

# C. W. Osgood Co.

## Elkhart, Indiana

- 1855 Charles W. Osgood is born in Vermont (census).
- 1890 Working for Conn in Elkhart, lives at #104 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- 1904 Working for Conn, home at #321 E. Jackson Blvd (dir).
- 1910 Assembler in horn factory, #321 E. Jackson (census).
- 1912 Horn maker, home at #411 E. Jackson (directory).
- 1913 January "Mill Supplies" reports "The C.W. Osgood Co. has been incorporated to manufacture band instruments with a capital stock of \$10,000." Charles, his wife Phoebe, and Guy H. Butt are the directors.
- 1913 The Osgood Co is using the union label in February.
- 1913 *Music Trade Review* reports on Aug 30th that Osgood incorporated last week.
- 1920 Osgood, band inst. manuf., #411 E. Jackson (census).
- 1922 C. W. Osgood Co., #411-1/2 E. Jackson (his factory was adjacent to his home), Charles pres & sec, C. A. Beddow vp, Phoebe Osgood tres, band instruments (dir).
- 1928 The company is said to have ended this year (source?).
- 1930 Census has Charles at #218 W. Marion, manuf. of band instruments, owner of business.
- 1940 Charles is living at #617 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, retired (census).
- 1946 Charles dies in Goshen, Indiana.

Photos are from auction sales and Horn-u-copia.net.

His home at #411 E. Jackson is now a parking lot with a small commercial building.

He is said to have made only high-end instruments. The only ones I have been able to find so far are the two cornets shown and two trombones listed in collections. Trombone below and bottom right is from Univ. of Illinois collection.

The ad in the center photo is dated 1914.



## Osgood Factory:

His factory was a small, wood-framed structure behind his house with an address of #411-1/2 East Jackson. Today this is a commercial area with no original buildings.

1917 & 1927 maps below

