

William Frank Co. Surviving Brass Instruments

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
	1909	start of William Frank Co. in Chicago, #542 S. Dearborn St		
1		Bugle		1 valve
34		Bugle		1 valve
720	1912	Cornet		
878	1913	Trumpet	Excelsior	matches 1916 ad
922	1913	Mellophone	Excelsior	
1154	1913	Trombone		Chicago
1272	1914	Trumpet		double TS brace; "JC Andrae II 1951" added later
	1915	Frank incorporated the National Band Inst. Co in July; name changed to Wm. Frank Co. in Dec.		
1468	1915	Baritone	Excelsior	
1567	1915	Trumpet	Bb/A	3 rd slide ring
1672	1916	Trumpet	The Classic	
1822	1917	Flugel	Excelsior	Bb
2010	1918	Trombone	Excelsior	Chicago
2322	1918	Trumpet	Excelsior	Chicago
2366	1918	Trumpet	Excelsior	
	1919	The army orders a large number of G bugles		
2438	1919	Trumpet	Intruscala	
2500	1919	Trumpet	American Prep	
2520	1919	Tuba	Eb	
2560	1919	Trumpet	Excelsior	Bb/A

2684	1919	Trombone	Tenor	HP/LP
2815	1920	Trumpet	Classic	1 st slide ring
2849	1920	Trumpet	Utona Deluxe	
2942	1920	Sousaphone	Excelsior	
3273	1920	Cornet	Artist Paramount	
3345	1920	Trumpet	New Era	
3511	1921	Trumpet		
3588	1921	Trumpet	Classic	
3692	1921	Trumpet	Excelsior	
3972	1921	Trumpet		Chicago
4101	1921	Trombone	American Prep	
4138	1921	Cornet	Bel Canto	Chicago
4145	1921	Cornet	Excelsior	Z lead pipe
4291	1921	Trumpet		
4359	1922	Cornet		Bb/A loop past valves
4521	1922	Trumpet	Classic	
4537	1922	Trumpet	Paramount	
4672	1922	Trumpet	Paramount	
4811	1922	Trumpet		
4840	1922	Trombone	Tempertone	
4875	1922	Trumpet	Intruscala	
4880	1922	Cornet		double loop in bell
4941	1922	Sousaphone		Eb; bell up "raincatcher"

1923 Frank had a large growth in sales for the year

5125	1923	Cornet	American Prep	
5141		Trumpet	Paramount	
5148		Trombone	Paramount	
5173		Cornet	New Era	16" long; American Prep design
5183		Cornet		
5281	?	Cornet	American Prep	
5312		Trumpet	Intruscala	
5371		Trombone	Excelsior	
5403		Cornet	Intruscala	
5467	?	Trombone	American Prep Jr	
5472		Trombone	New Era	
5501		Trumpet	Bel Canto	
5675		Mellophone	Paramount Artist Eb	
5677		Trumpet	The Classic	
5720		Trumpet	The Classic	for Dorn & Kirshner, Newark, NJ
5762		Trumpet	New Era	
5798		Cornet	Intruscala	
5874		Trumpet	Intruscala	
5893		Trumpet	Intruscala	[T Meade]
6066	1924	Trumpet	Excelsior	
6110	?	Trombone	American Prep	
6187		Trumpet	New Era	
6285		Cornet	American Prep	
6382		Trumpet	The Classic	

6466		Trombone	Tempertone	Chicago; octagon counter-weight
6531		Cornet	New Era	
6540		Trumpet	Tempertone	
6594		Cornet	Paramount Artist Bb	
7329	1925	Trumpet	Paramount	
7557	1926	Baritone	Classic	11" bell
7709		Trumpet		
7718		Trumpet	Paramount	
7880		Trumpet		
7953		Alto	Excelsior	Eb; 19.5" bell
8080	1927	Trumpet	Excelsior	satin silver finish [ebay]
8149		Cornet	Custom Made	
8343		Trumpet	Excelsior	
8495		Sousaphone	Classic	Eb
8525		Cornet	Tempertone	
8989	1928	Cornet	Tempertone	
9235		Trumpet	Paramount	
9298	1928	Trumpet	American Standard	[Raftery]
9355		Trumpet	American Prep	4.5" bell
9646	1929	Trumpet	Classic	
9659		Trumpet	Paramount	[saved photos]
9706		Trumpet	Classic	
9976	?	Trumpet	American Prep	

1930 Frank is selling the Classic, Excelsior, and Student models of band instruments

1930 a new Flugel horn is introduced

10016	1930	Trumpet	Frank	
10046		Trumpet	no mark	pinky hook looks like Pedler
10046	1930	Cornet	The National	bell exits third valve with extra turn [HUC]
10073		Trombone	National	
10111		Trumpet	Bb/A	0.460" bore; 4.425" bell
10144		Cornet	Frank	
10234		Trumpet	Classic	[T Meade]
10895		Cornet		
10949		Trumpet		bottom 3 rd ring
11004		Trumpet	Artist	
11100		Trumpet	Biltmore	0.438" bore
11181		Cornet		
11195		Trumpet		
11320		Cornet	Artist	
11333		Trumpet	Artist	0.460" bore [ebay]
11362		Trumpet		
11382		Trumpet	Artist	
11466	1935	Cornet		
11518		Trumpet		
11527		Trumpet		
11879		Cornet		3 rd slide ring; TS in rear
11892		Trumpet	Artist	lake scene in engraving
11900		Trumpet	Artist	

12xxx	1940	Trumpet	Artist	
12037		Cornet	Artist	lake scene on bell
12223		Trumpet		
12307	1943	Trumpet		Chicago
	1945	Frank moves to new Barrington plant		
12402	1945	Cornet		Barrington
12415		Trumpet	Artist	
12573		Euphonium		3 vlv
12601		Trumpet	Frank	
12625		Trumpet	Frank	Chicago (made earlier than the cornet?)
12633		Trumpet	?	
12726		Trumpet		appears to be Pedler valves & pinky ring
12876	1946	Trumpet		
12955	1947	Trumpet		Chicago
13064		Trumpet		
13263	1948	Trumpet		
13347		Cornet	Bb	TS in rear; Barrington
13539	1949	Cornet	Bb	tuning slide in rear
13658		Trumpet		
13731		Trumpet		
13900	1950	Trumpet	Classic	0.465" bore, Chicago
	1951	sold Classic (\$104.20), Standard (\$83.30), and American Prep (\$58.50) trumpets		
14416	1953	Trumpet		
14437		Trumpet	Classic	

14456		Trumpet	Classic	
14713	1954	Trumpet		
14788		Cornet	Frank	Chicago
14872		Cornet	Frank	
14901	1955	Trumpet		
14909		Cornet	Frank	
14930		Trumpet		Barrington
14948		Cornet		Barrington
14990		Cornet		Barrington
15012	1956	Trumpet		
15034		Trumpet	Classic	horse shoe 3 rd slide ring [ebay]
15086		Trumpet		
15160		Trumpet	Classic	0.462"; 4-9/16" bell; 19" long; Barrington [Patton]
15600		Trumpet	Classic	Barrington
17xxx		Trombone	American Prep	Barrington

1956 Frank closes

1934 start of American Prep line of student grade instruments with 100K range serial numbers

90208		Trumpet	American Prep	
100222	1934	Trumpet	American Prep	Chicago
100999	1935	Cornet	Am Prep	
101564	1937	Trumpet	Am Prep	[T Meade]
101680	1937	Trumpet	Am Prep	
101746	1937	Trumpet	Am Prep	Chicago
101749		Trumpet	Am Prep	

102275	1938	Trumpet	Am Prep	
102279		Trumpet	Am Prep	Chicago
102661	1939	Cornet	Am Prep	
102712		Cornet	Am Prep	Chicago
102715		Trumpet	Am Prep	
103016	1940	Trumpet	Am Prep	
103289		Cornet	Am Prep	
103556	1941	Trumpet	Am Prep	
103715		Cornet	Am Prep	Chicago
103736		Cornet	Am Prep	Chicago
103927	1942	Trumpet	Am Prep	Chicago
	1945	Frank moves to new Barrington plant		
104069	1945	Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
106000	1947	Trumpet	Am Prep	
106020		Cornet	Am Prep	Chicago
106586	1948	Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
107066		Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
107142		Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
107375	1949	Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
107460		Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
107480		Trumpet	Am Prep	
108226		Cornet	Am Prep	[T Meade]
108291	1950	Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
108956	1951	Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington

109483		Trumpet	Am Prep	Barrington
110253	1952	Cornet	Am Prep	
110418		Trumpet	Am Prep	[T Meade]
110951	1953	Trumpet	Am Prep	
111000		Trumpet	Biltmore	
111584	1954	Cornet	Biltmore	
111842	1954	Cornet	Biltmore	Barrington
111881		Cornet	Biltmore	Barrington
111918		Cornet	Biltmore	Barrington
112150	1955	Trumpet	Biltmore	0.462" bore; 4-9/16" bell; Barrington [Patton]
176725	1956	Cornet	Biltmore	an unlikely jump in serial number

1956 The company is dissolved and equipment sold to Schilke.

208956		Trumpet	Am Prep	
348766		Trumpet	Biltmore	USA

Utona models: registered by Frank in 1931 and first used in 1928

28639	1922	Cornet	Utona	"Utona Student Model Chicago"; Pan Am stencil
70497	1928	Trumpet	Utona	Pan American stencil