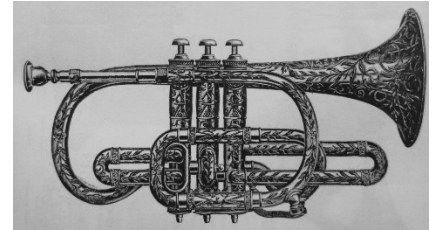


John H. Hazel

Bellefonte, PA

- 1865 John Hazel is born on September 28th in Bellefonte, PA (Find-A-Grave; 2 census records say born 1866)
- 1874 started on cornet with Arban's book (Trescott)
- 1876 playing with Stopper Band of Williamsport at the Centennial (Trescott)
- 1881 joins the Repasz Band in Williamsport (Huntsinger)
- 1883 first public solo at the Albion Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ (Trescott); starts directing the Hammer Band (Hunt.)
- 1887 rejoins the Repasz Band (photo 3) and becomes the leader (Hunt.); marries Sophia Langgans
- 1880 joins Buffalo Bill's Cowboy Band (photos 4&5) for the season (Hunt.)
- 1880s using a J.W. Pepper cornet (Huntsinger says it was a Specialty model but these were new in 1904 so probably another model)
- 1889 Hazel receives a cornet from Henry Distin of Philadelphia (May, *Grit*); in the photo at right he appears to be holding a Distin solo model from this period (photo 2)
- 1891 guest soloist with the Gilmore Band (Trescott & Hunt.); soloist with Paul Sante's Military Band in Atlantic City; received a gold plated cornet from Conn (Trescott)
- 1892 joined Hadley's National Band of Providence, RI (Hunt.)
- 1893 Hazel replaces Levy in the Levy-Wintemitz Concert Co tour (Trescott)
- 1890s Hazel switches back to a Distin cornet (Hunt.)
- 1900 home at #438 Lycoming St, Williamsport, PA (census); boarding in Manhattan in September (census)
- 1903 starts working for Edison Phonograph Studios and did many recordings (Trescott) (photo 1 next page)
- 1905 living at #1303 Lexington, Manhattan (census)
- 1907 ends with Edison and returns to Williamsport; starts working with Brua Keefer Band Instrument Co to design and test cornets and trumpets; they issued "Hazel Certificates" with new instruments (Hunt.)
- 1910 appointed conductor of the Repasz Band and remained with them until his death (Trescott, census)



1910 “John Hazel is one of the greatest cornetists the world has ever produced.” (*Metronome*)

1913 “...every Keefer cornet and trumpet is certified by John Hazel before it goes out.” (Keefer ad)



1918 ends cornet solos due to sore teeth and plays more on the baritone

1930 living in Montoursville, PA, musician & teacher (census)

1940 #50 Mill St, Montoursville, no occupation (census)

1941 Hazel ends association with Keefer when they end production; his last cornet is a Keefer Solotone model (Hunt.)

1948 Hazel dies on January 26th in Williamsport due to cancer