

Anton Konrad Hüttl

Graslitz – Williamstown - Baiersdorf

- 1877 Huttl founded by Anton K. Huttl (1826-1901), son A.K. Jr (1852-1920) and later grandson A.R. Huttl (1889-1971) in Graslitz, Austria (later Kraslice, Czechoslovakia)
- 1878 won award in Paris
- 1880 won award in Melbourne
- 1901 won award in Copenhagen
- 1903 made brass for the military
- 1910 won award in Buenos Aires
- 1913 advertised as the largest factory in Austria-Hungary
- 1921 awarded patents 364649, 364650, & 364775 for brass instruments with telescopic tubing (photo 4)
- 1925 workforce of over 200
- 1945 nationalized under Amati after WWII then relocated to Williamstown, South Wales (photo 5)
- 1954 moved to Baiersdorf, West Germany
- 1975 Canada factory at Fredericton, NB closes; about this time the company is purchased by Chris Kratt Instrument Co. which was an import business
- 1979 all business ended
- 1988 Huttl trademark in the US expired

Above information from the *New Langwill Index*

American Diplomat models were made in W. Germany (photo 6)

Christian Kratt (1899-1982) was born in Trossingen, Germany and emigrated to New York in 1926 as a clerk. By 1934 he was a musical instrument importer living in Brooklyn and by 1940 was located in Union, NJ, running his own importing business. He lived there until his death. (census & immigration records)

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