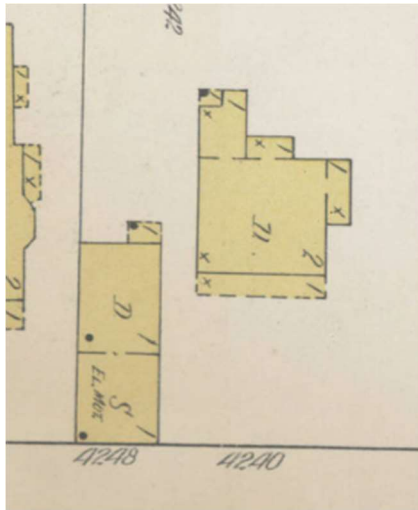


Sistek Band Instrument Co.

Cleveland, Ohio

- 1882 James Wenceslos Sistek born in Pilsen, Austria (census)
- 1905 James W. at #6 Arch St, Maple Hts, laborer (marriage)
- 1906 James W. is an engraver living at #4240 Broadway (dir)
- 1910 James W., musical inst. manuf., #4240 (census); Trumpet #210 (photos 1&2) and another cornet are marked "Bedford, Ohio" which were probably done at brother William's (b.1873) farm on Dunham Rd in Bedford just south of Maple Hts. He had moved to Chagrin Falls by 1918.
- 1911 James W., musical instruments, #4248 Broadway (dir)
- 1912 Sanborn map below showing 4240 & 4248



- 1914 James W. Sistek Band Instrument Co. is on union list, #4248 Broadway
- 1917 James W., musical instruments, #4248 Broadway
- 1919 James W. Sistek (1882-1976) one of five partners to start the Cleveland Musical Instrument Co. in February with \$25,000 capital. James Sistek, Frank Hruby, Fred Hruby, James Sholle & Kinsel Pearce (all orchestra musicians). (MTR, March 8th)
- 1920 James W. listed as a theater musician (census)
- 1921 James W. still at #4248 Broadway (dir)
- 1923 Cleveland has enough orders that they hire White to make some of their instruments. (White) They announce a new instrument called a Saxoprano; a keyless sax with a slide



adjustment. James is pres, Wm. E. Barnes is vp, and Frank Hruby is sec & treas. (*Music Trade Review*, Oct 13th)

1925 White buys Cleveland Musical Inst. Co. for student line. At some point they start using a "C" prefix for the serial #.

1927 James SisteK & Son, musical instruments, #5414 Brwy.

1928 The SisteK Music Co. has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000 with James J. SisteK (b.1904) pres, James W. vp, William SisteK sec-tres, #5414 Broadway; the incorporators are James W. SisteK, Karl Ehrman & Ed J. Simee. (*Music Trade Review*, March 24th)

1930 James W., inst. manuf.; James J., orchestra musician; SisteK Music House at #12713 Miles Ave. (census)

1931 All SisteKs are gone from the city directory. It's possible that the depression closed their store and he started selling out of his home. The 1930 census has them living at #17450 Broadway in Maple Heights. James W. is an instrument manufacturer and James J. is a musician.

1932 James (probably the son), musician, r. #12,801 Holborn

1934 James J. SisteK, musician, #17450 Broadway, Maple Hts, marries Josephine.

1935 James W. still living in Maple Heights (census)

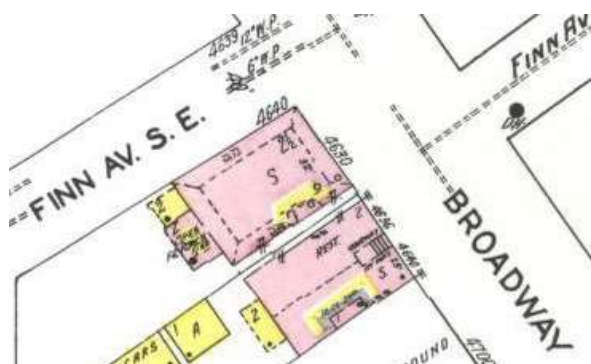
1936 James J., SisteK Music Co., #5307 Broadway, Cleveland (dir)

1937 James J. SisteK Jr is born (census)

1938 James J., SisteK Music Co., #4248 Broadway (dir) [now back at the old address from 20 years ago]

1940 James W., musical inst. repairman, #12,912 Broadway (photo 1); James J., musical inst. repairman, #4628 Broadway (dir) [this was the old Broadway theater at the corner of Finn Ave (photo 4)]; the census lists James W. at #13201 Saybrook in Garfield Heights (photo 2).

4628 Broadway in Sanborn Map



- 1942 James W., m.i. repair, #12912 Broadway; James J. is salesman for Josephine SisteK (his wife), #4628 Br. (WWII draft)
- 1943 Band instruments – all bargains; James SisteK, #12912 Broadway (ad in *Popular Science*)
- 1951 both James SisteKs still the same listing as 1942 (dir)
- 1954 James W. now not listed for occupation (dir)
- 1955 SisteK Music, #4628 Broadway, James J. & Josephine
- 1959 Label found marked 11-59; 4628 Broadway (photo 3 last page)
- 1970 James J. SisteK is murdered on February 17th and the store burned; #4628 Broadway. In 2020 this is still an empty lot.
- 1976 James W. SisteK dies at 94 (Find a Grave)

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See King / H. N. White history for more about the Cleveland Co.

