

Herman Schindler

Milwaukee

- 1864 Schindler born in Saxony; emigrates in 1892 (census).
- 1892 Established music store at #316 W. Water St.
- 1896 A history book shows him at #316 W. Water St and selling antique violins as well as being a dealer, importer, repairer, and manufacturer of musical instruments. He makes to order all types of brass instruments.
- 1897 Schindler helps start the first Swiss band.
- 1900 Home at #195 3rd St.; possible store location (census).
- 1907 Store listed at #305 Cedar St. (directory).
- 1910 Census lists him as emigrating in 1893 and a naturalized citizen. Occupation is musician in [Joseph] Clauder's Band (he played the French horn for various German bands).
- 1919 Store at #305 Cedar St.; manufacturer of high-grade brass instruments; repairs also; 1st class gold & silver plating (ad).
- 1920 Census lists him as manufacturer of musical instruments. His son Oscar (b. 1896) is a musician (census).
- 1926 Schindler is granted patent #1,593,603 for trombone slide bushings. Store is listed at #302 Cedar St.
- 1930 Census lists him as owner of instrument manuf. business. His shop may have been on 4th St. at this time. Son Oscar owns a garage (census).
- 1932 Store is at #326 W. State St & in business for 40 years. At first he made most instruments sold, but now only a few since he couldn't compete with the large makers. His shop was in the back of the store (the news article says he is 70 years old).
- 1933 Schindler dies of the flu on January 11 & the store probably closes. His home is at #1034 N. 18th St. Store still at #326 W. State St. It's said that many orchestra and band players in the city used his instruments at one time, but in recent years he couldn't compete and business was very slow. His prize instrument was a gold-plated trombone in the shop window. He lived in Milwaukee since boyhood (obit.).

Photos are trumpet (author's collection), cornet (auction) and trumpet (auction).

