

John Franklin Stratton

New York City

- 1832 Stratton born in West Swanzey, NH (census)
- 1846 machinist in North Chelmsford, MA
- 1849 leader of Worcester Brass Band
- 1851 leader of Hartford Cornet Band
- 1856 listing for musical instruments, Hartford, CT
- 1857 music store in Hartford closed for financial reasons, Stratton moved to NYC to perform and conduct for the Staten Island Philharmonic Society and Stratton's Palace Garden Orchestra
- 1859 started factory for rotary valve brass at the corner of Centre & White Streets (directory)
- 1860 John F. Stratton, mus inst, Centre & White (directory)
- 1861 moves to #105 E. 22nd St. (Civil War era drum is labeled 108 E. 23rd St.); brass instrument maker on AMD list
- 1864 Stratton & Foote with John Howard Foote (importer), #31 Maiden Lane; they bought importing business of Rohe & Leavitt (dir) (photo 1, page 2)
- 1865 receives patent #51,363 for mute in Dec, #31 Maiden Ln.; directory listing at #118 W. 27th & 538 Broadway
- 1866 now at #118 W. 27th & #735 Broadway (dir); brother George starts store in Boston
- 1867-70 now at #63 Maiden Lane (dir)
- 1868 started German factory at Markneukirchen (*NLI*)
- 1869 Charles H. Parsons starts with Stratton (dir)
- 1870 started string instrument factory at Gohlis, Germany (*NLI*)
- 1871-80 now at #55 Maiden Ln (dir)
- 1881 now at #49 Maiden Lane (dir)
- 1882 now Stratton & Co., #49 Maiden Ln. (dir)
- 1883 sold German factories and returned full-time to NYC (*NLI*)
- 1884 Charles Parsons leaves to form his own company (dir)
- 1888 moves to #43-45 Walker St. between June & July (dir)
- 1889-93 now Stratton & Son, #43 Walker, w/Frank A. Stratton (dir)



- 1891 Stratton adds #306 Centre St to their address (dir)
1892 second address changes to #17 Franklin St. (dir)
1894 Frank A. Stratton & Co. now separate at #37 Howard St.;
John F. Stratton Co. now at #811 E. 9th St. (dir)
1897 J. F. Stratton Co. now at #62 Grand St. (dir)
1898 ads show both #62 Grand St. & #811-817 E. 9th St.
1903 ad shows only #62 Grand St.
1912 John dies on October 23
1913 John F. Stratton Co. & Marie T. Stratton, mus inst, #62
Grand (dir)
1914 bought by C. Bruno & Son on June 17th

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