

Georgi & Vitak Music

Chicago

- 1880 Louis A. Vitak (1862-1933) emigrates from Bohemia (other dates found in census are 1881 & 1889)
- 1886 Vitak is a music teacher in Canton, OH (directory)
- 1891 Vitak is a musical instrument dealer in Canton, OH (dir)
- 1893 Vitak marries Augusta in Manhattan
- 1892 Otto E. Giorgi (1870-1937) emigrates from Germany (top photo)
- 1900 Giorgi has a music store in Chicago (census)
- 1902 Vitak moves business to Chicago; at #204 Wabash Ave. before joining with Giorgi (photo 2)
- 1906 start of Georgi & Vitak Music; at some time located at #4663 Gross Ave. (dir)
- 1910 Louis Vitak, manufacturer of musical instruments (census)
- 1919 Georgi & Vitak, #4639 S. Ashland Ave (dir)
- 1924 Vitak forms Vitak-Elsnic Co. with nephew Joseph Elsnic after parting with Giorgi who continues his own music business
- 1926 Vitak retires leaving Elsnic in charge
- 1927 Vitak-Elsnic Co, #4639 S. Ashland (ads in *MTR*)
- 1933 Vitak dies; company at #4816 S. Ashland Ave.
- 1937 Georgi dies in November, music dealer
- 1944 Vitak-Elsner Co., #4815 S. Ashland Ave.

Brass instruments found are models “Meritone”, “ACME”, “Meritone Charmer”, and “Artist”. Some are made by C. F. Cerveny with either Louis Vitak or G&V as sole agents. No instruments have the Vitak-Elsnic name so all probably date to before 1924. Photos from Horn-u-copia.net

