

Martin Busine Instruments

Maxwell Meyers Inc, San Antonio, Texas

Band instruments have been found with the Martin Busine name, sometimes including a winged Pegasus logo. The brass instruments have various sources so need to be identified on an individual basis.

The only dealer reference found is a warranty card that came with cornet #67385 (top right) and sold by Maxwell Meyers Inc of San Antonio, Texas. This company was incorporated on 12/16/1971 by Maxwell Meyers (1901-1992), a former salesman, who took over the Targ & Dinner Co wholesale musical instrument business at the same location.

Meyers had been working in instrument sales as early as 1930 in Boston, then for Carl Fischer Musical Instruments in New York and Chicago. He was in San Antonio by 1950 when he probably joined Targ & Dinner.

These are unrelated to the Martin company of Elkhart.

Sources:

Cornet #2237 marked "Made in Italy" was by the Orsi company.

Cornet #67385 (top right) marked "Holland" was by the Schenkelaars company. This dates to after Meyers was formed in 1971.

Trumpets in the 500000 range marked "Austria" were made by Amati in Kraslice, Czech Republic, formerly part of Austria. These do not have the Pegasus logo.

Trumpet #629511 appears to be an attempt to copy the Martin Committee model (below).

