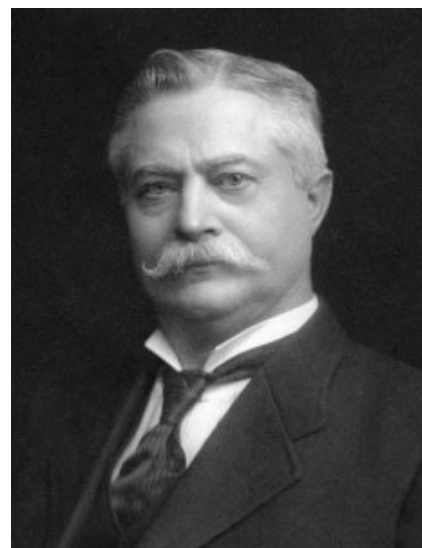


Carl Fischer, Inc.

New York, NY

- 1864 Carl (Charles) Fischer (1849-1923) moves to Markneukirchen and starts learning the instrument making trade (*Music Trade Review*, 1922)
- 1867 Carl meets Henry Distin at the Paris Exposition then later becomes his manager at the Aldershot branch (*MTR*)
- 1872 Carl emigrates from Germany to NY (*MTR*, 1922)
- 1874 Charles Fischer, music, h.#24 1st, NYC (directory)
- 1875-77 Charles Fischer, mus inst, h.#79 E. 4th (dir)
- 1878 Carl Fischer, music, #386 Broadway (dir)
- 1879-80 Carl Fischer, music, #26 4th Ave. (dir)
- 1880 now at #26 4th Ave., music publisher (directory); living with father-in-law Gotthard Strich, musician (census)
- 1881-1901 Carl Fischer, music, #6 4th Ave. (dir.)
- 1886 ad says, "sole agent for F. Besson & Co's Prototype Band Instruments" (Besson trumpet photo 3), #6 4th Ave.
- 1900 sons Carl Jr (1880-1912) & Walter (1882-1946) are both working as clerks (census)
- 1902 moves to #48 Cooper Square W. (dir)
- 1909 son George W. Fischer (b.1885) dies; he is listed as a music publisher on the death certificate
- 1910 Carl Jr. is a manager for Carl Fischer (census); #6 4th Ave.; Fischer buys Coleman business in Philadelphia at #228 N. 9th about this time and begins selling Missenharter instruments
- 1912 Walter becomes a full partner in the business
- 1918 now at #46-54 Cooper Sq. (draft); Fischer ad still shows him at #228 N. 9th in Philadelphia but gone by 1919
- 1920 Walter Fischer Jr. (1906-1932) becomes a partner
- 1923 Carl dies and the business is incorporated as Carl Fischer, Inc. with Walter S. Fischer president; they have a new store at #56-62 Cooper Sq. (photo 3, page 2)
- 1925 Fischer is selling Missenharter & Besson cornets (ad)
- 1939 Walter's son-in-law Frank Hayden Connor (1902-1977) becomes his assistant (married to Phoebe b.1911)



- 1940 Fischer buys York & Son band inst. in Grand Rapids, MI; sold through C. Fischer Musical Inst. Co., #105-107 E. 16th
- 1946 at Walter's death, Frank H. Connor becomes president
- 1947 Connor adds retail store at #165 W. 57th St.
- 1959 #165 W. 57th St. store closes
- 1970 York sold to Tolchin Musical Instruments, Melville, NY
- 1977 Frank's son Walter Fischer Connor (1938-1996) becomes president; Frank Jr. is manager
- 1996 Walter's son F. Hayden Connor becomes president
- 1998 Fischer is sold to Boosey & Hawkes
- 1999 Hayden Connor buys Fischer in February
- 1999 Cooper Sq. & Chicago stores close; Sandy Feldstein is president

Photos 2 & 3 page 1 and below – author's collection; others from Horn-u-copia.net

