

# Earl D. Irons

## Arlington, Texas

- 1891 Earl D. Irons is born on March 10<sup>th</sup> in Sulphur Springs, Texas (death certificate) (top photo from c.1911)
- 1895 Earl begins to learn the violin then later takes up the drum and cornet (UT)
- 1907 Earl becomes the director of a local band (U of Texas)
- 1910 Earl is working as a music teacher in Sulphur Sp. (census)
- 1917 Earl is working for clothing company in Commerce (draft); he becomes the first cornetist in the Replacement Camp Band of Waco when drafted into the army (UT)
- 1922 Earl becomes the director of the Greenville American Legion Band and head of the violin department at Burlean College (UT)
- 1925 Earl becomes head of the band department at North Texas Agricultural College (UT)
- 1930 Earl is living in Arlington, TX and is a college band director (census)
- 1940 Earl is the band director for the North Texas Agricultural College (census)
- 1942 Earl becomes the head of the Fine Arts Department at the college (UT)
- 1956 Earl retires
- 1967 Earl dies on May 19<sup>th</sup> (death cert.)

This very unique cornet mouthpiece came up for sale on ebay in 2020 and was either his personal mouthpiece or one that he actually made. Earl was a noted bandmaster, composer, and cornetist.

