

Moses Slater

New York City

- 1826 Slater born in England in November (census)
- 1841 emigrated to US (possibly Rhinebeck, NY)
- 1860 Moses Slater, master painter, Hartford, CT, married to Adeline with three daughters (census)
- 1864 1st listing in NYC, #538 Broadway at same location as Stephen T. Gordon who dealt in music & pianos (dir)
- 1866 both at #706 Broadway; they manufacture all their RV brass (dir & catalog)
- 1867 Gordon & Slater, #706 Broadway & #41 Greene ; Martin & Slater, #41 Greene St, with Gottfried Martin (dir) [Slater must have had two partnerships going at once.]
- 1868 Gordon & Slater, mus inst, #706 Broadway; Martin now alone at #41 Greene (dir)
- 1869-70 Slater & Martin, #221 Greene St. (dir)
- 1870 Moses Slater, manufacturer of brass instruments (census)
- 1871 Slater & Martin, #36 Cortlandt St. (2nd photo r.)
- 1872-74 Slater alone at #36 Cortlandt; Martin moves to #31 Cortlandt (dir)
- 1875-88 Moses Slater, mus inst, #42 Cortlandt St. (dir)
- 1881 Slater has a brief partnership with Henry Distin who helped him start up the new factory (see ad below)
- 1889 Slater, mus inst, #56 Vessey & v-pres #41 Union Sq. W.
- 1890-99 Slater, mus inst, #56 Vessey (dir)
- 1899 Slater dies on October 11th of apoplexy at home, #145 East 55th St. (death cert.)
- 1900 Moses Slater (firm of), mus inst, #43 Murray (dir)
- 1901 Adeline Slater (widow of M), manager, #43 Murray (dir)
- 1902 M. Slater (estate of), mus inst, #43 Murray
- 1903-09 no company listed, just widow Adeline (dir)
- 1910-11 M. Slater, mus inst, #145 E. 55th (dir)
- 1912 M. Slater (Adeline), mus inst, #126 West 34th St. (dir)
- 1913 Slater's widow Adeline died at 84; she had been running the business since he died; a legal notice on July 15th says



that Harry & William Fort now own the company and will continue under the M. Slater name at #126 West 34th;

William W. (b.1875) & brother Harry S. (1876-1951) were sons of Slater's daughter Kate.

1917 William is a musical instrument dealer under M. Slater at #126 W. 34th St; Harry is in telephones (WWI draft).

1920 William Fort (b.1875) is listed as seller of musical inst. (census); manager of M. Slater, a King distributor (*Music Trade Review*)

1922 October ad below shows them still at #126 West 34th

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS					
Banjos	\$10 to \$100	Mandolins	.....	\$5 to \$100
Banjo-Mandolins	..	\$10 to \$100	Saxophones	.....	\$73 to \$290
Banjo-Ukuleles	\$5 to \$20	Trombones	.....	\$21 to \$125
Clarinets	\$30 to \$200	Ukuleles	.....	\$1.50 to \$50
Cornets	\$25 to \$90	Violins	.....	\$5 to \$500
Drums	\$5 to \$50	Trumpets	.....	\$25 to \$100
Guitars	\$7 to \$100	Xylophones	.....	\$15 to \$100

Terms as Low as \$1.00 Weekly
M. SLATER
126 West 34th Street

1923 The King-Slater Company is incorporated on December 15th and is listed as making orchestral instruments under the ownership of E.I. Unger and A.M. Hafner

1924 An article in *Music Trade Review* says that King-Slater was incorporated on Jan 1; William Fort pres, Phillip Nash vp, & Fred Gretsch sec/tres; dealer for King band instruments & Kruspe horns among others; #126 W. 34th

1924 An article says that a Mr. Slater is the president, #126 W. 34th

1925 December ad shows them at #126 W. 34th & #12 Union Square

1927 now at #12 Union Square only (ad); William Fort manager (*MTR*)

1928 ad says they now sell radios & pianos

1929 last ad found for King-Slater is from February

1930 William is now a legal secretary (census)

Photos from Horn-u-copia.net & auction sales

Bass horn at right from c.1866 Gordon catalog



Spring 1881

All Orders and Correspondence for the Henry Distin Patent Light Valve Instruments, to be addressed to the Principal Office, M. SLATER, 42 Cortlandt St., New York City,

M. SLATER,
MANUFACTURER OF
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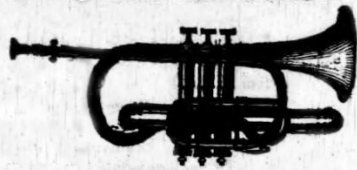
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