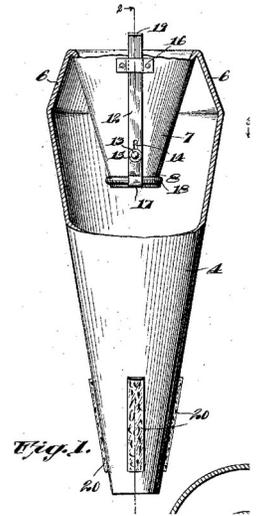
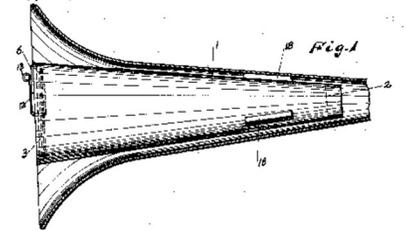
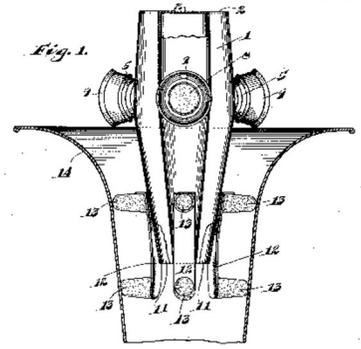


# Humes & Berg Mfg. Co.

## Chicago

- 1900 Guy B. Humes (1880-?), jeweler, Albany, WI (census).
- 1910 Humes, music teacher, Chicago (census).
- 1918 Humes, union musician, Chicago (draft).
- 1920 Humes granted patent #1,350,409 for triangular mute (photo 1).
- 1921 Humes granted patent #1,387,490 for variable tone mute (photo 2).
- 1922 Humes granted patents #1,409,180 for tone key on reed instrument & #1,409,860 for Jazz mute (photo 3).
- 1923 Humes granted patent #1,446,623 for sax reed clamp. Home is at #4839 Prarie Ave (census).
- 1925 Humes granted patent #1,553,081 for reed clamp.
- 1930 Humes, musician for Baly Room orchestra, Chicago (census). He is living at #5317 S. Morgan St, which is the same address given on a Humes & Maupin cup mute (photo 4 & bottom center) for the Guy B. Humes Co. His partner was probably Rex Maupin (b.1896), a musician and radio station music director.
- 1935 Willie Berg (1915-1996) is working as a clarinet & sax player in Chicago and starts selling musical accessories (H&B history).
- 1938 Humes granted patent #2,108,769 for straight and cup mutes with a tremolo effect; assigned 1/2 to Berg (this is the first evidence I could find for a partnership).
- Humes & Berg Manufacturing Co is incorporated on February 15 by Willie Berg ([opencorporates.com](http://opencorporates.com)).
- 1940 Berg, musical instrument salesman, #7033 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago; living with wife Faye (census).
- c.1940 Willie & Faye are making mutes in their apartment (H&B)
- 1948 H&B moves small factory to present location at #4801 Railroad Ave., East Chicago (H&B).
- 1950 Willie Berg, manuf. of musical access., #9223 Clyde (census).
- 1962 H&B factory burns to the ground then rebuilt with son Irwin (b.1941).
- 1992 Irwin Berg's son Mike starts at H&B (H&B).



2003 Humes & Berg International Ltd is established on February 18; 37 Warren St, London (opencorporates.com).

2005 Humes & Berg Mfg Co is incorporated on June 15 by Charles R. Levun (opencorporates.com).

2009 The London H&B is dissolved.

### Factory Sites:

**#7033 S. Wabash, Chicago:** The first mutes were made in the Berg's apartment in 1938 (photo 1).

**#4801 Railroad Ave, East Chicago:** They moved here in 1948 and rebuilt it after a fire in 1962. This is still their location in 2023 (below).

