

# Goumat & Co.

## Austria

- 1878 Music store is founded by John Woodward Jenkins (1827-1890, top photo), #611 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.
- 1880s Son John Wesley Jenkins (1864-1932) joins him, and the name changes to JW Jenkins & Son Music Co.
- 1890 Founder John dies and the business is changed to JW Jenkins' Sons Music Co. with John Jr., Clifford W. Jenkins (1869-after 1930), and Frederick Butler Jenkins (1870-1939).
- 1902 The store moves to #1013-1015 Walnut St (directory).
- 1903 Jenkins is selling brass from York & Sons, Goumat & Co., August Heinem, & Courtois (catalog).
- 1911 New store at #1217-1223 Walnut Street (directory).
- 1932 The store is enlarged with an 8-story addition.
- 1950s Maximum expansion to 14 stores in 5 states with 700 employees.
- 1973 Jenkins is sold to Rich Music Co.

The Goumat & Co name was a brand sold by Jenkins and made by Bohland & Fuchs of Graslitz, Austria (now Kraslice, Czech Republic). These may have been trying to imitate the French company Goumas or at least sound like a better-quality Paris origin.

Some examples found have Jenkins banners in the cases or their name added to the bell engraving.

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