

Fitzall Mouthpiece Mfg. Co.

Grand Rapids, MI

- 1902 William W. Fitzsimmons (1881-?), manager, Furniture City Plating Co., Grand Rapids, MI; brother George C. Fitzsimmons Jr (1883-?), bell maker, JW York & Sons (city directory)
- 1911 Wm W. Fitzsimmons, foreman, JW York & Sons (dir)
- 1916 Wm W. Fitzsimmons, foreman, JW York & Sons (dir)
- 1918 Wm Warren Fitzsimmons, electro-plater for National Brass; Geo. C. F., bookkeeper for Metal Part Mfg Co. (draft)
- 1920 Wm Fitzsimmons, foreman, National Brass Co. (dir); Sidney Smith (1896-?), restaurant worker, W. Virginia (census)
- 1922 Wm Fitzsimmons, electro-plater; Sidney S. Smith, no occupation (dir)
- 1923 Sidney S. Smith files for a patent on a mouthpiece with an adjustable rim (photo 1)
- 1925 Smith granted patent #1,556,729 for mouthpiece in Oct.
- 1930 Sidney Smith, musical instrument manuf., #53 Ransom (census)
- 1939 Booklet from "Fitzall Mouthpiece Manufacturing Co." with claim, "add 3 to 7 higher notes with Fitzall, the tilting rim mouthpiece that adjusts itself to the individual mouth." (Library of Michigan holdings)
- 1940 Wm. Fitzsimmons, electro-plater for brass co.; Sidney Smith, mechanic in manuf. plant; Grand Rapids (census)
- 1942 Sidney Stuart Smith, Pearson & Buttrick Die Mfrs., #1305 Phillip Ave SW, Grand Rapids (draft)
- 19?? One mouthpiece owner says he worked with Jim Fitzsimmons, a former York employee, who went bankrupt making the mouthpieces and later worked at Bill Johnson's Musical Exchange (HUC).

The only James Fitzsimmons found in the GR directory spent his life as a spring maker for a mattress company and never worked for York so perhaps William used "Jim" as a nickname. Mouthpieces are marked with "S S Smith Co." which likely went bankrupt in the Depression.

Fitzsimmons is spelled with either one or two "m"s so I have left the spelling as shown in the reference.

