

# Ralph E. Kenny & Co.

## Minneapolis

- 1873 Ralph E. Kenny is born in Iowa (census)
- 1900 Kenny is a musician in Sibley, Iowa (census)
- 1903-1919 Kenny is a trombone player in the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra
- 1907 Kenny starts a music business in Minneapolis, Kimball Building
- 1910 listed as a music merchant (census); #811-813 Nicollet
- 1913 from *The Violinist*, Feb 1913; “Ralph Kenny has just opened his new store across from Symphony Hall. He is one of the members of the Symphony Orchestra and is ready to supply his confreres with the necessities of the profession.”; #500 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- 1914 Incorporates on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> as Ralph E. Kenny & Co.; #511 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- 1917 Kenny Band Inst. Co., #2621 University Ave. SE (ad)
- 1918 ends music company
- 1919 ends with the MSO
- 1920 orchestra musician in Chicago (not the CSO) (census)
- 1929 Ralph E. Kenny, former buyer for Platt Music Co. in LA and before that with R. Wurlitzer Co, Cincinnati, has been appointed the Pacific Coast rep for Harptone Mfg. Co, Newark, NJ (instrument case maker) (*Music Trade Review*, December)
- 1930 music salesman in Seattle (census)
- 1935 now in Los Angeles (census)
- 1940 wholesale musical instrument salesman in LA (census)
- 1942 Kenny dies on November 8<sup>th</sup>, age 69

Some instruments have “patent July 1910, Union Label” which may refer to the actual maker since Kenny did not have any patents. Probably the Blessing valve guide patent.

Any instruments with just his name date to the 1907-1913 period. Those with “& Co.” date to the 1914-1918 period.

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