

# Charles Meisel

## New York City

- 1859 Meisel born in Klingenthal, Saxony on July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 1875 emigrates to NYC in November (one Census says 1878)
- 1878 establishes music business (according to later ads)
- 1884 first directory listing at #339 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1887 marries Anna Caroline Stengel
- 1888 musical instrument importer, #343 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. (dir)
- 1901 moves to #4 St. Marks Place (dir)
- 1911 wife Anna dies in January; member of Moravian Church with the Zoebisch family
- 1920 ad for C. Meisel, Inc says they are wholesale dealers, importers, manufacturers, & repairers of stringed instruments; established in 1878; no mention of brass
- 1921 Charles Meisel dies on July 31 from blood poisoning
- 1922 listed as American Rosin & Oil Co., #4 St. Marks Pl. (probably merchandise for stringed instruments)
- 1932 published the Meisel method for accordion
- 1942 listed as selling harmonicas, #4 St. Mark's Place
- 1952 last year that C. Meisel, Inc. owns #4 St. Mark's Place

Meisel is said to have used the "Beaumont" trade name for brass instruments. Photos on right are two of these. He also may have been a dealer for Thibouville-Lamy. Their main business seems to have been stringed instruments.

Top photo is St. Mark's Place store in the 1930s; instrument photos from Horn-u-copia.net.

