

Thibouville Brass Instruments

There were a number of companies with the Thibouville name in France, and this history covers those who made or sold brass instruments. Information is from the *New Langwill Index* unless noted otherwise.

1. Jerome Thibouville-Lamy

- 1839 The company starts as Husson & Duchene, Paris.
- 1848 The company changes to Husson & Buthod.
- 1857 Louis Martin Thibouville joins them to form Husson, Buthod & Thibouville, Paris.
- 1861 H,B&T opens a factory at Grenelle, Paris for brass inst.
- 1865 H.B&T is located at rue Reaumur 42 bis, Paris.
- 1866 Louis Emile Jerome Thibouville (son of Louis Martin) registers his trademark lyre & JTL logo (top photo).
- 1867 Jerome advertises factory at Grenelle for brass, strings and organs, at Mirecourt for strings, and at La Couture for woodwinds.
- 1874 Jerome awarded French patent #104550 for brass instrument key.
- 1875 Now at rue Reaumur 68 & 70.
- 1878 Employs workforce of 420 at four factories.
- 1880 Opens branch in London at #10 Charterhouse St.
- 1885 Employs workforce of 1,000.
- 1886 Ad says steam factories at Paris, Grenelle, Mirecourt & LaCouture.
- 1888 Registers trademark lyre with bird in horn (4th photo).
- 1889 Son Louis Jerome Emile Thibouville partners with Alexandre Acoulon.
- 1889 Opens agency in New York City, #106 Mercer St.
- 1896-1908 Acoulon is proprietor.
- 1897 NY office now at #35 Great Jones St (directory).
- 1899 Now at #7 & #10 Charterhouse, London (directory).
- 1900 Now located at 68 & 68bis rue Reaumur, Paris.
Incorporate in Dec. in NY as Jerome Thibouville-Lamy & Co with Leopold Thibouville, Alfred Alcoulon & Emile Beranger.



- 1905 Now at 68bis & 72 rue Reaumur, Paris. A C trumpet is developed in collaboration with Merri Franquin of the Paris Conservatoire (Shamu).
- 1909 Their listing is gone from NYC (directory).
- 1912 Franquin helps develop the 4-valve C/D trumpet patented in 1913 (Shamu).
- 1926 Employs 1,000 workers at Grenelle, La Couture, Mirecourt (top photo), Poussey & Chateau Thierry.
- 1928 Couesnon replaces T-L in supplying brass for the Paris Conservatoire (*Zig Kanstul*, Olsen).
- 1932 Now just listed at 68bis rue Reaumur, Paris.
- 1951 Still at same address.
- 1969 The company closes (Olsen).

For catalogs see www.luthiers-mirecourt.com/documentation.htm#Documentation

2. Martin Thibouville Aine

- 1820 Martin Thibouville (1793-1873) establishes a musical instrument factory in La Couture-Boussey, France, east of Paris.
- 1823 Son Nicolas Eugene Thibouville is born.
- 1848 A second location is now at 67 rue des Vieux Augustus, Paris and working with two sons Martin & Eugene.
- 1855 Martin & son Martin split with Eugene and move to 69 rue des Vieux Augustus; flutes & clarinets.
- 1875 Martin Thibouville et Cie. located at La Courture.
- 1878 Still at the 69 Augustus address. Martin Sr dies in May and the company becomes M. Thibouville Fils.
- 1889 Now at 91 rue de Turenne, Paris (photo 2).

2a. Eugene Thibouville

- 1855 Starts his own shop at 67 rue des Vieux Augustus, Paris, then later moves to Ivry-la-Bataille (near La Couture).
- 1858 Partners with Noblet (another source says 1862) (3rd & 4th photos).
- 1874 Noblet & Thibouville are no longer together.
- 1875 Listed as Eugene Thibouville, Ivry-la-Bataille.
- 1887 Eugene has a contract with Hubart & Persin of Paris to supply horns, cornets, trombones & violas.



- 1889 Two sons of Eugene, Adrien & Camille, establish and use the name “Eugene Thibouville a Ivry La Bataille.”
- 1891 Eugene dies in December and the two sons continue under his name (bottom photo & first 3 photos next page).
- 1898 Adrien acquires two factories in Ivry-La-Bataille from M. Duval, a comb maker.
- 1909 Camille leaves to form his own company but instruments are very rare. Adrien continues with his two sons Eugene (1884-1915) and George (1886-1957), operating the Portelle plant.
- 1911 The Portelle plant is leased to Adrien’s sons under the name “Thibouville Brothers Ivry.”
- 1915 Brother Eugene dies in WWI at Souchez.
- 1919 The factory at Moulin is sold.
- 1923 Adrien dies.
- 1940 The factory closes following no activity during WWII.
- 1947 George Thibouville joins Maurice Masson making woodwinds.
- 1974 The company is sold to Couesnon.



3. Thibouville-Creutzer

- 1890 Andre Thibouville, successor to Lefevre, 148 rue du Theatre Grenelle, Paris; woodwinds.
- 1900 “Thibouville fils et Cie.”, successor to Bie & Noblet at La Couture and Lafevre of Paris.
- 1902 Thibouville-Creutzer, 17 Rochechouart Boulevard, Paris.
- 1903 T-C, 148 rue du Theatre Grenelle, Paris; run by Andre’s son Desire Etienne Thibouville.
- 1905 Now at 50 Temple.
- 1909 Thibouville-Creutzer, successor, 50 rue du Faubourg-du-Temple, Paris; woodwinds & brass (4th photo).



c.1910 now in bankruptcy .
 Lefevre, Paris cornet bottom right
 Photos from Horn-u-copia or internet auction sites.

