

Gottfried Robert Martin

New York City

- 1825 Gottfried R. Martin born in Saxony (census)
- 1850 Gottrf. Martin, musical inst maker, 24, from Saxony, emigrates to NY on Jan 11th on ship Elise from Bremen (US German to American Index)
- 1852 son Gottfried Robert Martin is born in NYC (census)
- 1855 Gotfried Martin, mus. inst., r. #34 Forsyth (dir); his naturalization in Oct shows him at #1 Franklin Square
- 1856-58 no directory listing in NY
- 1859-61 Godfrey Martin, brass inst., r. #59 Marion (dir)
- 1860 Godfrey Martin, mus inst maker, wife Margaret (b.1832), son Theodore (b.1847 in Saxony), dau Bertha (b.1853), son Robert (b.1852) & son William (b.1856); in the same building are inst maker Charles Frerel, 28, from Austria & Madison Winchell, silver plater; both poss. working with Martin (census)
- 1862 G.R. Martin, inst maker, #59 Marion; Henry Martin (Johann Heinrich Martin, a brother, b.1835 in Saxony) inst maker, #45 Marion (dir)
- 1863 Henry gone; G.R. at #59 Marion (dir); son Theodore dies on Oct 10th (death cert.)
- 1864-66 Gottfried Martin, #43 Greene St. (dir)
- 1867 Martin & Slater, #41 Greene St, with Moses Slater (dir)
- 1868 Martin at #221 Greene St; Slater at #706 Broadway (dir)
- 1869 Slater & Martin, #221 Greene St, with Moses Slater; Martin's home listed as Germany (dir)
- 1870 Slater & Martin, #221 Greene St (dir)
- 1871 Slater & Martin, #36 Cortlandt St. (dir) (photo 1)
- 1872 Martin & Co., musical inst., #31 Cortlandt (auction photo 2, author's collection photo 4); August Pollmann also at #31 Cortlandt (dir)
- 1873 Martin, Pollmann & Co. (Godfrey & Robert Martin & Henry A. Pollmann), #31 Cortlandt (photo 3 from NMM); Moses Slater alone at #36 Ct. (directory)
- 1874 Martin, Pollmann & Co., #31 & 32 Cortlandt (Godfrey, Robert & John W. Martin (son) & Pollmann)



1875 Slater moves to #42 Cortlandt St. (dir)

1876-1878 Martin, Pollmann & Co, #31 Cortlandt

1879 Martin Bros., #31 Cortlandt, sons Godfrey Robert & John William Martin; Pollmann gone (dir) (photo 1)

1880 Gottfried R. Martin (54), musical inst maker, #32 Delancy St with son William, clerk in store; G. Robert Martin (28), importer of music, #132 E. 110th St. (census); Martin Bros now not listed in directory

1881-82 G. Robert Martin (son), musical inst maker, #31 Cortlandt, h. #132 E. 110th St (dir); father and brother not listed

1883 no directory listing for Martins

1884 Gottfried R. Martin (son), #177 E. 111th, no occ. listed; Gottfried Martin (father), mus inst, #180 Centre, h.#32 Delancey (dir)

1885 “We have bought out the factory of G. Martin in New York. Trombones ... are made from the celebrated Martin model ... a large bore so that they will fill their place in a band, as a trombone is an instrument that is supposed to be heard above the rest. [They are] made in such a manner that it is impossible for the slide to stick.” (from Diamond Band Instruments catalog made by the Michigan Musical Manufacturing Company, corner 4th & Grand River Sts)

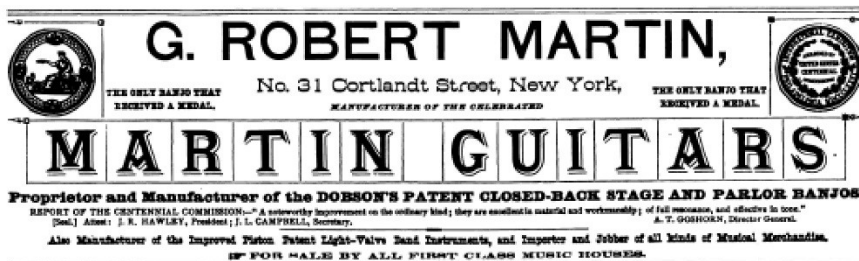
G.R. & J.H. Martin move to Detroit to help in production. (NLI)

1886 Gottfried Martin, cornet maker (Detroit Cornet Co.), home 212 Gratiot, Detroit (NLI). John Henry Martin returns to Elkhart and rejoins Conn. (NLI)

1889 Gottfried R. Martin, age 38 (son), dies on December 10th in New York. (city records)

I have not found a record of the elder Martin’s death, but the family is listed for Evergreens Cemetery.

1881 ad



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No. 31 Cortlandt Street, New York,
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