

J. W. Pepper Surviving Domestic & Distin Brass Instruments

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
	1877	J. W. Pepper opens his first retail instrument store in Philadelphia at #832 Filbert St		
	1881	Pepper establishes a store in New York City with Henry Moennig at #294 Bowery		
	1882	Henry Distin moves to Philadelphia after March of 1882 and helps start a factory for J. W. Pepper		
1071	1882	Baritone		Distin maker for Pepper; Phila. & NY; Berlin piston valves
1094	1882	Trombone	Alto	valves; "Henry Distin Maker for JW Pepper – Phila & N York"
1097	1882	Alto		Distin maker for Pepper, P & NY
1129	1882	Trombone		valves; Distin Importer for Pepper, P & NY
1183	1882	Baritone		Distin Importer for Pepper; Phila. & NY
	1883	Distin applies for a patent in March for a cornet design with better flow through the valves; NY address		
1210	1883	Cornet	Superior	Bb; Distin for Pepper, P & NY, Patent Appld For
1261	1883	Cornet	Berlin	Bb; Distin Importer for P; P&NY; SWK; RLP
1328	1883	Cornet	Superior	Bb; Distin for Pepper, P & NY, Patent Appld for
1435	1883	Cornet	Superior	Eb; Distin for Pepper, P & NY
1533	1883	Alto	Eb	Distin Maker for Pepper, P & NY
1698	1883	Cornet	Bb	Distin for Pepper, P&NY
1705	1883	Cornet	Bb	Distin Importer for Pepper; P & NY
1766	1883	Trombone	Bass vlv	Distin Importer for Pepper; P & NY [Farrar]
2032	1883	Coach Horn	Superior	Distin maker for Pepper; P & NY
	1883	Pepper factory opens on June 1 st at 8 th & Locust St		

2058	1883	Cornet	Superior	1 st Class, Maker, P&NY; Bb w/echo bell [NMM]
2163	1883	Cornet	Superior	1st class, Maker, P&NY; 2163 on bell & valve 2
2218	1883	Cornet	Maker	JW Pepper, Maker, Phila. & NY
2233	1883	Cornet	Bb	Distin Importer for Pepper
2256	1883	Cornet	Eb	Distin Importer for Pepper
2262	1883	Cornet	Bb	Distin Importer for Pepper, Phila & NY
2288	1883	Tuba	Helicon	same
2296	1883	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker P&NY [ebay]
2307	1884	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila. & NY
2367	1884	Cornet	Eb	same; "J H McCollough" added on bell
2419	1884	Cornet	Bb	same
2485	1884	Cornet	Bb	same
2502	1884	Cornet	Bb	same
2566	1884	Cornet	Eb	same
2573	1884	Alto		same
2654	1884	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker P&NY
2732	1884	Cornet	Eb	Pepper Maker P&NY [saved]
2762	1884	Cornet	Eb	Pepper Maker Phila. & NY
2809	1884	Cornet	Bb	same
2814	1884	Cornet	Bb	same
2818	1884	Cornet	Bb	same
2845	1884	Cornet	Bb	same

2850	1885	Tuba		same
2854	1885	Cornet	Bb	same
2881	1885	Cornet	Bb	same
2922	1885	Cornet	Bb	same
2997	1885	Trombone		Superior First Class Pepper Maker Phila. & NY
3329	1885	Cornet	Superior	Bb; Distin Maker for Pepper; Patent Appld For (old bell used?)
3418	1886	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila & NY
3507	1886	Cornet	Eb	same
	1886	Pepper opens a store in Chicago at #149 Wabash Ave and closes the New York store after May.		
3805	1886	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker P & Chicago on bell; P & NY on valves
3901	1886	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker P & NY
4022	1886	Cornet	Eb	same
4088	1886	Cornet	Bb	same
4145	1886	Cornet	Bb	same
4418	1887	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila & Chicago
4472	1887	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker P&NY on bell & valves [saved]
4481	1887	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila & NY
4682	1888	Trombone	Superior	Superior First Class Pepper Maker Phila & NY
4985	1888	Cornet	Superior	Superior First Class Pepper Maker Phila & Chicago
5041	1888	Cornet	Eb	Pepper Maker; P&C on bell; P&NY on valves
5083	1889	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker Phila & Chicago
5107	1889	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila & NY

5145	1889	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila & NY
5251	1889	Alto	Superior	Solo Alto Superior First Class Pepper Maker P&C
5256	1889	Trombone	Superior	Tenor valve; First Class Pepper Maker; P & NY
5258	1889	Trombone	Eb Alto	valve; Pepper Maker
5382	1889	Cornet	Bb	Maker, P&C on bell, P&NY on valves [NMM]
5413	1889	Cornet	Bb	Maker, P&C on bell, P&NY 5413 on valves
5434	1889	Cornet	Bb	Maker, P&C on bell, P&NY on valves [ebay]
5480	1889	Euphonium		Pepper Maker P&C
5499	1889	Baritone	Superior	1 st Class Pepper Maker P&C [York Master]
5824	1890	Trombone	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C bell; P&NY valves
5833	1890	Trombone	Superior	1 st Class, P&C
5998	1890	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&NY
61xx	1890	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker, P&C [Nick D.]
6111	1890	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C
6219	1891	Cornet	Eb	Pepper Maker
6468	1891	Cornet	Eb	Pepper Maker P&C
6545	1891	Cornet	Superior	Bb; DWK; P&C on bell; P&NY on valves
6602	1893	Cornet	Premier	P&C; 1893 Chicago Award; P&NY on valves [saved]
6626	1891	Cornet		bell only; Pepper Maker P&C
6836	1892	Alto	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C
6841	1892	Baritone	Superior	1 st Class Pepper Maker P&C [York Master]
6908	1892	Alto	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C

7009 1892 Cornet Premier Highest Medal Chicago 1893 P only on bell; P&NY on valves; in C; I have no idea what to make of this one. The “P&NY” on the valves would imply 1886 or earlier, the 7009 number on both the valve & bell would imply 1892, the Chicago award was late 1893, and the lack of the Chicago address on the bell would indicate 1897 or later. Was this a leftover C cornet that was finished later?

7106	1892	Cornet	Eb	Pepper Maker P&C
7227	1892	Cornet	Superior	Bb; Pepper Maker P&C [Patton, 2008]
7335	1893	Cornet	Superior	same
7345	1893	Cornet	Superior	same
7347	1893	Cornet	Premier	P&C, Chicago 1893; DWK (photo not clear could be 7847)[NMM]
7350	1893	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C
7365	1893	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C [Farrar]
7466	1893	Baritone	Superior	same
7554	1893	Cornet	Superior	same [Met Museum]
7730	1893	Euphonium	Superior	same
7760	1893	Tuba	Superior	same
7795	1893	Cornet	Superior	same; Eb; 0.445” bore; 12-3/8” long

1893 Pepper wins award for band instruments at the Chicago Expo & produces his first Sousaphone.

1199	1894-97	Mellophone	Premier	Highest Medal & Diploma Chicago 1893 Pepper Maker P&C
1216	1894-97	Mellophone	Premier	same
2714	1894-97	Euphonium	Premier	same
6298	1894-97	Flute in C	Premier	Phila. [Farrar]
6895	1894-97	Mellophone	Premier	same

The above four examples are low production models and the serial numbers don't fit.

7810	1894	Cornet	Premier	same
7838	1894	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker Phila
8000	1895	Trombone	Superior	1 st Class; P&C; Maker
8097	1895	Cornet	Maker	P&C on bell & vlv; Chicago 1893 medal hand engr. at bell rim
8254	1895	Cornet	Bb	Pepper Maker P&C Chicago 1893 Medal
8267	1895	Tuba	BBb	Pepper Maker P&C
8388	1895	Cornet	Superior	First Class Pepper Maker P&C
8452	1895	Cornet	Premier	Pepper Maker P&C; Chicago award
8476	1895	Cornet	Bb	same
8557	1895	Cornet	Premier	same
8588	1895	Euphonium-DB	Premier	Pepper Maker P&C; Chicago award
8672	1896	Cornet	Premier	Pepper Maker P&C; Chicago award [P. Durieux]
8731	1896	Tuba	Premier	Eb; Pepper Maker P&C; 1893 award; "USN"
8800	1896	Sousaphone	Premier	rain catcher; Pepper Maker P&C
8814	1896	Trombone	Premier	Tenor; same markings
8820	1896	Cornet	Premier	Maker; P&C
8843	1896	Cornet	?	
8854	1896	Cornet	Premier	Bb; same markings; HP & LP slides, Bb&A shanks [Patton]
8869	1896	Tuba	Premier	Eb; same
8880	1896	Sousaphone	Premier	original Sousaphone with bell up and Sousa portrait; 1893 award; Pepper Maker P&C; said to be from 1894 [York Master]

8947	1896	Cornet	Premier	Bb; same [Ancient Point]
8975	1896	Cornet	Premier	Bb; same
9038	1897	Trombone	Premier	same
9075	1897	Baritone	Premier	Bb, Highest Award Chicago, Pepper Maker P&C [Farrar]
9110	1897	Cornet	Premier	C/Bb; same
9199	1897	Cornet	Premier	Bb; same
	1897 The Chicago store closes after May 1 st .			
9266	1897	Cornet	Premier	“Pepper Maker Phila Highest Award & Diploma World’s Fair Columbian Exposition Chicago” (Chicago location dropped)
9280	1898	Cornet	Premier	Chicago Expo
9289	1898	Cornet	Premier	Bb; same
9293	1898	Tuba	Premier	Eb; 1893 award; Pepper Maker Phil. [York Master]
9391	1899	Cornet	Premier	Bb/A; Artist Solo; same markings
9520	1900	Trombone		Pepper Maker Phila
9541	1900	Cornet	Premier	Bb Specialty; same as 9266
9620	1901	Trombone	Premier	Tenor; same
9701	1901	Cornet	Artist Solo	Bb; same
9715	1901	Trombone	Artist Solo	same
9741	1901	Cornet	Artist Solo	Bb; same
9856	1902	Cornet	Specialty	C/Bb/A; same
9980	1903	Cornet	Specialty	Bb; same
9998	1903	Tuba	Premier	Eb; same

10104	1904	Baritone	Premier	Bb; 1893 award, Pepper maker Phila [Farrar]
10180	1904	Trombone	Artist Solo	same
10220	1904	Cornet	Artist Solo	Bb; 1893 award; Pepper Maker Phil. [saved]
10236	1904	Trombone	Premier	Maker; Phil. [ebay]
10291	1904	Tuba	Premier	Bb [Humbell House of Horns]
10311	1905	Trombone	Premier	same
10405	1906	Cornet	Artist Solo	Bb; same
10760	1908	Trombone	Premier	Bb; Pepper Maker Phila. [Farrar]
10848	1908	Alto	Premier	Pepper Maker Phila. [Ebay]
10891	1908	Mellophone	Premier	1893 Award; Pepper Phila.
10915	1909	Cornet	Artist Solo	Bb; same
10992	1909	Trombone	Premier	Tenor valve; same
11023	1909	Trombone	Specialty	Pepper Maker Phila., 1893 award
11054	1909	Trombone	Artist Solo	same
	1910	The name changes to JW Pepper & Son.		
11157	1910	Cornet	Specialty	Bb; Pepper & Son Phila; 1893 award; no "Maker"
11158	1910	Cornet	Premier	Bb; same
11284	1910	Cornet	Artist Solo	Bb; P&Son Maker Phila; 1893 award
11383	1910	Trombone	Specialty	Pepper & Son; no "Maker"
11388	1910	Trombone	Specialty	P&Son, 1893 award [Farrar]
11497	1910	Cornet	Premier	Bb; P & Son; no "Maker"

1910 All domestic production ends.