

Grossman Music Corp.

Cleveland, Ohio

Grossman sold band instruments at various times under the names Champion, Hamilton, and Lavelle. This is an attempt to sort out where these came from.

- 1922 Henry (photo 1) & Julius Grossman founded Grossman Brothers Music Company in Cleveland on West 2nd St (grotro.com).
- 1923 Grossman moved to West 6th St (grotro.com).
- 1925 Grossman moved to Bolivar St (grotro.com).
- 1935 The "Champion" name was first used then later registered as a Trademark in 1943.
- 1949 Grossman acquired Trophy Plastics (grotro.com).
- 1952 Grossman acquired A. D. Grover & Son (grotro.com).
- 1953 Grossman catalog was selling Hamilton Supreme instruments.
- 1955 Grossman moved to 1278 West 9th St (grotro.com).
- 1968 Grossman Music Corp catalog offered Lavelle band instruments made in Europe.

Champion Band Instruments: (Horn-u-copia.net)

"Special" model cornet (photo 3) is a Bohland & Fuchs copy of a York Perfec-Tone and dates to the 1920s.

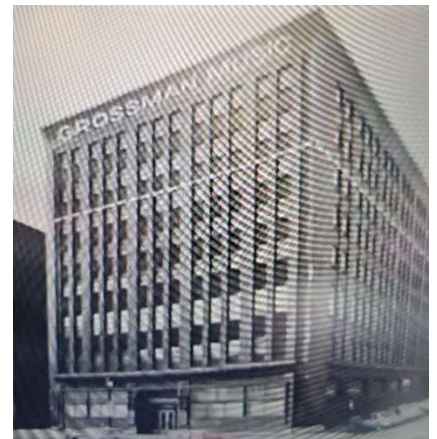
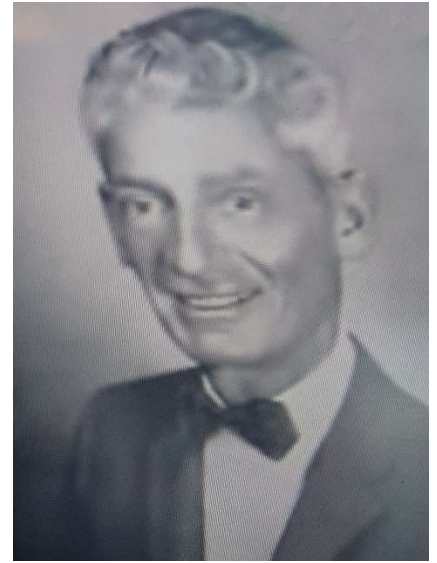
Champion #53408 (Pedler Amer. Triumph stencil c.1947 below)



Champion trumpet #72678 (Pedler AT stencil c.1951, photo 4)

Champion cornet #104795 (Pedler stencil c.1957, photo 5)

The Champion name was registered by Grossman in 1943 with first use given as 1935.



Hamilton Band Instruments:

Cornet #4636 (below) is a William Frank American Prep stencil made in Chicago c.1934.



Trumpet #20409 is marked “Keilwerth Made in Germany” (Tony Scodwell).

Trumpet #22318 (photo 1, Horn-u-copia.net) is marked “Made by Keilwerth, Germany” and is said to have been purchased from Grossman in the early 1960s.

Hamilton Supreme cornet #59300 is said to be a Blessing Artist stencil c.1952 (photo 2). This also has a mouthpiece marked “Hamilton”.

1953 Grossman catalog Hamilton brass made by Blessing.



Trumpet #76983 from c.1956 (photo 3, Horn-u-copia.net)

Trumpet #142755 appears to be an earlier design (photo 4).

Cornet #160771 is said to be a Blessing stencil.



Hamilton mouthpiece

Lavelle Band Instruments:

The 1969 Grossman catalog had only Lavelle brass for sale and were said to be made by a European maker.

Trumpet #491 is marked "Italy" (photo 1).

Cornet #3960 is also marked "Italy" (photo 2).

1968 Catalog pages



Lavelle **LAVELLE BAND INSTRUMENTS**
 Manufactured by one of Europe's Most Reputable Instrument Builders. Each instrument Beautifully Engraved on Bell. Equipped with Lyre and Mouthpiece.

LAVELLE TRUMPET
 Standard model, in B \flat with quick change to A. Sturdy construction, easy blowing. Brass lacquered. Fast-action valves with four finger buttons.
 No. 1095—Complete Trumpet Outfit in compact Gladstone model, hard shell, plush-lined case \$92.50

No. 1060—Trumpet alone \$79.50
 No. 1202—Case alone 15.00

De Luxe Model Trumpet
 A superior, wide model trumpet for the advanced player, in B \flat with quick change to A. Deluxe construction, trim for enhanced beauty and maintenance. Carefully fitted, fast-action valves. Splendid tone quality.
 No. 1091—Complete Trumpet Outfit in compact Gladstone model, hard shell, plush-lined case \$105.00

No. 1055—Trumpet alone \$92.50
 No. 1202—Case alone 15.00

LAVELLE CORNET
 Regulation model cornet, sturdily built in B \flat with quick change to A. Brass, lacquered. Easy blowing. Fast-action valves. Four finger buttons. Beautifully engraved. A most desirable student horn.
 No. 1096—Complete Cornet Outfit in compact Gladstone model, hard shell, plush-lined case \$95.00

No. 1061—Cornet alone \$85.00
 No. 1213—Case alone 15.00

LAVELLE TROMBONE
 Improved American model, sturdily built and reinforced. Brass, lacquered. Carefully balanced. Smooth-working, tickled slides with positive slide lock. Delightfully easy to blow. Artistically engraved. With lyre and mouthpiece.
 No. 1097—Complete Trombone Outfit in tapered hard shell, plush-lined case \$125.00

No. 1063—Trombone alone \$92.50
 No. 1226—Case alone 33.00

LAVELLE
 Manufactured by one of Europe's Most Reputable Instrument Builders. Each instrument Beautifully Engraved on Bell. Equipped with Lyre and Mouthpiece.

LAVELLE MELLOPHONE
 Built in F, with extra crook for B \flat . Reinforced, rotary, stainless-steel valves. Has 12-inch bell.
 No. 1067—Brass, lacquered \$160.00
 No. 1071—Hard Shell, Plush Case \$185.00

LAVELLE BELL FRONT ALTO
 Built in E \flat , with adjustable and interchangeable valves. Has 12-inch bell.
 No. 1065—Brass, lacquered \$185.00
 No. 1072—Hard Shell, Plush Case \$210.00

LAVELLE UPRIGHT
 Built in B \flat , with adjustable and interchangeable valves. Has 12-inch bell.
 No. 1064—Brass, lacquered \$160.00
 No. 1070—Hard Shell, Plush Case \$185.00

LAVELLE SINGLE FRENCH HORNS
 Built in F, with extra crook for B \flat . Reinforced, rotary, stainless-steel valves. Has 12-inch bell. A quality horn.
 No. 1068—Brass, lacquered \$195.00

LAVELLE DOUBLE FRENCH HORNS
 Built in F and B \flat , with rotary stainless-steel valves. Has 12-inch bell. A quality horn.
 No. 1069—Brass, lacquered \$240.00

FRENCH HORN CASES
 No. 1201—Hard Shell, Plush Case \$35.00
 No. 1203—Hard Shell, Plush Case \$35.00

LAVELLE BAND INSTRUMENTS
 Manufactured by one of Europe's Most Reputable Instrument Builders. Each instrument Beautifully Engraved on Bell. Equipped with Lyre and Mouthpiece.

LAVELLE EUPHONIA
 This Euphonia provides a perfect background for other instruments. Especially suitable for school bands, marching organizations. Sturdily built, embodying many features found only in more costly horns. Has adjustable and interchangeable valves. Has 12-inch bell. Stands 33 inches high and weighs only 28 pounds.
 No. 1073—Brass, lacquered \$495.00

LAVELLE EUPHONIA
 This Euphonia provides a perfect background for other instruments. Especially suitable for school bands, marching organizations. Sturdily built, embodying many features found only in more costly horns. Has adjustable and interchangeable valves. Has 12-inch bell. Stands 33 inches high and weighs only 28 pounds.
 No. 1074—Brass, lacquered \$575.00