Haynes catalog shows brass instruments mainly by A. Hilleron of Paris and the best cornets by Hutchins
- 1887-1906 Chas. H. Ditson & Co., #867 Broadway, NYC (dir)
- 1888 Oliver Ditson dies in December; the company changes to Oliver Ditson Co. in 1889 with Haynes and Charles Ditson
- 1889 wholesale store added at #694-700 Washington (dir)
- 1891 store moves to #453-463 Washington St. (dir)



- 1892 Ditson is selling Hileron brass band instruments (*MTR*)
- 1894 “Bay State” tradename starts under Haynes Co. (photo 2); Chas. H. Ditson incorporates in NY with John Haynes pres & Chas. Ditson sec & treas (ad); piccolo & flute production starts at Haynes (*MTR*) (photo 2 Bay State baritone)



- 1898 #33 Court St. store is demolished; Haynes buys property at Winchester & Ferdinand Streets for erecting a building for Oliver Ditson Co. (*MTR*)
- 1899 Haynes & Co have a new Bay State band department selling high grade instruments; they also sell A. Hileron (medium grade) and Special Grade (lower) models (*MTR*)
- 1901 store moves to #451 Washington (dir)
- 1903 Haynes is making guitars, mandolins, banjos, zithers, and flutes (advertising)
- 1904 store moves to #150 Tremont St.; Haynes Co. merges with Ditson Co. on January 1st with the store move; Charles Bobzin, involved with Lyon & Healy since a young age, will be in charge of the new store; the L&H line will replace some Bay State models (*MTR*)
- 1907 Haynes dies on May 3rd, age 68, leaving Charles as president; Chas. H. Ditson & Co. moves to #10 E. 34th St. in NYC (dir)
- 1908 Ditson is selling York band instruments as well as their own New Century, Hileron & Bay State models; they also sell French horns and trumpets made by August Bopp of Munich, Germany (*MTR*)
- 1910 Philadelphia store closes; NY store moves to #8 E. 34th (dir)
- 1917 Boston store moves to #178 Tremont St. (dir)
- c. 1920 brass inst. labeled “Victory” made in Austria or Czech.
- c. 1930 brass “Bostonian” models possible US made Pan-American stencil
- 1931 Ditson publishing is bought by Theodore Presser; instrument business stays at Tremont as Ditson Distributors, Inc.; retail stores closed (*MTR*)



Photos: 3 = New Century cornet c.1900 with hand engraved logo (B&F made); 4 = cornet w/Bb/A valve; 5 = New Century cornet with later logo style (probably B&F model 7)

Photos: 1 = New Century Eb cornet; 2 = New Century marked "Austria" so B&F; 3 = New Century; 4 = bell engraving from New Century cornet; 5 = Bay State Professional cornet bell engraving; 6 = Victory trumpet

New Century with "5" on center valve so likely B&F made



New Century with "6" on center valve so B&F made



Victory cornet so post WWI?



Trumpet by Bopp on Munich



Photos: 1 & 2 = Bopp French horn mentioned in 1908; 3 = bell detail from cornet on page 1, photo 4

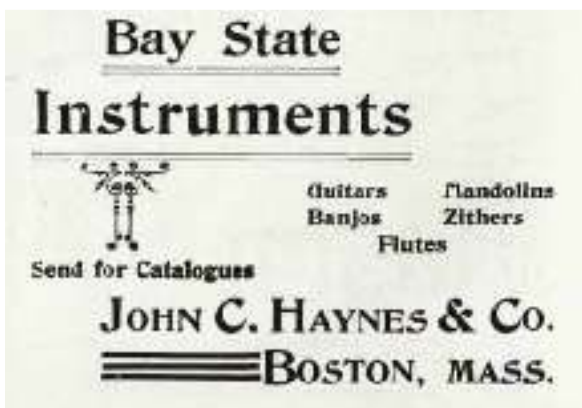
1892 Haynes ad



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GUITARS,
MANDOLINS,
BANJOS, ZITHERS,
AND DRUMS.
We make a variety from the
CHEAPEST to the MOST ELEGANT
and BEAUTIFUL instruments.
Every Instrument fully
Warranted.
OUR LATEST AND BEST
THE LEWIS BANJO.
Endorsed by the BEST Players.
Send for Catalogue and
mention the Instruments you
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JOHN C. HAYNES & CO.
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A HILFORD BAND INSTRUMENT

1899 Haynes ad



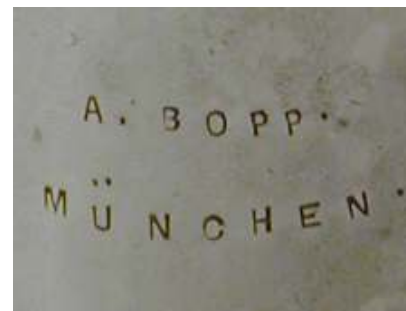
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Guitars Mandolins
Banjos Zithers
Flutes

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Haynes in 1898



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