

# John Howard Foote

## New York & Chicago

- 1833 John is born in Canton, CT (census)
- 1850 John is living in Bristol, CT (census)
- 1857 John starts with Rohe & Leavitt, #31 Maiden Ln., NYC (his obit. says 1853 but I didn't find him in the directories)
- 1863 John buys out R&L, #31 Maiden Ln. (directory)
- 1864 now Stratton & Foote, #31 Maiden Ln and factory #105-107 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., importers & manuf. of mus inst, with J. F. Stratton (dir)
- 1865 Foote alone, #31 Maiden Ln. & #105 E. 22<sup>nd</sup>, import (dir)
- 1868 opens Chicago store, #49 Dearborn St. (dir)
- 1874 Chicago store now at #154-156 S. Clark St. (dir)
- 1880 Chicago store now at #188 State St. (dir)
- 1881 Foote is the sole US agent for Courtois cornets
- 1884 Chicago store now at #307 Wabash Ave. (dir)
- 1888 article says that the NY store covers six floors and is the oldest and largest store in the country; they sell brass instruments, violins, flutes, cellos, guitars & banjos; they are the sole US supplier for Courtois and the sole maker for the "Challenge" and J. Howard Foote "Superior" brands of light piston band instruments; also sole maker of "Favorite" & "Bini" patent guitars; #31-33 Maiden Lane
- 1892 Howard W. Foote is manager of the Chicago store (dir)
- 1895 the Chicago store is sold to Howard, who has been in charge for the last 8 years (*Music Trade Review*)
- 1896 John dies May 17<sup>th</sup> ; Chicago store incorporates as Howard W. Foote & Co., 307-309 Wabash Ave. with Howard pres.
- 1897 incorporated April 17<sup>th</sup> as J. Howard Foote, Inc., #31 Cortlandt, George Mason pres, Tillie & Bessie Foote dir.
- 1902 J. Howard Foote, Inc., mus inst, #31 Cortlandt (dir)
- 1903 Foote moves to #28 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> (*MTR*)
- 1904 the J. Howard Foote company, #28 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> , has gone into voluntary liquidation and the business will be closed (July)
- 1905 last listing in NY for Foote, #28 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> (dir)
- 1910 the Howard W. Foote company is not listed in Chicago
- Photo 2 NMM; #4 Horncollector.com; #5 author's collection

