

Anton Konrad Hüttl

Graslitz – Williamstown - Baiersdorf

- 1877 Huttl founded by Anton K. Huttl (1826-1901), son A.K. Jr (1852-1920), and later grandson A.R. Huttl (1889-1971) in Graslitz, Austria (now Kraslice, Czech Republic).
- 1878 Wins award in Paris.
- 1880 Wins award in Melbourne.
- 1901 Wins award in Copenhagen.
- 1903 Making brass for the military.
- 1910 Wins award in Buenos Aires.
- 1913 Advertised as the largest factory in Austria-Hungary.
- 1921 Awarded patents 364649, 364650, & 364775 for brass instruments with telescopic tubing (photo 4).
- 1925 Workforce of over 200.
- 1945 Nationalized under Amati after WWII then relocated to Williamstown, South Wales (photo 5).
- 1954 Moves to Baiersdorf, West Germany.
- 1975 Canada factory at Fredericton, NB closes. About this time the company is purchased by Chris Kratt Instrument Co, which was an import business.
- 1979 All business ends.
- 1988 Huttl trademark in the US expired.

Above information from the *New Langwill Index*.

American Diplomat models were made in W. Germany (photo 6).

Christian Kratt (1899-1982) was born in Trossingen, Germany and emigrated to New York in 1926 as a clerk. By 1934 he was a musical instrument importer living in Brooklyn and by 1940 was located in Union, NJ, running his own importing business. He lived there until his death (census & immigration records).

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

