

Pfaff Brothers

New York City

Christian Charles Pfaff (1825-1890)

Christian Frederick Pfaff (1824-1902)

1851 the brothers emigrated to NYC in July

1852 first listing for Frederick Pfaff, musical inst maker, h. #239 Rivington, NYC (directory)

1853-1856 no Pfaffs are listed in NYC directory

1857 Charles Pfaff, instrument maker, #42 Stanton St. (dir)

1858 no listing in NYC

1859-1865 Pfaff Brothers, mus inst, Charles & Frederick, #44 Stanton St, Frederick's home at #123 3rd St.; Charles at #42 Stanton (dir)

1860 Census has Charles (34), inst maker from Saxony; also living with them is August Ziegler (24), inst maker from Saxony

1861 listed as brass instrument makers (AMD)

1866 the brothers have now separated; Charles Pfaff, musical inst, #148 E. Houston; Frederick Pfaff, mi, #135 3rd (dir)

1867 only Christian C. Pfaff, #148 E. Houston St.; ad says maker of musical instruments and strings for all; Frederick is now listed under saloon, #1 Centre, h. #135 3rd

1868-1890 Christian C. Pfaff, mus inst, #148 E. Houston; Christian F. Pfaff, mus inst, #135 3rd St. (dir)

1880 Census shows Charles (54), dealer in musical inst, at #148 E. Houston with son Edward (24) also in m.i., born in NYC c.1856

1891-1901 now only Christian F. Pfaff, mus inst, #135 3rd (dir)

1900 Census shows Frederick (76) living at #135 E. 3rd St., inst maker, born January, 1824 in Germany and immigrated in 1851

1902 last listing for Christian F. Pfaff (dir)

No marked instruments have been found.