Metzler & Co.
London, England

1788 Valentin Metzler moves from Bingen on the Rhine, Germany to London and establishes a music shop

1794 at #344 Oxford St.; wind musical instrument maker and dealer

1816 son George Richard Metzler (1797-1867) joins the firm to become Metzler & Son; #105 Wardour St., London

1822 at #105 Wardour St.; piano forte maker, wind instrument maker & dealer

1833 now G. Metzler & Co. probably at the death of Valentin

1842 moves to #37 Great Marlborough St.

1858 G. R. Metzler granted patent #1836 for improved helicon instrument later called the sonorophone

1862 Metzler wins London expo prize for brass instruments; #35-38 Great Marlborough St.

1866 George retires and succeeded by son George Thomas (1835-1879)

1867 George forms partnership with Frank Chappell who develops a dealership for Mason & Hamlin organs from Boston

1875 record of Boosey & Co. selling a Ballad horn to Metzler

1881 move to #42 Great Marlborough St.

1885 ad for Metzler & Co., #42 Great Marlborough, music publishers and makers of military and brass band instruments

1886 Frank Chappell dies

1893 incorporate as Metzler & Co., Ltd.; #42 G.M.

1895 now at #40-43 G.M.

1911 now just #42 G.M.

1920 move to #142 Charing Cross St.

1929 move to #14 Rathbone Place

1931 company now owned by J. B. Cramer

1936 move to #139 New Bond St. W1

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