

Huster Band Instrument Repair

Union, Michigan

- 1880 The Huster family emigrated from Markneukirchen, Germany to New York City (ship record & census records).
- 1900 Ernest Ulrich Huster (1847-1928) was a musical instrument maker in Chicago. His sons William E. Huster (1878-1931) and Phillip U. Huster (1880-1953)(photo 1) were also instrument makers (census).
- 1909 Son Max B. Huster (1887-1978) was working in Chicago as a musical instrument repairman (marriage record).
- 1910 Ernest, William, Phillip, and Max were all musical instrument makers in Chicago (census).
- 1915 Wilbur C. Huster (1915-1995) was born to Phillip in Chicago (birth record).
- 1917 Max Huster was working for Frank Holton in Chicago as an instrument maker (WWI record).
- 1918 Phillip Huster was working for Holton in Elkhorn (WWI record). William was working for William Frank in Chicago (WWI record).
- 1920 Ernest, William, and Phillip were musical instrument makers in Chicago. Max was a horn assembler in Elkhart (census).
- c1921 Phillip moved to Elkhart (birth records).
- 1930 Phillip was a horn maker in Elkhart and Max a band factory foreman in Elkhorn for Holton (census).
- 1940 Phillip was a mounter in Elkhart and son Wilbur was working as a machinist for Northern Indiana Brass in Elkhart. Max was a clarinet assembler in Elkhart (census & WWII draft records).
- 1942-44 Wilbur served in the US Navy as a machinist's mate on the USS Springfield (*South Bend Tribune*, 1995 obituary).
- 1944 Wilbur started with Conn in Elkhart and moved to Union, MI (obit.).
- 1946 Phillip was working for Conn (marriage record).
- 1950 Phillip was retired, Wilbur was a valve maker, and Max was not working (Elkhart census).
- 1953 Phillip died in Elkhart.
- 1972 Wilbur retired from Conn and started Huster Band Instrument Repair in Union, Michigan (obit.).

The French horn at right is marked "Huster / Union MI" and was said to be made by Conn (auction photo).

