Brass Bands & Cornet Bands of the U.S.A.

a historical directory



Unknown cornet band

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Introduction

Of the many brass bands that have existed in the USA over the last 200 years very few have documented records covering their history. This directory is an attempt to bring together information about such bands and make it available to all.

This work is an expanded extraction from **Brass Bands of the World** – **a Historical Directory**. Over 8,700 bands are recorded here, with some 560 additional cross references for alternative or previous names. This is, however, but an unknown proportion of the cornet/town bands that flourished in the USA, particularly in the 19th century. I am sure there are many more still to be unearthed, hiding in newspaper reports or contemporary photographs and documents in museums, archives, the hands of private collectors and the attics of individuals. My own research on a broad scale encompasses US brass bands from the 1840's to the 1920's. A more detailed investigation is ongoing, but has only reached 1872 so far – and I intend to issue an update when I have proceeded further into the late 1800's.

The brass band, which today is largely deemed to be an instrumental ensemble consisting wholly of brass instruments and percussion, arose from various wind and string bands that existed in the late 18th and early 19th century. With the advent of new valve technology and improved manufacturing techniques the brass instrument as we know it today quickly became a favourite with bandsmen across the world. In the mid-1850s to WW1 the majority of bands had instrumentation that was wholly or largely brass based, with occasional woodwind instruments added. After WW1 the USA and Europe tended to favour the mixed concert/wind band format with brass and woodwind instruments as the dominant type of ensemble, while the UK and its colonies largely retained and standardised on the full brass band.

Where "active" dates are given these indicate documented appearances - the bands may well have existed beyond those dates quoted. Approximate dates are given where an estimate can be made. These estimates are sometimes based on evidence from images of the band (e.g. postage date of a postcard, instruments used, dress/uniform, background details). Bands which folded for more than 1 year with a successor band being later formed are regarded as "extinct".

"Still active" indicates that there is evidence for continuous activity for that band in the previous years up to that date.

Documentation about bands in the early years is very sketchy, reliant largely on reports in the newspapers and magazines of the day. Often bands would have been referred to in ambiguous terms, and it is not entirely clear which specific band it is. For example, a town may have had a band, known as X Cornet Band, but often referred to as X Brass Band. There may have also been an X Brass Band contemporary with the X Cornet Band. In this case both names are recorded as being distinct entities, until further information is available.

Minor name variations, e.g. X Brass Band, X Cornet Band, X Town Band, are generally not referenced, unless it is clear that they were separate entities. Various bands have changed their names several times over the years, making tracking them down or differentiating them more difficult.

Where there is more than one instance of a specific brass band's name, this is indicated by a number suffix - e.g. (1), (2) to indicate the order of appearance of the bands.

Bands in the 1830s to 1850s were often referred to solely by their leader's name - "Mr X's Band" - which making the band's identification and location difficult - where these have been verified the band has been included.

Individuals associated with bands are recorded where known. In some cases there is ambiguity about names – usually with regard to spelling – and the alternate versions are given. The named roles of bandmaster, conductor and leader were somewhat fluid in many bands. For smaller/earlier bands they were one and the same. As bands became more structured, with rules, committees and constitutions, it was not unusual to have all three as distinct roles. The leader was usually the principal cornet player and, certainly in early bands, conducted and led the band from his playing position. The bandmaster traditionally organised the band, maintained discipline and occasionally led and/or conducted the band. Conductors, or musical directors as they tend to be known as today, provide the musical leadership of the band, choosing the music, training and rehearsing the players, and guiding the performances through their baton skills.

Sadly, although bandmasters and conductors are often mentioned in reports and documents, it is rare to find details of other members of the bands. Where known, such lists of members are recorded here. Christian/given names are rare, as are the instruments each played.

The American Civil War (1861-1865) had a significant impact on the brass bands of the USA – similar to that of WW1 on British bands. Many bandsmen were called up or joined the fight on whichever side was appropriate to their politics or state. Some bands joined en masse with local infantry companies. The result was that many towns were left without their bands and/or bandsmen and had to rebuild their musical institutions after the war had ended, often without many of their previous bandsmen who had not survived the conflict.

Access to archives is significantly easier today, with the internet providing gateways to their catalogues, and even to the digitised materials themselves. The quality and depth of such research facilities varies enormously which, to some extent, explains why certain areas are better represented than others in this directory. Local histories and historical societies are also rich sources for information about bands but, sadly, in many cases, only the merest mention of a name is all they can supply. It is rare to find additional information, and that usually is a list of some members' names. Other sources of information are contemporary state, county and town directories and histories; photographs with names of players; newspapers reports; and oral history accounts.

The bands listed in this directory are those that I have collected information about to date. However, there are certainly many hundreds more to discover. Many towns in the USA had their own brass band at some period in the 19th century. The move towards the community wind band or concert band, rather than the wholly (or primarily) brass band took place gradually from the end of the 19th century, with the

effect that the brass band as an entity was largely superseded after WW1 by those of more mixed instrumentation.

More detailed information about a few hundred specific bands does exist elsewhere, in books and journals and in online resources, particularly current bands' own websites and the **IBEW** (www.ibew.co.uk) which contains much of the information herein, together with further information on individual bands.

Any updates, corrections or omissions are welcome – please send them to gavin@ibew.co.uk.

Some broad categories of brass bands

- **Brass v. Silver bands** there is no difference between them as far as the instruments are concerned, merely the colour of the finish, and whether the brass metal has been electro-plated with silver. This was an expensive process when it first became available for instruments, and "silver bands" were very proud of their new instruments, which indicated that the band was financially strong, and also possibly had been successful in contests.
- **Town bands** or village bands (also known as "city", "municipal" or similar). Most bands are associated with a particular location and consisted of musicians from a range of occupations in the place. Often established through public subscription, or supported by a local benefactor, they quickly became a key part of the community and its life, providing music for celebrations, fetes, shows and galas and, of course, funerals. School teachers and church leaders were often the initial driving force to establish bands.
- **Cornet bands** a common name, particularly in the USA, for town brass bands, usually denoting a band primarily, of not wholly, of brass instruments.
- **Saxhorn bands** a less common name, for brass bands, which refers to the type of instruments used (Saxhorns)
- **Works bands** since the earliest days many industrial and commercial companies and organisations have sponsored or supported brass bands. Perhaps the most familiar are the colliery bands which flourished at the height of the mining industries in the UK. Industrial sponsorship was not so prevalent in the USA, but many bands did have links to or had support from local industries and manufacturers.
- **Religious bands** aside from the Salvation Army, many other Christian organisations saw the benefit of establishing brass bands, partly to assist with spreading their messages and also to provide a musical focus to workers and parishioners alike.

- **Temperance bands** the temperance movement in the 19th century was partly driven by various religious groups (e.g. Methodists) but non-religious/fraternal organisations also arose. Many of these turned to brass bands to help spread their message of teetotalism. Some of the more common ones were the I.O.G.T. (International Order of Good Templars), the Rechabites and various "Total Abstinence" societies.
- **Brotherhood bands** during the 19th century various friendly and fraternal organisations arose to foster links with both workers and professional men. The various "orders" such as Woodmen, Oddfellows, Redmen, Buffaloes were organised into "lodges", or similar groups, which established bands in towns.
- **Family bands** these usually consisted of the parents with some or all of their children playing a variety of instruments. Only those that had largely or wholly brass instrumentation are recorded here. In many cases they were semi-professional and travelled the country performing in theatres or at special occasions.
- **Professional bands** brass and mixed instrumentation bands were common in most theatres and places of recreation. Some places had resident bands, others employed various passing or transient "acts" to provide the musical entertainment or accompaniment to their productions. Travelling circuses and menageries also had their resident bands accompanying them. As most of these were itinerant, with no fixed base, these have been included in the "Unknown State" section of this directory.
- **Institutional bands** many industrial schools, workhouses, reformatories, orphanages, children's homes, prisons and asylums, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, established brass bands. These served three main functions to give discipline for the inmates/children (almost exclusively boys), raise funds for the institution through their concerts, and provide a means of employment (often in army bands) when they left the school. Some of the children's home bands toured extensively to raise funds for the institution.
- **Political bands** similar to those associated with churches, various political movements saw the benefit of having brass bands to help promote their causes. These were particularly evident in processions and parades.
- **Ladies' brass bands** there was a good tradition of female bands in the USA and also in Germany (often known as Damen Blas-Orkester), and female musicians were not uncommon in the USA town and cornet bands.

Exclusions from this directory

• Salvation Army brass bands are generally not included in this directory. There have been a large number spread across the world since 1878. Their history is comprehensively covered by Ronald W. Holz's book "Brass Bands of the Salvation Army". The website "Salvation Army Banding" - http://www.sabanding.com — contained a wealth of information about

historical Salvation Army brass bands but, sadly, this is no longer online, and attempts to contact its owner have been futile.

- Youth and junior brass bands are not included unless there is evidence that
 they were quite distinct from the relevant adult/senior band or were
 completely stand alone. Many brass bands have had junior or training bands
 which have been successful in their own right, and these have been noted,
 where appropriate.
- "Scratch" bands those that were brought together for a single event are not included, unless there is a particular historical relevance or interest
- "Ghost" bands various villages, towns and organisations, on seeing the success of a neighbour's brass band, would propose the formation of their own band. In many cases this was successful, but other times, despite initial enthusiasm, various meetings, even substantial fund-raising and, in one case, instruments being purchased, a band never came to fruition.

Any errors, corrections, additions or details of "family tree" relationships between bands and their names will always be welcome. Contact me via the IBEW website.

Further information:

- Bibliography the comprehensive Brass Band Bibliography is available online at http://gavinholman.academia.edu/research as a PDF download, or at www.ibew.co.uk
- Vintage brass band pictures over 21,000 images of early brass bands are available at www.ibew.co.uk
- Brass band historians and researchers those who are known to be actively working in this field are listed at www.ibew.co.uk
- Although this directory is fairly comprehensive for current brass bands, it has only scratched the surface of the brass bands that existed in the past. Much more information is likely to be available in various physical and online archives, notwithstanding that already collected by other historians and researchers. Of particular relevance are the digitised newspaper resources which are a major source of information about bands. Examples are:
 - o Chronicling America (https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov) for the USA
 - Newspapers.com (https://www.newspapers.com) primarily USA, but also some other countries

Further reading:

Here are a few selected publications on the bands of North America – many more can be found in the *Brass Band Bibliography*

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Errors, updates and comments

Any errors, significant inconsistencies, additions, further details, or comments, please get in touch with me.

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USA - Alabama



Ozark City Band

Alabama Boys Industrial School Band (Birmingham)

Active in the 1910's and 1920's

Alabama Orphans School Band (Huntsville)

Active from 1979 to 1987, conductor Franz Renggli

Birmingham Industrial High School Band

Active around 1900

Brass Band of Huntsville

[Current band] - Founded in 2001 by Paul Zubrod

Brewton Brass Band

Active in 1890. Members included: A.V. Burch, C.W. Robbins, S.C. Henderson, James H. Lovelace, C.F. Luttrell, Ed McGowin, W.A. Lovelace, S. Lovelace, Harry Henderson, and C.F. Rankin

Bridgeport Military Band

Active in 1909

Cadle's Silver Cornet Band (West Blocton)

Active in 1892

Columbia Girls' Brass Band

Founded in 1895, conductor Arthur Davis. Still active in 1896

Dunson Family Brass Band (Tallapoosa)

Active in the 1910's - the family of Walker Lee Dunson and his wife Margaret Elizabeth. The children were Martha Texonia, Walker Lee jnr., Marcus Henry, William Sanford, Virginia Louise, Francis Aileen, Robert Calvin and Ruby Eunice

Enterprise City Band

Active around 1900

Greenville Cornet Band

Active in 1878

Hartselle Cornet Band

Active around 1900, with members including Ben Stephenson, Jim Rogers, Jim Rhea, John T. Tarver, Josh Reeves, Charlie Stephenson, Tom French, Jim O. Stephenson, A.A. Oden, Robert Sobotka, and Fred Stinson

Mobile Excelsior Brass Band

Active in 1883, leader Mr Pope

Mobile Fire Department Brass Band

Active in 1870, attached to the Mechanics' Steam Fire Company No. 7

Montgomery Citizens Military Band

Founded in 1887, still active in 1905

Montgomery Family Brass Band

Active in the 1920's

Montgomery Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Olde Towne Brass Band (Huntsville)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Opp Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1914

Ozark City Band

Active in the 1890's

Pearson's Concert Band (Mobile)

Active in the 1900's

Sewell Cornet Band (Anderson)

Active in 1902, members included Fulton Sewell, Jess Eastep, Gus Burch, Luke Williams, Lawson Williams, Lonnie Ingrum, Owen Sewell, Lawson Jenkins, and Rufus Howard

State Training School for Girls Band (Chalkville)

Active in the 1920's

Talladega Blind Academy Brass Band

Active in 1892

Talladega Independent Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1866, conductor Charles Smith

Thorsby Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Tuscumbia Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Tuskegee Institute Band

Active in the 1900's, through to WW1

Walnut Grove Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Members included Mr. Gaither, Tom Nelson, Bob Camp, Conrad Murphree, Bob Reavis, Chuck Thompson, Rex Gaither, Gaither, John Thompson, Amberson, and C.L. Murphree

Whistler Brass Band (Mobile)

Active in 1871

Williams Family Band (Athens)

Active in 1918, members were: William Anderson Williams (b. 1874, cornet), and his children Hasse Flournoy (b. 1906, cornet), James Mac (b. 1898, trombone), William Luke (b. 1902, tenor horn), Claude Lee (b. 1900, tuba), Lota Kathryn (b. 1915, piccolo), Jesse Jonas "Jake" (b. 1908, side drum), Effie Earline (b. 1910, cornet) and Clayborn Paisley (b. 1904, bass drum). The band were approved, by an act of Congress, to go as a group and entertain the troops in WWI. The two oldest boys, Mac and Lee, were to be drafted. William went to the local board and volunteered them all if they were allowed to stay together and entertain the troops. The band was ready, but the War ended before they were called

USA - Alaska



Nome Brass Band

Douglas Brass Band

Active in 1899

Fairbanks City Band

Active in the 1910's

Fort Seward Band

Active in the 1910's

Hydaburg Cornet Band

Active around 1900, when members included Johnnie Brown, George Hamilton, James George, Powell Charles, Mike George, Benson Skulka, Aaron Issacs Sr., Frank Nix, Luke Frank, and Sherman Alexander

Juneau Brass Band

Active in 1899

Juneau Native Brass Band

Active in 1907, when members included Jerry Gamble, Jim Clark, Charlie Gamble, John Gamble. James Miller, Jake Gamble, Jacob Clark, Xaa Gawk, Willie Peters, and Frank Mercer

Klukwan Native Band

Active in 1912

Metlakahtla Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Nome Brass Band

Active in 1905, 1906

Sitka Brass Band

Active around 1900

Skagaway Cornet Band

Active around 1900. Monte Snow was a member

Treadwell Club Band (Douglas Island)

Active around 1900

USA - Arizona



Merchant's Band - Tempe

Academy Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Arizona Lumber and Timber Company Cornet Band (Flagstaff)

Active in 1903

Banda Societa Fratelanza Italiana (Morenci)

Active in the 1900's

Banda Victoria (Clifton)

Active around 1910

Bisbee Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Calumet and Arizona Band (Bisbee)

Active in the 1900's

CF Miller Band (Jerome)

Active in 1902

Clarkdale Cornet Band

Active in 1918, conductor Col. Tom Taylor

Clifton Cornet Band

Active in 1902

Club Filarmonico Band (Florence)

Active in the 1890's

Club Filarmonico Tucsonese (Tucson)

Active in the 1890's. Founded by Federico Ronstadt

Coconino Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Copper Queen Band (Bisbee)

Active in 1895

Crose Family Band

Active in 1894. "The Youngest and Most Remarkable Band in Existence." Consisted of 10 to 12 childrens and parents. In the early days it consisted of George Crose and sons Clarence, Howard, Otis (Ota), and Jesse

Defiance Indian School Band

Active around 1900

Desert Brass (Sun City)

[Current band] - Founded in 1999

Douglas Brass Band

Active around 1900. Conductor Willis Grander

Douglas Ladies' Band

Conductor Willis Grander

Dreamland Brass Band (Globe)

[no information]

Flagstaff Cornet Band (1)

Founded in autumn 1883, leader Professor A. D. Watson. Active to 1900. In March 1884 the members were: J. R. Treat (Eb cornet), John Wallace (Bb cornet), J. E. McCormick (Eb alto), Q. S. Layton (tenor), J. L. Treat (baritone), George M. Spencer (bass), J. M. Downing (tenor drum), Texas Jack (bass drum), John Wallace (president), D. A. Murphy (secretary), and G. M. Spencer (treasurer). It had disbanded by spring 1885

Flagstaff Cornet Band (2)

Founded in early 1888 under the baton of Professor J. B. Ellmore, with members P. P. Daggs, Robert Bell, J. W. Weatherford, Joseph and James Treat, Lee Norris, N. B. Layton, E. W. Carter, J. O. Jones, Mr. Shufflin, H. D. Ross, J. H. Hoskins, Jr., G. D. Crothers, and Jim O'Neill. Still active in 1900

Florence Brass Band

[no information]

Fort Whipple Cornet Band (Prescott)

Founded in 1869 by the men of Company L. Eighth Cavalry, with 16 players by November 1869. Still active in 1870

Globe City Brass Band

Active in 1908 to 1911

Hochderffer Brass Band (Flagstaff)

[no information]

Hopi Indian Training School Band

Active in 1901

Kingman Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Kingman Youth Band

[no information]

Knights of Pythias Brass Band (Bisbee)

Active around 1900

Longfellow Cornet Band (Clifton)

Active in 1913

Mariner's Juvenile Band (Tucson)

Active in the 1890's

Mariner's Juvenile Band (Tucson)

See: Tucson Juvenile Cornet Band

Merchant's Band (Tempe)

Active around 1900

Mesa City Band

Founded 1893, conducted by Otto Eberhardt

Mesa Ladies Cornet Band

Founded around 1894, conducted by George Emmett.

Mesa Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1903

Miami Brass Band (Globe Miami)

[no information]

Miami Brass Band

Active around 1900 to 1910

Mohave Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1901

Morenci Italian Band

Associated with the Societa Fratelanza Italiana

New Italian Band (Morenci)

See: Morenci Italian Band

Nogales Cornet Band

Active in 1907, conductor Professor Balderas

Oatman Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1914

Old Arizona Brass Band (Fort Lowell)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band, founded in 1996

Old Pueblo Brass Band (Tucson)

[Current band] - Founded in 1996

Page Valley Cornet Band

Founded in 1900

Philharmonic Silver Band (Yuma)

[no information]

Phoenix Indian School Band

Founded in 1895. Still active in 1915

Phoenix Pioneer Band

Conducted by Otto Eberhardt

Prescott Brass Band

Founded 1865 by Lucien Bonaparte Jewell. Still active in 1870. Initial members were Lucien Jewell on cornet, F. G. Christie on flute, and Messrs. Elliot, Barr, Brichta, and Shanks. Members in 1866 were Lucien Jewell, Follett Gray Christie, and Messrs. Dunn, Corlies on cornet, Mahon, Ellis on flute, Cook, and Bowers.

Prescott Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Prescott Eagles Band

Active in the 1890's

Prescott Town Band

Active in 1879. Founded by Jules Baumann

Quechan Indian Band (Yuma)

[no information]

Ray Band

[no information]

Redbird Youth Band

[no information]

Renaissance Brass Band (Sun City)

[Current band]

Salt River Brass (Tempe)

[Current band] - Founded in 1988

Silver King Brass Band (near Globe)

[no information]

Silver King Brass Band

[no information]

Snowflake Academy Brass Band

Founded in 1908, with members including: Elias Smith, Lehi Smith, Evan Larson, Mr Mortensen, Wells Mortensen, Bige Rogers, Ross Hunt, Marshall Flake, Lorenzo Rogers, Ormus Turley, Pratt Larson, Virgil Bushman, Belva Willis, Ethel Smith, Alonzo Bushman, Wilford Rogers, Wilford West, and Ida Flake

Snowflake Band

[no information]

Southern Pacific Mechanic's Band (Tucson)

Founded around 1890

Tempe Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1893. Disbanded in 1911. Members in 1894 were May Austin, solo cornet; Bettie Gregg, first cornet; Hortie Frankenberg, second cornet; Mrs. Bruce, cornet; Mrs. Dr. Brack, first alto; Bertha Wilson, second alto; Mrs. Spanger, first tenor; Julia Melton, second tenor; Georgie Holmesly, tuba; Bertha Ridenour, first bass; Hattie Ridenour, snare drum; Mamie Griffith, base drum; George Emmett, conductor. Musical instructor was Professor Max Hester

Tempe Merchants Band

[no information]

Tempe Normal Brass Band

Active around 1900

Territorial Brass Band of Arizona

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band, founded in 1987

Theodore Roosevelt Indian School Band (Fort Apache)

Active in the 1910's

Tombstone City Band

Active in 1912

Tombstone Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Tucson Brass Band

Active in 1882

Tucson Juvenile Cornet Band

Founded in 1897, conductor Mr Mariner. Still active in 1905. [A scrapbook with newspaper clippings and programs, is held at the Arizona Historical Society Archives]

United Verde Band

[no information]

Williams Cornet Band (Williams)

Active in 1892

Winslow Band

[no information]

Yuma Concert Band

Active in 1908

Yuma Cornet Band

Founded in 1905, conductor Professor J.A. Lambertz, with 23 players

Yuma Indian Band

Active around 1900

Yuma Philharmonic Silver Band

Active in the 1890's

Yuma Prison Band

Active around 1890

USA - Arkansas



Delight Brass Band

Arkansas City High School Band

Active in 1908

Arkansas Musicworks Brass Band (north west Arkansas)

[Current band] - Founded in October 2017 by Michael Olefsky and Jay Shepherd. Conductor Jonathon Corry

Assembly of God Young People's Band (Eureka Springs)

Active in the 1930's

Augusta Brass Band

Active in 1860

Barling Band

Active in the 1900's

Bentonville Cornet Band

Active in 1884

Berryville Silver Cornet Band

Founded on 8 March 1902

Big Fork Community Brass Band

Active in 1897, members included: John Davis, Owen Liles, Demp Lewis, Willie Jones, Henry Liles, Daniel Heath, Lem Loftis, Dalt Heath, Eli Heath, Tommy Heath, Arthur Liles, Steven Heath, and Little Bob Moore (bandmaster)

Bonanza Band

Active in the 1890's

Brinkley Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's, conductor James Aaron Jordan

Cole Family Band

Active in 1919

Commercial League Band (Fayetteville)

Active in 1908

Conway Brass Band

Active in 1914, snare drummer Joe Romeo

Delight Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Des Arc

Founded in 1866

Enola Brass Band

Active in 1905, with member including Virgle Sanders, Logue Ingram, Walter Sanders, Johnny R. Stivers, Marvin Reynolds, Albert Johnson, Byron Matthews, Sim Bryant, Harrison Matthews, Baxter Setzler (band leader), Ruffus Curtis, Jesse Bryant, Javan Setzler, Eldon Reynolds, Elwood Brady, and Jesse Setzler

Eureka Springs Miners' Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Fordyce Concert Band

Active in 1890

Gillet Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Green Forest Cornet Band

Active in 1892, leader James Braswell

Green's Brass Band (White Sulphur Springs)

Active in 1902

Hardy Town Band

Active in the 1890's

Harrison Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1906. Members were: Blanche Stewart (cornet), Audra Connerly (cornet), Agnes Newman (cornet), Mary Newman (clarinet), Jo Lockhart (alto), Crissie Caster (alto), Lena Lopp (alto), Addella Attebury (alto), Ida Hines (trombone), Goldie Worthington (trombone), Sada Bunch (trombone), Jennie Frew (tenor), Willard Worthington (baritone), Marilla Caster (Bb bass), Myrtle Penn (Eb bass).

Helena Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1869

Henderson State University Brass Band (Arkadelphia)

[Current band] - Founded by Wes Branstine in 1996

Hendrix College Band (Conway)

Active in the 1930's

Hope Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Hot Springs Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Huntington Cornet Band

Active in 1916

Huntley Harrison Band (Hot Springs)

Active in the 1900's

Izard County Ladies' Cornet Band

See: Melbourne Girls' Brass Band

Jamestown Cornet Band (Independence County)

Active around 1915 with members Gene Presley, John Cullins, Voda Alexander, John McCulloch, Ira Milliken, Cecil Barnes, Elmer Barnes, Lee Heston, Bruce Milliken, Burt Barnes, Hugh Barnes, Clint Barnes, Boyce Cullins, Sutt Barnes, and Jeff Porter

Jonesboro Cornet Band

Active in 1915

Jordan Family Band (Union)

Active in the 1910's. In 1912 the band was father Jesse Price Jordan (b. 1861) and children Elijah Noah (b. 1890), Ollie Leonora (b. 1892), Esther Victoria (b. 1894), Daniel Pauplin (b. 1896), Thomas Jefferson (b. 1897), and Georgia Tobethia (b. 1901). Jesse and his wife, Amanda (née Mallett) had six other children - the four eldest were probably married/living away, and the youngest Lulu Iva (b. 1904) and Weleetka (b. 1907) were not in the band

Lavaca Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Leola Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Little Rock Brass Band

Active in 1855. Still active in 1860

Little Rock Girls' Brass Band (Pulaski Heights)

See: Pulaski Heights Girls' Brass Band

Malvern Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Malvern Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Martin Family Brass Band (Quitman, Cleburne County)

Composed of father, mother, eight sons and three daughters. C.W. Martin was born in Faulkner county, and his wife and eleven children in White and Cleburne counties, and he started training his children musically in 1905. Initially the band was not so large, but had been "regularly furnished by the stork"! In 1913, the youngest member was a girl of 2 years, Ruth, who could not yet beat the drum and was therefore dubbed the "little mascot". No one in the family chews tobacco, drinks coffee or any intoxicants, nor smokes cigarettes, and they all belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church. The children wer Guy, 24; Fred, 22; Paul, 20; Roy, 18, Iri, 16, C.W. jnr, 14; Carlton, 11; Flora, 8; Mary, 6; Dan, 4; and Ruth, 2. Two other children had not survived. C.W. Martin travelled as a drummer for 20 years and was widely known among the great army of the Knights of the Grip. He also ran a mercantile establishment in Quitman, Martin's Fair Store, which his family attended to while he was on the road. After the band folded, Fred Martin and his wife conceived the idea of organising boys' bands across the state of Arkansas and, by 1928, 18 bands had been set up with over 1,000 players

Melbourne Girls' Brass Band

Active in 1900 to 1912. Also known as Izard County Ladies' Cornet Band

Natural State Brass Band (Little Rock)

[Current band] - Founded in 2003

Ozark Mountains British Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1995

Paragould Brass Band

Active in the 1890's, members included Dr R.C. Grizzard (bandmaster), Berg Osborn, Peck Long, Campbell Bell, Dr F.C. Johnson, H.W. Merriwether, Newt Beard, Frank Keefe, Red Tansil, Sid Johnson, J.B. Avera, Bob Cupp, Doc Maddox, Dick Mooring, John Glasscock, Earl Tansil and Bill Trice

Peach Orchard W.O.W. Band

Active in the 1890's

Phoenix Cornet Band (Marianna)

Active in the 1890's

Pleasant Plains Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Pleasant Valley Cornet Band (Magazine)

Active in 1890

Pocohontas Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Price-Jordan Family Band (Union)

See: Jordan Family Band

Pulaski Heights Girls' Brass Band

Founded in spring 1911 by Hugh Phelps. The initial members were Maude Messenger, Clara Messenger, Maude McKay, Blanche McKay, Marguerite Smart, Mary Smart, Elizabeth Welch, Gladys Welch, Marie Eick and Lida Witherspoon. Also known as Little Rock Girls' Brass Band

Rogers Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Searcy Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Solid Brass (Little Rock)

Founded in January, 1996, by David Rosen. Still active in the mid-2000s

Subiaco Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Swifton Town Brass Band

Active in 1904

Tontitown Brass Band (Washington)

Active in the 1890's

Ulm Brass Band

Active in 1907

West Fork Brass Band (Baptist Ford)

Active in the 1900's

Wilmar Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Witter Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's. Members included: Lovie Didame Pharris, Emma Jane Candia Pharris, William Arthur Pharris, Charles Preston Rose, Dorsey Pharris, Hosea Pharris, Buddy Pharris, and Robert Pharris

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Monticello Band, 1905

43rd Virgina Regimental Band (Sacramento)

See: 5th California Volunteer Infantry Band

5th California Volunteer Infantry Band (Sacramento)

Active in the early 2000s. A historical re-enactment band, giving an impression of the band of the 5th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment which mustered into service in Sacramento during the Civil War and saw duty primarily in southern California, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. It also took on the guise of the El Dorado Brass Band of Old Sacramento (with wool uniforms of bright red and gold), the 43rd Virgina Regimental Band, and a "Gold Rush era" band.

Alleghany Brass Band

Active in 1860, 1861

Alleghanytown Brass Band

See: Alleghany Brass Band

Americus Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1976. A historical re-enactment band

Anaheim City Band

Active in the 1900's. Members included John Weaver, Ted Dickel, Joe Lachner, Al Heying, Bill Kretchner, Ben Lensing (bass drum), Louie Edwards, Carl Pressel, Walter Crowther (leader), Jack Abbot, Herman Schindler, Frank Tausch, and Fred Middleham

Angel Island Band

Active in 1912

Angelus Temple Band

Active in the 1900's

Antelope Valley Band (Almondale)

Active in the 1900's

Arcadia Band

Active in the 1900's

Arcata Cornet Band

Active in 1892 with members C.H. Pierce (conductor), Will Liscom, Robert Burns, Paul M. Burns, Frank Mason, Harry K. Orman, George Zehndner, Walter Wiscom, Everet Spring, Thomas J. Crawford, Lee Wiley, Arthur Duprey, Leon Chevret, and Benjamin Sammons

Arroyo Grande Boys Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Ashland Brass Band

Active in 1915 - Percival Oliviera played euphonium

Auburn Brass Band

Founded in January 1871, instruments costing \$373, with members: S.B. Woodin (leader), W.H. Hubbard (secretary), W.M. Critcher, E.G. Smith, W.B. McGuire, C.N. Nelson, James Reamer, Joseph Fisher, J.R. Willis, J.H. Neff, V.V. Mann, and Willie Mann

Banning Indian School Band

Active in 1907

Bay Point Brass Band

Active in 1911 to 1914

Benecia Brass Band

Active in 1871

Benicia City Band

Active around 1910

Boca Brass Band (Nevada County)

Active in the 1880's - a ten-piece band

Bona's Brass Band (Sacramento)

Active in the early 1850's, leader V. Bona

Boulder Creek Band

Active in the 1900's

Brass Band of Fresno

[Current band]

Brawley High School Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Breeding's Boys' Band (San Francisco)

Active around 1910

Bridgport Brass Band (Mono County)

Active in 1906

C.O. Cornet Band

Founded in 1909

California Gold Rush Band (Los Angeles)

Founded in 1992 by Les Benedict and Steve Charpie. Active to the early 2000s. A historical re-enactment band - an authentic portrayal of the numerous brass bands that existed during this period in American history. Using genuine 19th century brass instruments and richly designed costumes, the members of this group transport audiences back to a time when California was still young and the promise of gold was as real as it has ever been

California Ladies' Band (Los Gatos)

Founded by Frederick Brohaska in 1898. Active in the 1900's. In 1901 they performed for President McKinley when he visited San Jose. Tillie Brohaska played trombone.

Calistoga Brass Band

Active in 1885, members included Felix L. Gauss (conductor), Will Bennett, Buck Munroe, Ben Grauss, Charles Friedberg, Frank Crouch, Fred Friedberg, Charles Crouch and Will Massengill

Camp Reynolds Regimental Brass Band (Fairfax)

[no information]

Campo Seco Brass Band

Active in 1864

Camptonville Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Carrville Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Catalina Island Band

Active in 1906

Centerville Cornet Band

Active in 1888, when members were: Joe Garcia, Joe Lewis, unknown band leader who was blind, Peter Rogers, Joe King, Frank King, Antone Lucio, Joe Rogers, John Soares, Joe Marshall, Frank Rogers, Tony Lewis, Frank Cloudy, Joe Hatch, Louis Rogers, and Manuel Nunes (drum major)

Chinese Camp Brass Band

Active in 1868 to 1870

Citrus Brass Band (Oroville)

Active in 1889

Claremont Band

Active around 1910

Clayton Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Coloma Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1861

Columbia Brass Band (Santa Ana)

Active around 1900

Columbia Brass Band (Tuolumne County)

In the spring of 1851, the Band along with 6,000 to 8,000 men escorted the first woman they had seen in months into their gaily decorated town. Leader John W. Windus in 1853. Still active in 1870. Also known as Tuolumne Brass Band. Leader Mr Bullock in early 1859. In September 1859 they re-organised under the leadership of T.F. Dyer

Columbia German Cornet Band (Tuolumne County)

Active in 1864

Columbia Park Boys Club Band (San Francisco)

Active in the 1900's. The Club was formed in 1896 for boys from 8 to 16 years old, and was based at 458 Guerrero Street. The band made tours to other parts of the country

Colusa Brass Band

Active in 1911

Copperopolis Brass Band

Active in 1866, performing at the May Day Festivals in Jamestown and Sonora

Corona City Band

Active in the 1880's

Coronado Tent City Band

Active in the 1900's

Coulterville Brass Band

Active in 1895 - members included Gus Burgess, John Tiscornia, George White, William Wivell, Billy Smith, Jack Wivell, Walter Brown, Johnny Murphy, James Goss, Will Jeffery, Joe Penrose, James Canova, James Brown, William Webb, John Pendray, and Joe Rihn

Covina City Band

Active around 1910

Cuthbert Family Cornet Band (Long Beach)

Dr W.I. Cuthbert arrived in Long Beach in 1887 with his two daughters Nina and Georgina. Georgina was weak with illness and used a wheelchair until the better climate of California made her better. The family band was founded in 1886, and consisted of eight uniformed members. It played at religious gatherings and other events in the town, including the opening of the Long Beach Alliance Assembly in July 1889. The band folded before the end of the century.

Damascus Brass Band

Active in 1885

Davis Concert Band

Active around 1910

Death Valley Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Dinuba Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Douglas Brass Band (Douglas City)

Founded in spring 1867

Downey City Band

Active in 1908

Dreamland Boys Band (Redding)

Active in the 1900's

Dutch Flat Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Eagles' Junior Band (Mount Shasta City)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Sisson Aerie, (Fraternal Order of Eagles) F.O.E. No. 342

Echo Park Playground Girls' Brass Band (Los Angeles)

Founded in 1908. Still active in 1909, consisting of 14 girls from 12 to 15 years old. Members included Lizzie Baizer (aged 12, bass drum), Signe Anderson (trombone), Marguerite Williams (cornet), Helen Byram (cornet), Jessie Peck (cornet), Emma Gerlock (alto), Nellie Garland (alto), Mildred Allen (clarionet), Lois Elder (tuba), Nellie Babe (key trombone), Nina Henry (cornet), Margaret Clifford (baritone), Lottie Traynor (slide trombone), Grace Teed (snare drum). There was also a boys' band which occasionally combined with the girls to form a larger ensemble

Ed Wheaton Brass Band (Soquel)

Active in 1892 to 1900

Eden Valley Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

El Dorado Brass Band of Old Sacramento (Sacramento)

See: 5th California Volunteer Infantry Band

Elsinore Cornet Band

Founded in early January 1904, leader E. Michener

Escondido Cornet Band

Active in 1915

Etna Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Eureka Brass Band (Graniteville)

Founded in 1858. Still active in the 1880's

Euterpe Brass Band (Santa Cruz)

Founded in December 1868 by Daniel Madeira. Member included I.C. Willson, B. F. Tucker, E. Bender, S. Willson, E. Shuey, G. J. Anthony, J. E. Soria, C. S. Barney, E. Soria, C. Martel, S. Hillman, R. Emerson, Joseph Pepin, F. A. Madeira, and G. Madeira

Exeter Juvenile Band

Active in 1910

Fall River Band

Active in 1915

Finnish Sulo Band (Fort Bragg)

Active in the 1900's

Folsom Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Forbestown Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1865

Forest City Brass Band (1)

Active in 1860, leader Mr Weston, with members Louis Dibble, and Messrs. Hall, Jordan, Murray, Scott, Buss, Mack, Spalding, Jones, Gregg and Hurd

Forest City Brass Band (2)

Active in the 1880's

Forest Hill Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1871

Fort Bidwell Cornet Band

Active around 1897, members included Dick Whittaker, Ernest Fee, and Henry Kober.

Fort Point Garrison Brass Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Fresno Brass Band

Active in the late 1870's and 1880's. Leader J.J. Boyle, tenor horn player Nathan D. Gilbert

Fullerton Military Band

Active in 1913

Fullerton Municipal Band

Active in the 1900's

Georgetown Brass Band (1)

Founded in April 1855. Presumed to have folded fairly soon after, as a successor band was formed in November that year

Georgetown Brass Band (2)

Founded at the start of November 1855, leader Mr Fay

Germantown Cornet Band (Glen County)

Active in 1912

Gibsonville Brass Band

Active in 1867

Gilroy Brass Band

Active in 1869, with 9 players, leader J.M. Einfalt

Gilroy I.O.O.F. Home Boys' Band

In 1910 the Rainbow Rebekah Lodge No. 97, of Stockton (CA), fulfilled a promise to the boys of the IOOF Home at Gilroy. Through their work and effort they gave a carnival that netted them a good sum of money. This enabled them to purchase and presented to the boys a beautiful set of brass instruments, together with leather cases. It was the pride and ambition of the lodge to have a Boys' Band formed in the Home and to provide the instruments. The Boys' Brass Band was formed at the Home in 1911. In the Fourth of July celebration in Gilroy, the Band led the second division of the parade. Jules Chourre, Leonard Newport and Jay Rice played cornet in the high school orchestra. Some of the boys were Archie Lucke, Albert Sherman, Leonard Newport, Bud Clemons, Emile Chourre, Jay Rice, Jules Chourre, and Chester Rice. In 1912 the Boys' Band traveled to Stockton by train for a concert. The Rainbow Lodge had purchased the instruments for the band. The band stayed for three days. A year later in 1913 Gilroy decided to have a city band. Four of the Home children joined. The Boys' Band played for the Grand Lodge in San Francisco in 1915. The children stayed for three days. The Boys' Band was in their new uniforms and played in the parade. The new Children's Home in Gilroy had been completed in 1922 and a large rooms on the main floor became the music room. The Boys' Band gave way to a full orchestra. Mr. Taix became the instructor and conductor of the Home Orchestra that became one of the best Junior Orchestra in California in the 1930's

Golden State British Brass Band (Los Angeles)

[Current band] - Founded in 1996 by Penny Dodd and Norm & Linda Taylor

Gonzales Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Grass Valley Brass and Reed Band

Active in the 1890's, leader John Jenkins

Grass Valley Brass Band (1)

Active in 1859, 1860

Grass Valley Brass Band (2)

Founded in 1861, conductor Mr Schmidtscheider who, during their performance at the Nevada City 4th July celebrations was reported to be "in the full uniform of a Major de Tambour, the duties of which office he executed with consummate ability and presented a most soldierly appearance". Re-organised by John Coad in 1866 into a ten-piece group. Harry Green conductor in the 1890's. Members in 1916 included: Caleb Chinn, Ray Coombs, Ed Curnow, Jack Bradley, Mel Wasley, Elton George, Billie Rodgers, Jack Nettell, Harold J. George, Al Margham, Ray George, Chick Ahearn, Jim Bonnie, Carley Davey, Cliff Wasley, Bill Kallenberger, Frank Calvin, Joe Ducotey, Ern Crase, Fred Selack (leader), Bill James, Fred Nettell, Os Twitchell, and Carl Hooper. Still active in the 1950's as Grass Valley Concert Band

Green Mountain Band (Crescent Mills)

Active in 1887, leader Antonio Arrighini, composed mainly of Italian men

Greenville Indian School Band

Active around 1900

Guerneville Citizens' Band

Active in 1887

Hammonton Brass Band

Active around 1900

Hanford Cornet Band

Active in 1882. Members in 1888 included Fred A. Dodge, Fred Wharfield, Frank L. Dodge, R. W. Musgrave, L. Sanborn, Dave Gamble, A. E. Gribi, William Lord, C. Faust, Charles Bryan, W. L. McGuire, and G. Di Giorgi

Heartland Brass Band (San Diego)

[Current band]

Hilmar Colony Band

Active in 1910

Homewood Terrace Boys Band (San Francisco)

Active in the 1900's

Horn's Military Band (Oxnard)

Active around 1900

Humboldt Bay Brass Band (Arcata)

[Current band] - Founded in 2004

Iannuzziello's Band (San Diego)

Active around 1900

Independence Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1888. Active in the 1890's. Members around 1890 included J. Roeper, Leon Marks, Joe Rodgers, Norm Mains, Hi Hamilton, George Wood, Ben Yandell, Clifford Baxter, "Shorty" Alex McKendrick, Albert Lewis

IOOF Rebekah Children Home Boys' Band (Gilroy)

See: Gilroy I.O.O.F. Home Boys' Band

Iowa Hill Brass Band (Placer County)

Active in 1864

Jackson Brass Band

Active in 1860

Jackson Cornet Band (Amador County)

Active in 1859, 1860

James Ranch Band (Tranquillity)

Active in the 1900's

Joyous Brass (Sacramento)

[Current band] - Founded in spring 2001 to provide a unique musical fellowship for Christian brass musicians.

Keller's Band (Ukiah)

Active in the 1890's

L.A. Metro Brass Band (Los Angeles)

Active in the 2000s

La Grange Brass Band

Active in 1896

La Monaca Band (Santa Barbara)

Active around 1910

Lady Hussars Brass Band (Watsonville)

Founded in 1908, uniforms of plumed hats, long capes, calf-length skirts and boots

Lake Elsinore Concert Band

Active around 1910

League of the Cross (First Regiment) Cadets Band

Active in 1915

Lee and Marshall Circus Brass Band

A professional band associated with the circus, led by August Wetterman. It toured the many mining camps in California in 1855

Libbey Family Brass Band (El Monte)

Consisted of ten members, and provided a program of evangelistic music at the Merkel Assembly of God Church in Abilene, Texas, in August 1946. In October 1973, with eight members in the band, they performed at the Second Christian Gethsemane Church, Detroit, Michigan

Lindale Cornet Band (Modoc County)

Active in 1896

Livermore Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Livermore Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in September 1898 by Aggie Dolan, with instructor W.C. Beach, practicising Tuesday and Friday nights each week in a room over the Livermore Bank. Members included: Agnes Dolan (cornet), Lillian Taylor (cornet), Maud Callaghan (cornet), Alma Garner (cornet), Lena Phillips (alto), Sadie Callaghan (alto), Grace Sanderson (alto), Jennie Weymouth (trombone), Katie Dolan (tenor), Dora Bistarious (tenor), Dora Garner (baritone), Mayme Taylor (bass) and Tillie Seeband (bass)

Lockeford Brass Band

Active in 1911

Lompoc Boys Brass Band

Active around 1900

Long Beach Municipal Band

Founded in 1909, musical director Herbert L. Clarke

Los Angeles Band

Active around 1900

Los Angeles Fire Department Band

Active around 1910

Lower Lake Band

Active around 1900

Loyal Order of Moose Band (San Rafael)

Active around 1900

Lytton Home Salvation Army Band (Lytton Springs)

The children's home opened in 1904 after the Army closed its Amity Farm Colony in Colorado and relocated the orphans living there to Lytton Springs. Under the care of Captains Wilfred and Alice Bourne, the group traveled by rail to the new property, originally incorporated as the Boys and Girls Industrial Home and Farm. Children from another Army orphanage in Oakland, California -the Golden Gate Orphanage Association—joined them. The Bournes arrived at Lytton in October 1904 with only \$21 and 16 children to care for, including their own son, daughter and foster child. During their tenure at Lytton, from 1904-1916, the Bournes cared for over 1,000 children, with up to 250 children in residence at any one time. From the earliest days, the property was self-sufficient with its own grammar school - The William Booth School - and a Christian education program

Marysville Brass Band

Active in 1854, leader Mr Downie. Still active in 1867. Tutor and leader E. Unger in 1860, with 14 performers. Director F. Grambs in 1861. Also known as Marysville Citizens' Brass Band

Marysville Citizens' Brass Band

See: Marysville Brass Band

Marysville Pacific Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Mechoopda Indian Brass Band (Chico)

Active around 1900 - members included Delbert Sparks, Pablo Sylvers, Rufus Pulissa, Ernie Young, Jodie Conway, Dewey Conway, William Conway, Isaiah "Ike" Conway, and Homer Sylvers

Mendocino Brass Band

Active in 1898

Mendocino Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's

Merced Concert Band (Kelseyville)

Active around 1900

Mission Peak Brass Band (Fremont)

[Current band]

Mokelumne Hill Brass Band

Active in 1859

Montague Brass Band

Active around 1910

Monticello Brass Band

Active in 1905

Moose Brass Band (San Rafael)

See: Loyal Order of Moose Band

Native Son Band (Sacramento)

Active in the 1900's

Nevada Brass Band (Nevada City)

Founded in autumn 1858, with 8 members, leader Mr Lockwood. This was a coloured band under the leadership of Dennis Carter in 1867. Contemporary with the Union Brass Band

Nevada City Boys Brass Band

Founded in 1902 by Lee Leiter and Bill Dunlap. Both men had just purchased the Union Hotel on Main Street, and had temporarily renamed it the Antlers. They advanced the money for inexpensive instruments, and in turn the band played for the Saturday night dances on a platform adjoining the hotel. Conductor was Dick Veale. Early members included Oscar Angilley, Chester Ogden, Norman Shaw, Ellsworth Bennett, Harlan Wright, C. A. Bennett, Hartley Lord, Franklin Holman, Fred Cooper, Orrin Smith, Britt Stevens, William H. Dunlap (band manager), Richard Veale (conductor), George Merrill, Frank Polglase, Fred Chengwidden, Granville Beedle, Carl Hicks, Elbert Veale, McMurray Mallen, and Alvin Kahl

Nevada City Cornet Band

Active in 1892 to 1915

New Almaden Brass Band

Active in 1885, members included: Arnold Vincent, Juan Paredes, Cui Mercado, Andres Sambrano, Henry Vincent, Dan Flanagan, Antonio Paredes, Feliciano Martinez, Juan Mattos, Joe Varrote, Adolph Martinez, Amando Gonzales, John Luxon, and Abran Martinez

Newby's Cornet Band (Dixon)

Active in the 1890's, conductor W.C. Beach

Niles Concert Band

Active in 1909

North Bloomfield Brass Band (Nevada County)

Active in the 1890's

North Columbia Brass Band

Active in the mid/late 1800s

North San Juan Brass Band

Active in 1858. Still active in 1861. It was re-organised, more or less as a new band, in March 1860 under the tutelage of Mr Curtis & leader C. Kraft. Professor Unger became their tutor in August 1860

Novato Cornet Band

Active in 1923

Ohemeyer's Tent City Band (Coronada, San Diego)

Active around 1900

Old Marshall School Band (Sacramento)

Active in 1917

Ophir Brass Band

Active in 1895

Oro Fino Brass Band (Siskyou)

Active in 1889 - members included Frank Quigley, Bill Lewis, Wilsie Whipple, Willard Eastwick, Jim Whipple, Frank Whipple, Lafayette Eastwick, Grany Lewis, Ed Eastwick and his cousin Edward Eastwick

Oroville Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1865

Oroville Excelsior Brass Band

Active in the 1890's - members included Will Lester, Henry Anthony, Nils Petersen, Charles Belding, William Danforth, Frank C. Danforth, Will Parlin, Fred Gray, Jimmie Osgood, Will Topping, Mr. Kilbourn. And William Danforth (base drum)

Pacific Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1990

Pajaro Brass Band

[no information]

Pajaro Valley Orphanage Band (Watsonville)

This was the band of the Pajaro Valley Orphan Asylum, later known as the St Francis' Orphanage

Palo Alto Municipal Band

Active in 1915, conductor E.G. Bradley, performed a concert in November 1915 of:The Carroltonian March (Boehnlein), After-Glow (Cobb), Yo Te Amo (Rolfe), Tannhauser march (Wagner), Faust selection (Gounod), Saddle Back (Allen)

Petaluma Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1883. Members in 1894 included Jerry O'Rourke, Herb Peck, Phil Schmidt, Walter Peck, Fred Ellsworth, Teddy O'Neil, Frank Peters, Manuel Peters, Frank Connolly, Doodle Mathews, Howard Brady, William Platt, Edward G. Schulze, Manuel Viera, Gus Walsh, Harry Smith (musical director), John Segrist, and Dan Stilwell. Became associated with the I.O.O.F. and by 1911 was called Patriarchs' Militant Band, to be reborn as Petaluma Municipal Band in 1925. It lasted until the early 1960's. A successor band (Petaluma Community Band) was formed in 1996

Pine Grove Brass Band

Active in 1861

Placerville Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1864. In September 1861 the band volunteered to become the Regimental Band for Colonel Judah's Regiment (in Arizona?)

Placerville Union Brass Band

Active in 1863, when its headquarters were based at Eisfeldt & Tagtmeier's Lager Beer Cellar (with the largest mugs and best lager in the city!). Still active in 1865

Plumas County Band (Quincy)

Active around 1900

Plymouth Cornet Band (Culver City)

Active in 1903

Pocohontas Band

Active in the mid/late 1800s

Point Arena Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1911

Pomona Brass Band

Active around 1900

Quincy Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Raisin City Band

Founded in 1894. Still active in 1897, with members George W. Giffin, A.L. McCray (conductor), Stephen D. Giffin, W.R. Foster, Joe Hudson, E. Renfro, Henry Monck, Emory Sutherland, Harry Clark, J. Thomas Holden, James H. Cary, George Bancroft, William F. Holden, J.H. Sutton, Chris Seeberg, and George D. Clark

Red Bluff Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1866. Moses P. Pritchard was a member in 1866

Redlands University Women's Band (San Bernadino)

Active around 1910, Gertrude Matthis played euphonium

Reedley Brass Band

Active in 1909

Relief Hill Silver Cornet Band (Nevada County)

Active in the mid/late 1800s

Richland Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Riverside Cornet Band

Founded in 1876, becoming Riverside Junior Band in 1896, then Riverside Military Band in 1902. Conductor Gustav Hilverkus in 1907-1935. The band is still currently active as the Riverside Concert Band

Roaring River Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1863

Rocklin Town Band (Placer County)

Active around 1900

Rohnerville Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1871

Sacramento Brass Band

See: Sacramento Union Brass Band

Sacramento Union Brass Band

Founded by August Wetterman in 1856. It was engaged to accompany the city militia to San Francisco for the funeral of James King of William who had been shot by James F. Casey. It performed in San Francisco in 1858 for the laying of the Atlantic Cable when Queen Victoria sent the first message over the cable to President James Buchanan. Still active in 1864.

St Aloysius' Band (Santa Barbara)

A boys' band, active in the 1900's, which was run by the Associated Charities, based at 722 Anacapa Street, which dealt with needy or delinquent children

St Anthony's Industrial School Brass Band (San Diego)

Active in the 1890's

St Vincent's School Band (Marin County)

Active in the 1900's

San Andreas Brass Band

Founded in spring 1858. Still active in 1867. Conductor Mons. Guirere in 1858. Leader John R. Parsons in 1860

San Bernadino Cornet Band

Active in 1880

San Diego Harmonie Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

San Diego Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

San Francisco City Brass Band

Active in 1860

San Francisco Industrial School Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1876, consisting of around 20 boys aged under 14 years

San Francisco Letter Carriers Band

Active in 1927

San Francisco Minstrels' Brass Band

Active in 1859, performing at the dedication of the new I.O.O.F. Hall in Placerville

San Francisco Police Band

Active around 1910

San José Brass Band

Active in 1868

San José Ladies' Brass Band

See: California Ladies' Band

San Juan Brass Band (North San Juan)

See: North San Juan Brass Band

San Quentin Prison Band

Active in 1880 to 1912

Santa Ana Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1891

Santa Barbara Brass Band

Active in 1880 to 1890. Members in 1889 were: Joe Green (leader), Messrs Ruiz, Dickson, Walsh, Landon, Taylor, Emerson, Bates, Moreno, Marcos, Lee Harrison, Ed Harrison, Lloyd Goux, Jack Harrison, and Edson Smith

Santa Clara College Band

Active around 1900

Santa Cruz Brass Band

Active in the early 1860's, leader Israel Chapin Willson

Santa Cruz Catholic Brass Band

Founded in summer 1877, with players: H. Lynch, P. Neary, J. A. Sweeney, H. Dougherty, N. Alzina, James Wanzer, W. Tait, Thomas Egan, J. Peppin, and J. Nash. It disbanded in 1881

Santa Maria Concert Band

Active in 1908

Schillerbund Brass Band (San Francisco)

Active around 1900

Sebastopol Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. The band was founded by realtor George Dewey Sanborn. Members included George Sanborn (baritone), Fred Jensen (cornet), O. W. Cobb (euphonium), Jim Kelly (snare drum), Mr. Harrison (trombone), Omar Cobb (euphonium), George Calder (cornet), Oliver (Ollie) Berry (cornet), Seymour Henderson (tuba), Mr. Colburn (tuba).

Shasta Brass Band

Active in 1863 to 1870. Eight instruments and two drums in March 1865. Leader Mr Lentz in 1866. Sheriff Hopping was a member in 1866. Teacher Augustus Schroder in 1867

Sherman Clay Band

Active in the 1870's

Siche's Brass Band (Nevada City)

Founded in October 1858, with six players, leader Mr Siche, contemporary with the Nevada Brass Band

Sierra Buttes Mine Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Sierra City Brass Band

Active in the 1890's. In Sierra City on Sundays in the summer and early fall, bands would march through town and stop in front of the store fronts, including the pubs, and play. Afterwards, the barkeeps would serve free beer; and, by the time the band reached the lower end of town, "bubbles of excess carbon dioxide from beer consumed issued from the horns, and ... there were noticeable slurring of the notes."

Silicon Valley Brass Band (Santa Clara)

[Current band] - Founded in 2008

Silver Creek Brass Band (San José)

[Current band] - Founded in 2019

Sonoma Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's and 1880's. Members included Jerry O'Rourke, Herb Peck, Phil Schmidt, Walter Peck, Fred Ellsworth, Teddy O'Niel, Frank Peters, Manuel Peters, Frank Connoly, Doodle Mathews, Howard Brady, William Platt, Edward G. Schulze, Manuel Viera, Gus Walsh, Harry Smith (Director), John Segrist, and Dan Stilwell

Sonora Brass Band

Active in 1857, leader C. Schmitz. Still active in 1871. Also active in the 1880's

Sonora Young Men's Club Band

Founded in 1888

Sotoyome Brass Band

Active around 1900

Soulsbyville Junior Band

Founded in 1912

Soulsbyville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1878. Members in 1900 were Will Goldsworthy, William Barron, William H. Adams, Jim Oliver, Orton J. Nicholls, Earl Barron, Richard J. Adams, William Ham, Edward Curnow, Richard A. Nicholls, Will Nicholls, Albert Nicholls, Royal S. Nicholls, Dick Oliver, Garnet T. Barron, John Nicholls, Frank Morgan, William Morgan, William Beck, Arch Oliver and Bart Richards.

Southern Pacific Railway Co. Band (Shasta)

Active in the 1880's

Stanford Band (Pasadena)

Active in 1913

Stockton Amateur 6th Infantry Battalion Band

Active in the 1890's

Stockton Amateur Boys' Cornet Band

A boys' band, active around 1895. Members were: Edward B. Condy (conductor), Howard Coweil, Louis Condy, Dorrance Owen (solo cornets), Armand Woods, Jesse McCloud, Robert Simpson (1st cornets), Otto Grunsky, Frank Adams, Marcy Woods, L. Milton Cutting (trombones), Willie Rooney, Emery Pollard, Pressley Martin (2nd cornets), Redwood Fisher (Eb clarinet), Austin Sperry, Austin Burlon, Edwin Ladd, Grover Fitzgerald (Bb clarinet), Cyril Nunan (solo alto), Arthur Turner, Raymond Haas, Reed Clarke (altos), Sidney Barnett, Howard Condy (baritones), Ralph Keyes, Eriedean O. Henderson (tubas), Lloyd Salbach (snare drum), Clifford Williams (bass drum), Frank Burton (cymbals), Everett Wolff (drum major)

Stockton Cornet Band

Founded in 1856. Still active in 1858

Student Youth of America Band (Marin County)

Active around 1910

Suisun Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Sullivan Band

Active in 1909

Susanville Town Band

Active in the 1870's

Sutter Creek Brass Band

Active in 1867 with ten players. Still active in 1868

Temescal Social Club Brass Band

Active in the early 1870's, with members including Mr. Ainsley, Fred J. Cook, Joe Galindo, Henry Beakley, Ernest Jefferries (drummer), Charlie Leehow, George Jund, Manuel Oyarzo, Johnny Saunders, Mr. Ford (bandmaster, who was blind), Billie Cooper and Hart Lusk

Thomas Silver Cornet Band (Grass Valley)

Active in the 1870's, named after their leader Stephen Thomas, and later by his brother John Thomas, and consisting primarily of Cornishmen

Thornton Brass Band

Active in the 1920's

Trinity Brass Band (Trinity County)

Active in 1857 to 1860

Tulare City Military Band

Active in the 1880's

Tule British Brass Band (Visalia)

[Current band] - Founded in 1996 as Visalia Community Brass Band

Tuolumne Brass Band

See: Columbia Brass Band

Ukiah Brass Band

Active in 1871

Ukiah Ladies' Band

Active in the 1910's. Jennie Briggs played euphonium c.1914

Union Brass Band (Nevada City)

Founded in July 1858, with members including William R. Coe, George R. Turner, B.F. Stokes, William Gates, Frank Leonard, Lewis Blennie, Charles Johnson, and W.B. Lockwood. Alexander Gatfield was appointed tutor to the band in February 1859. Still active in 1860. Contemporary with the Nevada Brass Band

University of California Cadet Band (Berkeley)

Active in 1916

Upland Concert Band

Active around 1900

Vallecito Brass Band

Active in 1858

Ventura British Brass (Oxnard)

[Current band] - Founded in 2005

Visalia Brass Band

Active in 1862

Visalia Community Brass Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: Tule British Brass Band

Volcano Brass Band

Active in 1856, performing at a funeral in Mokelumne Hill

Walbridge Cornet Band (Mount Shasta)

Active in the 1880's

Washington Brass Band

Founded in 1862 under leader Mr. Philip Goyne. Original members were Philip and John Goyne (miners), John McBean (saloon keeper), A. W. Potter, Dr. H. F. Wilkinson (miner), J. H. Adams (miner), and John W. Brown (miner). During the Civil War, it played at every fund-raising event for the welfare of the Union Army, and always without compensation. Dances in Nevada City, Dutch Flat, Rough & Ready, Graniteville, etc., weddings, lodge parties, political rallies. Members in 1866 included George A. Grissel, John McBean, Philip Goyne (conductor), John Goyne, Fritz Meister, Mr Moulton, Doctor Wilkinson, Mr Adam and Mr Brown. Still active in 1879

Washington Cornet Band

See: Washington Brass Band

Watsonville Brass Band (1)

Founded in August 1860 by E.C. Chase

Watsonville Brass Band (2)

Formed in 1994 by Gonzalo Viales from a subset of the Watsonville Community Band, it sadly only lasted a few years.

Weaverville Brass Band (1) (Trinity County)

Founded in 1856. Still active in 1866. Founder members were Fred Walters, J.E. Sedlak (leader), J.F. Long, Henry Hoehn, A.M. Kruttschnitt, L.B. Thorp, C. Lenz, and Charles Hosp. A successor band was formed in April 1868

Weaverville Brass Band (2) (Trinity County)

Founded in April 1868. Still active in 1869

Weaverville Brass Band (3) (Trinity County)

Active around 1910

Weaverville Ladies' Brass Band

Founded on 16th April 1900 as the Ladies' Eltapome Band, instructed by A.L. Paulsen (leader of the Weaverville Cornet Band). Still active in 1950. Initial members were Lucy M. Young (baritone), Adel McMurray (cornet), Nors Dannenbrink (Bb bass), Ethel Woodbury (alto), Edna E. Paulsen (cornet), Mamie Weinheimer (alto), Clara M. Flagg (cornet), Vera Goodyear (bass drum), Clara Harvey (tuba), Ella Benton (cornet), Addie F. Noonan (cornet), Sadie E. Leonard (trombone), Flora Heath (tenor), Irene Arguello (snare drum), Agnes Weinheimer (alto). Later additions to the band were Edith Mahoney, Idell Laingor, Ida Laingor, Josie Gilzean, Jennie McElroy, Nora Blaney, Rose Blaney, Irma Goodyear, Ruby Whitmore, Helen Leonard, Lucy Yount, Gladys Meyer, Myrtle Skinner, Birdie Gates, Robbie Mahoney, Grace Mahoney, Pauline Paulsen and Vera Hutchins.

Weed Factory Band (Weed)

Active in 1913 - members included Charles Waters, Jack Riley, George Gleeson, Mr. Rowden, Little Nemo, Eddie Goff, Jack Wanacheck, Jim Henley (leader), Homer Galbreth, Roy Waters, Mr. Navajaho, Charles Summers, Wiley Moor, Bill Shaw, Dr. Fuller

West Point Brass Band

Active in 1867

Wheatland Brass Band

Active in 1914

Whittier Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Whittier Municipal Band

Active in the 1900's

Whittier State School Band

Active around 1910

Williams Brass Band (Williams)

Active in the 1890's

Willits Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in August 1905, conductor Professor Edward Ball, assisted by J.J. Keller. Initial members were: Edith Steinbrun (president), Eula Taylor (cornet & secretary), Della Shimmin (manager), Mabel Saxon (trombone & librarian), Mrs McPeak (treasurer), R.E. Shimmin (corresponding secretary), Mabel Crockett, Hazel Blosser, Delia Shimmin, Hattie Frost, Georgie Steinbrun.

Winter Cornet Band (San Diego)

Active in the 1890's

Winters Band (Sacramento)

Active in 1911

Wirth Concert Band

Active around 1910

Woodland Brass Band

Active in 1870, when members included Professor Paul Boulon, leader, Eb Cornet; Louis Boulon, Bb Cornet; L. Machefert, 2nd Bb Cornet; Henry Jackson, 1st Alto; J. Simpson, 2nd Alto; J. Martin, Tenor; Charles Cardinal, 2nd Tenor; G. Gaynan, Bb Bass; J. Woods, Eb Bass

Woodland Eagle Band

Active in the 1900's

Yreka Brass Band (1)

Active in 1858. In August 1858, 12 men, including 6 members of the band (John Murray, leader; I.G. Murray, W.I. Mayfield, John Garner, A.J. Starling and Louis Detarre) walked to (50 miles or so) and then ascended Mt Shasta with their instruments, playing "Hail Columbia" and other patriotic tunes on the summit at a height of 16,700 feet. The trip, there and back, took three days

Yreka Brass Band (2)

Active in 1901 - members included Floyd Collar, Lucien Guilbert, Henry Schock, Walter Pollock (snare drum), John Walbridge, Bill Chute, Herman Schill, Harry Le May, Jackie Snooks, Henry Le May, and Fred Meanber

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Montrose Band, 1905

4th U.S. Artillery Regimental Brass Band (Denver)

A historical re-enactment band active in the late 1990s and early 2000s

Aurora Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Blackhawk Brass Band

Active in 1862, with members including J.J. Hamllik, George Stroehle, D.D. Lake, Albert Lintz, Adam Schussler, Tulley Jones, Aleck Newton, and Alec Carson

Boulder Citizen's Band

Founded in 1897. Conductor Bill Swarts 1899-1919, George Oles 1919-1922, Eliesio Jacoe in 1922-1927. Disbanded in 1956

Canon City Band

Active around 1900

Caribou Silver Cornet Band (Boulder County)

Active in 1874, leader Mr. Moyle

Co. C Cornet Band (Georgetown)

See: Georgetown Cornet Band

Colorado Brass (Windsor)

[Current band] - Founded in January 2018

Colorado Midland Band

Active around 1910

Colorado State Penitentiary Band (Canon City)

Active around 1910

Denver Brass Band

Active around 1900

Denver City Brass Band

Active in 1860

Denver Post Boys Band

Active in 1908

Fort Lewis School Band

Active around 1900. This was a brass band from the Fort Lewis Indian School

Fountain Creek Brass Band (Colorado Springs)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Pikes Peak Brass Band

Front Range Brass Band (Colorado Springs)

Active in the early 2000s

Georgetown Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's. Members in 1886 were: Arnold Barmettler (leader), J. Duncan, J. D. Conway, T. Reynolds, G.W. Miller, E. M.Thompson, E. C. Fisher, J.D. Rodda, R. B. Button, H. Post, W. F. Emmonds, R. E. Rea, T. McAyeal, L. Southoff, and W. Rodda

Gold Hill Town Band

Founded in 1883 with 16 to 20 members

Graham Mesa Brass Band (Rifle)

A family band, active around 1910. It consisted of father Isem Wilber Graham (b. 1856, cornet), his wife Erugenia (Jennie, nee Mullen, b. 1872) (bass drum), and sons Millard Elmer (b. 1890, tuba), John Albert (b. 1894, cornet), Claude Allen (b. 1892, trombone), Henry Lewis (b. 1896, trombone), Vern Clayton (b. 1907, side drum), Joseph Eber (b. 1899, flugel horn), and Wilbur Isem Graham (b. 1905)

Grand Junction Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Members included J.W. Boulden, side drum; Harry Wyman, bass drum; G.W. Boulden, E flat tuba; T.F. Crowley, 2nd E flat tuba: J.E. Slaven, baritone; W. Lynch, 1st tenor; J.C. Lovett, 2nd tenor; W.S. Tevis, 3rd alto; A.A. Miller, 2nd alto; J.F. Barrett, 1st E flat alto; George Patten, solo alto; J.A. Sovdee, 3rd B flat cornet; C.W. Haskell, 2nd B flat cornet; F.M. Burger, 1st B flat cornet; N.O.G. Nelson, solo B flat cornet; C.M. Makepeace, leader.

Grand Valley Ladies' Band

Active around 1900

Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band (Silverton)

[Current band]

Greeley Cornet Band (1)

Founded in September 1870. Members included S.H. Southard, H.B. Jackson, J. Fred Fezer, Fremont Hart, Will Childs, Thomas Robbins, Eph Heaton, Isaac Yardley, George Dana Horne, John Havener, Eugene Abbott, and Frank Fidler

Greeley Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1885

Greeley First Brigade Colorado National Guard Band

Active in the 1890's

Greeley State Teachers College Girls' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1915, conductor J.C. Kendall

Gunnison Cornet Band

Active in 1890, members included William Coombs, J.J. Williams, 'Dow' Smith, William Grafflin, Lark Young. W.H. (Henry) Corum, Leon Gavette, Charles Meyer, Ellis Lore, Charles Adams, Ellis Butterfass, Charles Williams, Albert Potter, and J.P. Piper

Highlandlake Independent Cornet Band (Mead)

Founded around 1883

Highline Silver Cornet Band (Denver)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

ICC Silver Cornet Band (Boulder)

Active in 1870

Idaho Springs Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's. Leader H.N. Thomas in 1881

Keota Peerless Band

Active in 1911. Members in 1913 were: Lee F. Patty (leader, baritone), Harley Jobbins (snare drum), Herbert Poush (bass drum), Ed Wise (tenor), Joe Schuber and Allan Moore (altos), George Schoonover (tuba), George Ross, Charles Vogliotti, Carl Haworth and Clarence Moen (cornets)

Ladies' Columbine Band (Grand Junction)

Active in 1900, conductor Silas Morley Boyer

Lagrange Trombone Band

Active around 1900

Lamar Band

Active in 1908

Lincoln Military Band (Mount Airy, Denver)

Active around 1900

Longmont Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Longmont Juvenile Band

Active in the 1890's

Loveland Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Modock Brass Band

Active around 1900

Monrovia City Band

Active in 1890

Montrose Brass Band

Active in the 1890's. Still active in 1905

Montrose Junior Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Morrison Town Band

Active in the 1890's

Murphy Mine Silver Cornet Band (St Elmo)

Active in the 1880's

Noland Brass Band

Active around 1900

Ouray Brass Band

Active in 1911

Pagosa Springs Band

Active in 1917

Pikes Peak Brass Band (Colorado Springs)

[Current band] - Founded in 1998 as Fountain Creek Brass Band, renamed Pikes Peak Brass Band in 2014

Pueblo Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Red Cliff Brass Band

Active in 1887 - members included Charles Thomas, Fred Shafer, Percy Mason, William B. Thom, Henry Sherer, John Gardner, Frank Ruby, Robert Wiggins, Richard Paul, Zeke Mallory, Mont Fulford (bass drum) and William Dwight (snare drum)

Rifle Cornet Band (Garfield County)

Active in the 1900's

Rifle Ladies' Band

Active in the 1900's

Rockvale Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Rocky Mountain Brassworks (Denver)

[Current band] - Founded in 1978

St Vincent's Boys Home Band (Denver)

Active in the 1910's

Salida Brass Band

Active in 1912

Sanford Silver Band

Active around 1900 with members Thomas Crowther, Hamner Mortensen, Charles Johnson, William O. Crowther, Alma Crowther, Ross Johnson, Eugene Mortensen, Frederic Bentley, Fred T. Christensen, Jessie L. Mortensen, Lyman Carter, Rulen Mortensen, Holm A. Mortensen, and Lars Mortensen (bandmaster)

Second Regiment Band National Guard of Colorado (Camp Goldfield)

Active in 1903

Silver Oueen Brass Band (Georgetown)

Active in the 1870's

Silverton Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1976

Silverton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Somerset Brass Band

Active in 1908

Sterling Brass Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Telluride Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Terrible Silver Cornet Band (Brownsville)

Founded in September 1871 - associated with the Terrible mine - members included William Clair Jr., Jerry Kirtley, Billy Reynolds, Dan Roberts, Bill Thomas, Billy Clair Sr., Stephen Thomas (leader), and Thomas Woodley

Union Pacific Shop Employe's Band (Denver)

Active in the 1910's

United Rico Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

University of Colorado BandActive in 1915

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Thompsonville Cornet Band

Allentown Brass Band

Active in 1887

Amber Greek Band

Active in the 1880's

American Brass Band (Bristol)

Founded in February 1889, president W.E. Throop, secretary W.B. Woodruff, general manager W.E. Shelton

Ansonia Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Avon Brass Band

Founded in 1899 by young men who worked in the Climax Fuse shop. Members included Clinton Hadsell (bass horn), Will McCarty, Frank Richards

Babcock Cornet Band (Ashford)

[Current band] - Founded in 1862 through a bequest from the estate of Archibald Babcock. A local resident described the formation of the band "Soon after the acceptance of the trust fund, everyone who could buy, borrow or hire a horn was invited to join. Those who could read music played by note; those who could not played by ear; those who could do neither made what noise they could. Cats, screech owls, and bull frogs all left town. Dogs crawled under the barn or ran away to the woods every time the band played". In the 1890's the Lyon and Healy musical instrument manufacturing company of Chicago, IL conducted a survey of bands in the United States. That survey certified Ashford's Babcock Band as the nation's second oldest band behind the Dodworth

Providence, R.I. Shortly thereafter the Dodworth group dissolved, leaving the Babcock Band as the undisputed oldest civilian band in the U.S.

Band Canadienne (Grosvenor Dale)

Active in the 1890's

Bristol Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Bristol Military Band

Active around 1900

Broad Brook Cornet Band (East Windsor)

Active in 1895 - James Allen was a member at that time

Burr Cornet Band (Colchester)

Active in 1854

Carpet City Brass Band (Thompsonville)

Active in 1904, performing in Thompsonville

City of Norwalk Cornet Band

Founded in February 1891 with 18 members

Classic Brass (Storrs)

[Current band] - Founded in 1988

Coast Artillery Band, (Bridgeport)

Active in the 1900's, conductor Paul G. Goulding

Collinsville Brass Band

Active in 1890's

Collinsville Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Collinsville German Band

Active in the 1880's

Connecticut Agricultural College Cadet Band

Active around 1900

Copley's Cornet Band (New Milford)

Active in 1869

Cornwall Cornet Band

Active in 1873,1874

Crescent Band (Middle Haddam)

Active in 1919

Danbury Brass Band (1)

Active in 1861

Danbury Brass Band (2)

[Current band] - Founded in 1984 by Alan Raph

Deep River Brass Band

Active in 1870

Durham Cornet Band

Active from 1861 to 1863

East Haddam Bohemian Band

Active in the 1890's

East Hartford Cornet Band

Active in 1870

East Killingley Volunteer Band

Active around 1900

East Woodstock Cornet Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1893. Original members were George G. Thurber, J. Checkley Ames, Louis H. Linderman, E.E. Trask, John S. May, W.T. White, B.W. Bates, A.H. Linderman, F.O. Chaffee, G.H. Wether¬ell, B.N. Andrews, C.C. Gildersleeve, John A. Linderman, Everett E. May, William N. Hastings, E.L. Upham, Frank May, and Henry Moore

Essex Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Forestville Cornet Band (Bristol)

Active in 1855

Fort Trumbull Brass Band (New London)

Active in 1868

Gilbert Cornet Band (Winsted)

Active in 1868 to 1873

Glastonbury Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Granby Brass Band

Active in 1897

Greenwich Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1865 and 1897

Griswoldville Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Hartford Brass Band

Active in 1853

Hartford Cornet Band

Active in 1855 to 1857, and also in the 1900's

Hartford Institute and Home for the Blind Brass Band

Active in 1896

Hatch's Military Band (Hartford)

Active in 1908

Hazardville Cornet Band (Enfield)

Active in 1888, leader William Kerr. Still active in 1894

Heine's Brass Band (South Norwalk)

Active in 1891

Hotchkiss Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Howe's Cornet Band (Bridgeport)

Active in 1871

Imperial Band (Stonnington)

Active in the 1900's

Konomoc Hose Co. Band (New London)

Active in the 1900's

Lakeville Brass Band (Salisbury)

Active in 1859 to 1873

Lebanon Brass Band

Founded in March 1884, initial members included Orlando C. Tucker, Dwight E. Abell, Wm. B. Loomis, George Irish, John G. Kneeland, Frank M. Kingsley, Sidney Lock, J. Lincoln Crandall, George Green, Charles H. Loomis, Henry Kingsley, William L. Spencer, Nathaniel Loomis, H.E. Card, Henry Bassett, and John Barry

Lichfield Band

Active in the 1880's

Little's Brass Band (Hartford)

Active in the 1880's

Meriden Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1874

Middletown Cornet Band

Active in 1872, when members included Andrew Cody and John Wall

Middletown Municipal Band

Founded in 1879

Mohawk Valley Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Moosup National Band

Active in the 1900's

Mystic Cornet Band

Active in 1862 and 1884

New Britain Cornet Band

Founded in 1870

New Canaan Cornet Band

Active in 1898

New London Cornet Band

Active in 1869

New Milford Citizens' Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1874, leader Professor Jenks

New Military Band (New Haven)

Active in 1908

Nonnawauk Brass Band (Seymour)

Active around 1900

North Grosvenordale Band

Active in the 1900's

Old Hartford Cornet Band

Active in 1859

Philharmonic Band (Bridgeport)

Active in 1890

Polish Falcon Band (Torrington)

Founded in 1912

Polish Parish Band (Torrington)

Founded in 1915

Prospect Cornet Band (West Cheshire)

Active in 1862, leader John B. Isbell, with 15 players

Quinebaug Cornet Band (Killingly)

Active in 1868, when they acquired a new uniform made of grey and trimmed with black, with gilt buttons

Rockville Cornet Band (Vernon)

Active in 1872. Still active in 1880

St Bernard's Catholic Total Abstinence Cornet Band (Rockville)

Founded in August 1875, with leader Thomas J. Sheehan, lieutenant James Carroll, secretary John Savage, treasurer William McNerney, contractors Frank Fay and William Finley

St Cecilia French Canadian Cornet Band (Meriden)

Active in 1879

St John's Cornet Band (Stamford)

Active in 1891

St Joseph's Cornet Band (Willimantic)

Active in 1878, leader J.E. Murray, clerk Ross O'Loughlin

Saybrook Cornet Band

Active in 1894, leader Frank Stillman, secretary Jerome Stevens

Sharon Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1874

Simonds Military Band (Collinsville)

Active in the 1900's

Simsbury Cornet Band

Active in 1888. Still active in 1900

Slater Band (Jewett City)

Active in the 1900's

Somersville Cornet Band (Somers)

Active in 1890

South Windham Brass Band

Active in 1878, leader A. Kinne, secretary L.C. Kinne

Southington Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Springfield Brass Band

Active in 1906

Stafford Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Stamford Cornet Band

Founded in 1865, instructor Mr Lum. Still active in 1891

Street Railway Band (Hartford)

Active in the 1900's

Suffield Cornet Band

Active in 1880. Leader Professor Vose in 1880, George Clark, in 1885

Taylor's Band (Dover)

Active in the 1900's

Terryville Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Thayers Natural Pharmaceuticals Company Band (Westport)

Active in the 1900's

Thomas Family Band (Hartford)

Active around 1900. Consisted of Mr & Mrs Thomas and their five daughters

Thomaston Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Thompsonville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's, conductor J.W. Martin

Tinney's Concert Band, (Bridgeport)

Active in 1909

Tubb's Military Band (Norwich)

Founded in 1872. Still active in the 1900's

Union Brass Band (Killingly)

Founded in August 1872 from members of the Wauregan and Quinebaug Cornet Bands, officers were Harry Wilson (president), C.N. Capron (vice president), O.W. Bowen (secretary & treasure)

Union City Brass Band (Naugatuck)

Active in 1856

Warehouse Point Cornet Band (East Windsor)

Active in 1892

Waterbury Boys' Club Band

Active in 1913

Wauregan Cornet Band

Active in the late 1860's

West Cornwall Cornet Band

Active in 1880

Wheeler and Wilson's Cornet Band (Bridgeport)

Active in 1861, leader Frank Thomas. Still active in 1885. The band consisted of employees from the company's 320 strong workforce - a drum corps was also formed. Wheeler and Wilson's manufactured sewing machines

Willimantic Brigade Brass Band

Founded in 1845, associated with the fifth brigade of Connecticut militia. Original members included John S.R. Benchley, Joseph M. Dunham, Lyman M. Jordan, A.W. Jillson, J.A. Watson, William A. Benchley, William H. Osborn, Harry Willson, Mason Prentice, Will-iam D. Franklin, Charles S. Blivin, Albert N. Maine, John H. Prentice, Lewis Russ, and Ira M. Vaughn

Willimantic Cornet Band

Founded in 1858, complete with a constitution and by-laws, that included nineteen articles, and with a board of elected officers representing some of the town's foremost businesses, trades and professional men. The band had to suspend its activities because of the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. The band's operations were not resumed until 1868. Thomas H. Rollinson was appointed leader of the Band on August 4, 1868. After some four years as leader of the Band - reportedly without pay - Thomas Rollinson was formally thanked for his leadership by the band at its March 1872 annual meeting. As a token of their appreciation, he was presented a silver tea set in recognition of his service to the band. By 1876 the Band found itself in disarray and disbanded in March that year. In the summer of 1876, a new Willimantic Band was founded with Thomas Rollinson as director and W.C. Jillson as secretary. At the same time a National Band of Willimantic had organized with some of its players being taken from the former band at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Willimantic. Competition from the National Band and the departure of Rollinson from the local music scene in the early 1880's, doubtless were factors contributing to the eventual disappearance of the new Willimantic Band.

Windsor Cornet Band

Founded in 1859. Active through to 1894. Contemporary with the Windsor Locks Cornet Band in the 1890's

Windsor Locks Cornet Band

Active in 1888 to 1895, leader Milfred Sumner. Contemporary with the Windsor Cornet Band. Uniforms in 1888 were coats, pantaloons and helmets of dark blue trimmed with gilt and scarlet and the "coat of arms" of the United States

Winsted Cornet Band

Active in 1859. Still active in the 1890's

Wolcott Cornet Band

Founded on 27 March 1873. Herman W. Huke was a member

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Miford Fireman's Cornet Band

Amphion Cornet Band (Middletown)

Active in 1868 to 1871

Amphion Cornet Band (New Castle)

Active in 1870 to 1873

Amphion Cornet Band (Wilmington)

Active in 1857 to 1860

Brown's Family Orchestra (Wilmington)

The family was father Herbert (b. 1884, violin and french horn), mother Luella (b. 1886, piano and saxophone), Ralph (b. 1910, bass), Vera (b. 1915, drums, traps, bells and xylophone), Martin (b. 1916, cornet), Albert "Pud" (b. 1918, saxophone), Gordon (b. 1919, cymbals and alto horn). The family travelled with its own tutor, a licensed school teacher who made sure that Whether in Maine or California the Brown juniors get the instruction just the same as if they were in their school at home. Played at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Delaware in April 1923, in Florida during winter 1926/7 and Revere Beach, near Boston, in summer 1926. When crossing the continent, they stopped along the route and played at theatres. They travelled in a well-equipped house on wheels - an "auto pullman car" which had a fold-out platform that was used whenever they needed a stage. The family eventually left Wilmington and relocated to Shreveport, Louisiana

Camden Mechanics' Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band (Hockessin)

[Current band] - Founded in 1996

Diamond State Cornet Band (Middletown)

Active in 1873, 1874

Dover Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1874

Georgetown Brass Band

Active in 1868

Henry and Young's Band (Wilmington)

Active in the 1910's

Independence Cornet Band (Wilmington)

See: Independent Cornet Band

Independent Cornet Band (Wilmington)

Active in 1870. Leader James A. Anderson in 1872

Laurel Brass Band (Sussex County)

Active in 1862. Still active in 1868. Conductor H.P. Fooks in 1863. Leader Benjamin R. Riggin in 1868. Also known as the Union Brass Band

Lewes Boys' Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Middletown Brass Band (1)

Active in 1860 to 1862. It had folded before 1867

Middletown Brass Band (2)

Founded in 1868 Still active in 1871, leader Mr Ritchie

Milford Fireman's Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Mount Vernon Cornet Band (Wilmington)

Active in 1867 to 1873. A "colored" band

New Castle Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Newark Brass Band

Active in 1864 to 1869

Newark Citizens' Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1871

Odessa Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Had a band wagon built in 1870

Odessa Saxe Horn Band

Active in 1869 to 1874

Primrose and Dockstader's Minstrel Band

Active in 1912

Richardson's Brass Band (Camden)

Active in 1856

Saint Georges Brass Band

Active in 1866

Saint Georges Cornet Band

Active in 1864

Seaford Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Smyrna Citizens Band

Active around 1900

Smyrna Cornet Band

Active in 1863 to 1870

Townsend Brass Band

Founded in April 1869, with 14 players, leader Professor Beggs. Still active in 1870

Union Brass Band (Laurel)

See: Laurel Brass Band

United Cornet Band (Wilmington)

Active in 1872

Willow Grove Brass Band

Active in 1868, leader S.T. Hall. Still active in 1869

Wilmington Brass Band

Active in 1852, leader J.L. Beggs. Later known as Wilmington Cornet Band. Still active in 1876. Leader Mr Haddock in 1859, Mr Ellinger in 1873-1874

Wilmington City Cornet Band

See: Wilmington Brass Band

Wilmington Cornet Band

See: Wilmington Brass Band

Wyoming Cornet Band

Active in 1868, 1869

USA - District of Columbia



9th Veteran Reserve Corps Band, Washington, 1865

Bergman's Metropolitan Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1867

Campbell Hospital Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1865

Esputa's Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1854 to 1860

Fisher's Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1853 to 1855, leader P. Fisher, with 20 players

Forrest Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1856

Heald's American Brass Band (Washington)

Founded in April 1864, with 14 players who were mechanics in the plumber's department at the Navy Yard. Leader L.A. Heald. Still active in 1867

Heald's Washington Brass Band (Washington)

See: Heald's American Brass Band

Holy Hill Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1864 to 1869

Metropolitan Hall Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1865

Miller's Ladies' Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1903

Mount Pleasant Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1865, with 28 players

National Brass Band (Washington)

Founded in late 1855, conductor William Bergman. Other members in 1856 included Philip Fisher, Mr Fields, Henry Eiseman, Charles Bergman, Mr Gleffe, John Arth, J.R. Marsoletti, Gaetano Rapetti, Herman Menze, Mr Nauman, John Eiseman, Thomas Mackey, Michael Arth

Philharmonic Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1873, with officers W.H. Hunter (president), Clement Wilson (vice president), Albert Dodson (secretary), J. Richard Coakjey (treasurer), and James Cornell (band sergeant)

President Lincoln's Own Band (Washington)

[Current band] - Founded in 2012

Prosperi's Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1853 to 1855, leader J.M. Prosperi, conductor Frederic Prosperi, cotillion conductor L. Webber. The bandroom was at the New Odd Fellow's Hall, Garrison Street, Navy Yard, Washington

St Aloysius' Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1867, leader John H. Becker - composed of youths aged 18 to 20 years of age. Associated with St Aloysius Church and Academy

St Dominick's Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1867, leader William B. Brown, teacher Professor Sarety - composed of youths aged 16 to 18 years of age. Associated with St Dominick's Church. Still active in 1868

Schroeder's Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1858

South Washington Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1868. Conductor S. Richards in 1870

Veteran Invalid Reserve Corps Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1864

Washington Brass Band (1) (Washington)

Founded in June 1859 by John Wagner, F. Christian, and P. Fischer

Washington Brass Band (2) (Washington)

Active in 1873, leader Joseph Lee

Weber's Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1859, leader Lewis Weber

Withers' Brass Band (Washington)

Active in 1860, leader Professor William Withers. In 1865 it was touring in Ohio with G.F. Bailey & Co.'s Metropolitan and Quadruple Combination (James Melville's Grand Circus; Herr Driesbach's Extensive Menagerie; Sands, Nathans & Co.'s Performing Elephants; and The Gigantic Hippopotamus)

USA - Florida



Eustis Cornet Band

Amelia Island Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Ancient City Brass Band (Jacksonville)

[Current band] - A continuation of one of the oldest historic brass bands in Florida the 3rd Florida Regimental Band

Arcadia Concert Band

Active in 1916

Barnes Musical Entertainers Band (Miami)

A family brass band who played for many of the groundbreaking ceremonies for the huge hotels in Miami Beach in the 1920's

Bartow City Band

Active in the 1900's

Bartow Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's to the early 1900's. The first Bartow Cornet Band members included L. Franklin, H.R. Bivins, Eppes Tucker, Guy Culver, Max Hankins, W.O. Jordan, George H. Wright, Frank Blount, R.M. Highman, John Swearingen, C.L. Huddleston, Jim Steele and J.H. Gwiner. The band was reorginized in 1898 with the following members L. Franklin, George Wright, John Swearingen, Eppes Tucker, Fred Gemme, Roy Bushnell, J.B. Bowers, J.B. Wilson, Allie Wilson, Sam Dunlap, J.N. Baggett, Joe Chaille, Floyd Chaille, and Lloyd Chaille.

Brass Band of Central Florida

[Current band] - Founded by Mark Griffin in 1999 as Central Florida Brass Band, becoming Brass Band of Central Florida in the early 2000s

Celebration Brass Band (The Villages)

[Current band] - Founded in May 2009 by Keith Miland, Dave Czohara and Mary Lund

Central Florida Brass Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: Brass Band of Central Florida

Eustis Brass Band

Active in 1922

Eustis Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Fellowship Brass (Tallahassee)

[Current band] - Founded in 2007

Florida Industrial School for Boys Band (Marianna)

Active around 1910

Fort Meade Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Fort Myers Brass Band

Active in 1887

Fort Pierce Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Goshen Band

Active in the 1900's

Grella's Scarlet Guard Band (Clearwater)

Active in the 1920's

Hawk Family Brass Band

Consisted of father Arthur Benson Hawk (b. 1870), his wife Ella May (b. 1872, née Griffith), son Zariel Griffith (b. 1899, trombone and cornet), and daughter Zarita E. (b. 1903) who was an accomplished violinist, vocalist and brass player. They had been giving musical entertainments since January 1914 in conjunction with the Sunday School and at the Colony Hall in Crystal Springs, Florida, and continued to give concerts there through to about 1921, when Zariel married, followed a few years later by Zarita

Hilliard Cornet Band

Active in 1912

J. H. Eschman Show Band (Trenton)

Active in 1913

Jensen Cornet Band (Jensen Beach)

Active in the 1900's

Kissimmee Concert Band

Founded in November 1908, with 20 players, instructed by Prof. Newell. Members in 1909 included Al Gilbert, Albert Parker, Fred W. Stalker, Verner Ellis, Blanche Lancaster Raines, Sallie Pilley, Mary Carson Geiger, J.W. Prentis, Tallulah Gilbert Bandy, George A. Gilbery, Mrs S.H. Bullock, J.Cecil Prentis, Mrs J.W. Prentis, E.A. Neimeyer, Roy WIley, J. Wadley Parker, Marie Huddleston DuPont, Ruby Ellis, Mae Graves Ellis and W. Roy Prentis

Kissimmee Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in August 1914, with flute, clarinet, three cornets, two altos, baritone, trombone, tuba, bass and snare drums

Lake Maitland Female Cornet Band

Active in 1891, with 13 young ladies

Lakeland Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's, organised by George Turner, to the early 1900's

Madison Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Marion Cornet Band (Ocala)

Active in the 1890's

Martin Family Band (White)

Active in the mid-1920s, consisted of Edward Napier Martin (cornet), his wife Annie Bell (nee McCall) (cornet), and children Edward (euphonium), Estile (tenor horn), Anna Marie (tenor horn), Geneva (tuba), also Thelma and Enrico

Miami Varsity Band

Active in the 1910's

Oldsmar Band

Active in the 1910's, conductor Harry E. Prettyman

Orchid City Brass Band (West Palm Beach)

[Current band] - Founded in 2012

Orlando Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Osceola Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Palatka Band

Active in the 1890's

Raiford Band

Active in 1921

Russell's Cornet Band (Key West)

Active in 1904, when members were Dewey Hall, Bertie La Fe, Ed R. (Dee) Curry, Willie Roberts, Prof. Frank Russell, Leroy Voght, Roy Lewin, Hilton Hensen, Eddie Russell, Clifton Cates, Phil Hensen, Reynela Knowles, Arture Velasco, Chas. Lewin and Otto Bethel

Sanford Band

Active in the 1900's

Smith Family Brass Band (Tarpon Springs)

Active in 1919

Snider's Brass Band (Mount Pleasant)

Active in the 1880's, members included Mr. Shepard, Willie Snider, Lucy Snider, George Snider, Frank Snider, John S. Snider, and Asbury W. Snider

Southerners British Brass Band (Naples)

[Current band] - Founded in 1995

Sunshine Brass Band (Tampa)

[Current band] - Founded in the early 1980s

Sunshine City Band (St Petersburg)

Active in 1913

Tallahassee Brass

[Current band] - Founded in 2008

Tampa Cornet Band

Founded in winter 1859, leader J. A. Butterfield, with 14 players, who included Henry Crane and James McKay

Titusville Children's Home Band

Active in 1925

Tropical Brass Band (Palm Beach)

Active in 1889, members included: Willie Moore (bass drum), Guy M. Bradley (Bb trombone), Bob Cook (Eb bass), E.H. Dimick (2nd alto), Louie Bradley (Bb bass), R.W. Porter (1st Eb cornet), Andrew Garnet (solo alto), Charles W. Pierce (Eb cornet, leader)

Wauchula Cornet Band

Founded around 1897 with members: A. Yancy Teachy, drum; J. C. McEwen, snare drum; L. W. Bostick, bass; E. C. Stenstrom, cornet; Joe McEwen, baritone; W. A. Southerland, cornet; Jim Southerland, tenor; H. C. Southerland, solo cornet, and W. K. Southerland, alto.

Weber's All American Band (St Petersburg)

Active in the 1910's

Welcome Cornet Band (Jacksonville)

Founded in 1886 by Allen Thompson Robeson, who was "a blind man who was led always by a little colored boy". Active until 1926, it achieved a national reputation and may have been the inspiration for Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poem, "When the Colored Band Comes Marching Down the Street."

Welters Cornet Band (Key West)

Founded by Frank Welters and Nelson English. Active from before 1910 to the 1930's

Wyer's Creole Cornet Band (Pensacola)

Active in 1887, conductor Edward Wyer

Yankeetown Concert Band,

Active in 1915

Zephyrhills Citizens' Band

Active from 1912 to 1920

Zephyrhills Cornet Band

Active in the late 1890's

USA - Georgia



Demorest Cornet Band

37th Georgia Regimental Band (Atlanta)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band formed in 1980

8th Regiment Band

Active in the 2000s

Atlanta Police Band

Active in the 1910's

Augusta Brass Band

Active in 1852, leader John Bohler. Still active in 1868

Augusta Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Augusta High School Band

Active in the 1890's

Bainbridge British Brass Band

Founded by Bainbridge College president Ed Mobley in 1976. After some years he handed the baton on to Paschal Ward, when the band transitioned to concert band format and became Bainbridge Community Band

Barber's Phenomenal Boy Band (Winder)

Active in the 1890's, consisting of Charles Theodore Barber and his sons - Clinton Eugene, Frederic Littleton, Edward Theodore, Charles Wiley, Robert Reece, Calvin Cleon and Howard Duval.

Bohler's Brass Band (Augusta)

See: Augusta Brass Band

Bowdon Cornet Band

Active in 1903 to 1910

Cairo Concert Band

Active around 1910

Carnesville Brass Band

Active around 1900

Cartersville Brass Band

Active in 1919. Alton G. Harwell played euphonium in the band.

Clarkesville Cornet Band

Active around 1900 with members including Ben Franklin, Lloyd Black, Irenus Barron, Dyer Black, Frank Gabrels, Levi Hurt, Grover Free, Reeves Gabrels, Virgil Barron and Mr Williams

Clayton City Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Cuthbert Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Dacula Brass Band

Active in 1909

Dacula Town Brass Band

Active in 1909

Dawson Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader Mr Rauschenberg. Henry Atkinson was a member around 1870 also

Demorest Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Dixie Brass Band (Columbus, Muscogee County)

Founded in 1892, originally it was located in Girard, AL (across the river from Columbus. George Gafford Blau played baritone in 1893 together with his brothers Richard (cornet) and Martin (snare drum)

Eatonton Concert Band

Active around 1910

Eclipse Brass Band (Jasper)

Active around 1915

Eighth Regiment Band (Rome)

[Current band] - Founded in 1986

Etheridge Family Band

Active in the 1900's

Fitzgerald Brass Band

Active in 1896

Forest City Brass Band (Savannah)

Active in 1867, leader Professor Hicks

Georgia Brass Band (Atlanta)

[Current band] - Founded in 1999

Georgia Industrial Home Band (Macon)

Active in the 1910's

Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra Brass Band (Atlanta)

[Current band] - Founded in 2006, conductor Tom Gibson

Greensboro' Band

Active in the 1900's

Greensboro' Band

Active in the late 1910's

Grovelake Concert Band

Founded in 1911

Gum Springs Band

Active in the 1890's

Harrison Brass Band

Active around 1910

Hiawassee Cornet Band

Active in 1915, when members were: Clyde Twiggs (1897-1971), Worth Hedden (1894-1971), Thomas A. Hooper (1896), Gaither Wood (1896-1933), Ward Wood (1900), Ralph Johnson (1900-1941), John R. Burns (1902-1978), Frank B. Hedden (1896-1986), J. Cline Puett (1896-1977), and Leonard Burch (1888-1954)

Holloway Brothers Band (Clem)

Active in 1910. The eight Holloway brothers, sons of J.J. Holloway, toured the USA and Canada. In 1910 they were performing with the John Robinson Circus. They included Joseph Oscar (leader - b. 1880), Claude Robert (b. 1888), Boyd Watson (b. 1893), Arthur Daniel (b. 1876), John Thomas (b. 1878), William Jasper (b. 1882), Lon Alton (b. 1886), Homer Weaver (b. 1891), and Denver Ralph (b.1897)

Jug Tavern Band (Winder)

Active in the 1890's

Meigs Brass Band

Active around 1900

Messrs Fisher, Bohler and Hett's Brass Band (Augusta)

See: Augusta Brass Band

Monroe Brass Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Monticello Brass Band (Jasper County)

Active in 1895

Norcross Concert Band

Active around 1900

Oconee Brass Band

Founded in 1884. It played Sousa-like music and were very popular. Cicero Wilson was the band leader in 1893. Members in 1895 were William Sparks, Ed Laula, J. B. Cummings, William Davis, E. West, J. B. Printup, John W. Sinton, W. L. Stewart, C. F. Wilson, M. H. Hall, L. C. Driscoll, Albert Brown, Richard Mason and John Hammond

Paul Moss Orphanage and Industrial Home Band (Augusta)

Active in 1913

Richardson Brothers' Band (Gainesville)

Active in the 1910's

Roman Festival Brass (Rome)

[Current band]

Rome Volunteer Firefighters Band

Active in 1907

Savannah Brass Band

Active in 1854 to 1867. Leader Robert Low in 1861. Several of its instruments, worth \$200, were lost in a fire in April 1867

Savannah Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Starr Institute Brass Band

Active around 1890

Statham Band

Active around 1900

Stewart Family Band (Alma, Bacon County)

Active in the 1900's

Swainsboro Brass Band

Active in 1879

Tennille Cornet Band

Active around 1885

Thomasville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

UGA British Brass Band

[Current band] - Based at the University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Washington Cornet Band (Savannah)

Active in 1869 to 1872 - a "colored band". The band was involved in a riot on the Citadel Green on 26 July 1869, in which a number of its instruments were destroyed. Members in 1869 included J.J. Millen (leader), S.R. Myrault, F.A. Myrault, W.A. Geary, B.M. Morcell, W.H. Woodhouse, N.A. Angler, R.H. Burke, Edward J. Colver, E.J. Crivaler, C.H. Gentry. Uniform of the 14 members in 1872 consisted of a dark blue tunics and hats with crimson hat bands

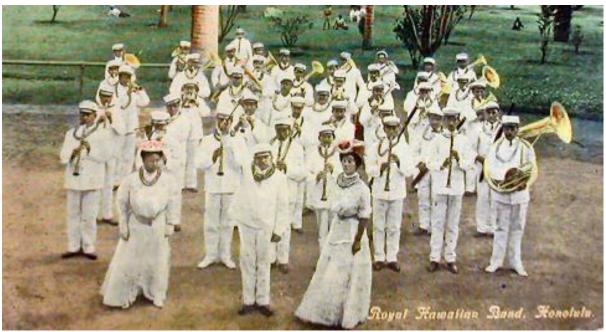
West Family Band (Hancock)

Active in the late 1870's. Consisting of Thomas James West (b. 1821, cornet) and members of his family: sons John Richard West (b. 1846, tuba), Thomas Sterling West (b. 1848, horn), Julian West (b. 1850, euphonium), and Charles Lane West (b. 1851, drums), with Oscar Cone (b. 1849, horn), Tom Daver Wright (euphonium)

Whitehall Band

Active in the 1910's

USA - Hawaii



Royal Hawaiian Band, Honolulu, 1907

Honolulu Brass Band Active in 1866 to 1869, leader William H. Bound Polynesian Cultural Center [PCC] Brass Band Founded in 1963

USA - Idaho



Challis Cornet Band

Boise City Brass Band

Active in 1870

Carey Independent Band

Active around 1890

Centerville Brass Band

Active in 1868 to 1871

Challis Cornet Band

Active in 1892, when members included Maude Ebberts Clarington, Joseph Ebberts, Danny Stephens, Bill Ebberts Sr., Jonathon Job, Frank Reed, Tom Horton and Maurice Ashton

Concordia Band

Active in the 1900's

Cosmopolitan Brass Band (Idaho City)

Active in 1867

Cox'es Silver Band

Active in the 1900's

De Lamar Miners' Band

Active in the 1890's

Deary Cornet Band

Active in 1910, when members included Anton Lee and Carl Carlson

Denver Cornet Band

Active in 1906, instructed by Mr Steinbach

Dingle Brass Band

Active in 1895

Ferdinand Cornet Band,

Active in 1916

Fish Haven Band

Active in the 1900's

Franklin Brass Band

Active around 1890. Conductor was originally Tom Kelley, later passing to Theophilus France

Grangeville Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in late 1900, manager I.C. Hattabaugh, director H.V. Riggs, with 15 players

Idaho Brass Band

See: Idaho City Brass Band (1)

Idaho City Brass Band (1)

Active in 1864 to 1870. Officers in 1867 included C. Claassen, J. Frank and R.J. Strike (leader)

Idaho City Brass Band (2)

Active in 1895, with members Clay Mosher, Charles Jones, Julius Mautz, Fred Garrecht, J.A. Lippincott, Charles Branstetter, Sandy Crawford, Tom Crofton, and Bert Jones

Intermountain Institute Band

Active in 1904

Iona Brass Band (Bonneville)

Founded around 1895, conductor Jessie Astell. Still active in the early 1900's, when members were Howard (Hoskins) Hale, Bert (Lewis Albert) Lee, Walt (Walter) Edwards, A.E. (Albert Edward) Stanger, M.H. (Melvin Hardy) Rushton, Jack (John William) Whitehead, James (Hardy) Steele, Johnnie (John) Jensen, Arthur (Claudius) Hancey [conductor], Joe (Joseph Smith) Mulliner, Delbert Stanger, George (Clarence) Rounds and David (Allen) Rushton

Kamiah Cornet Band

Active in 1915, with 24 players. At a concert in June 1915, the programme was: Overture Poet & Peasant (Suppé), Round the World (Beyer), Mexican Dance - Maria (Davila), Herbstimmung Waltzes (Lincke), Melodies from Faust (Gounod), Prince of Pilsen (Luders), Humoresque (Dvorak), Anita (Allen), Medley of National Airs (Dalbey), Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti), Carmen (Bizet), American Patrol (Meacham), Forget Me Not (Brooks), Loyal Comrades (Blankenburg), A Slippery Place (Hacker), Hostrauser March (Chambers), and A Huntin Scene (Bucalossi)

Lewiston Military Band,

Active in 1907

Malad City Brass Band

Active around 1900, with David Tovey as a trombonist

Malad City Brass Band

Active in 1901

Mountain Home Cornet Band

Active in 1906

Mullan Cornet Band

A band of boys and young men, active around 1910

New Plymouth Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Nezperce Cornet Band

Active in 1901

Oakley Brass Band

Founded in 1885 with twenty members. It was under the leadership of Henry Parkinson and James Port. It disbanded around 1900

Olmsdale's Brass Band (Placerville)

Founded in late 1864, leader Edward Olmsdale, with 12 players. Still active in 1865. Edward Olmsdale was killed by his brother, Gus, on 6 April 1865, with three shots from a six-shooter

Owyhee Brass Band

Active in 1867, leader Mr Strike

Paston's Brass Band (Idaho City)

Active in 1864

Payette Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. In 1903 it amalgamated with the Payette Kid Band, retaining its name

Pleasant Valley Cornet Band (Power County)

Active around 1900

Pocatello Band

Active in the 1890's

Riggs' Concert Band (Grangeville)

Founded at the end of May 1906, with members: H.V. Riggs, C.F. Brown, J.M. Mullinix, James Pearson, James Wood, Herbert Wood, W.E. Bunnell, Clyde W. Nickel, G. Barlow, Dave Sasenbery, L.C. Richardson, Ed Abrahamson, Mrs W.E. Bunnell, Mrs H.V. Riggs, and the Misses Nickel

Rocky Bar Brass Band

Active in 1866, leader William Haslom

St Charles Brass Band

Founded in 1895 by Solomon Tremelling. The members of the band faithfully held band practice on the day or evening it was scheduled, practicing in their homes. A light wagon used as a bandwagon was colorful with its high driver's seat and bench seatboards fastened on the sideboards of the wagon box, extending out over the wheels far enough to prevent the bunting decorations from being torn off by the wheels while the wagon was in motion. The gay bunting decorations and the high driver's seat created a regal air to the bandwagon. The brass band participated in all activities in the valley and in surrounding Rich, Caribou, and Lincoln Counties and Star Valley. The band played and rode in parades, at outdoor games, picnics, re-unions, holiday functions, political meetings and even at folk dances when a dance orchestra was not available. The band never made a practice of playing at funerals, but as a tribute to their beloved leader, they played at the graveside of Rebecca Tremelling, wife of Soloman Tremelling.

Samaria Brass Band

Active in the 1870's, leader Edward Woozley

Sand Hill Band (Idaho Falls)

Active in 1909

Shoshone High School Band

Active in 1910

Silver City Brass Band (1)

Active in 1866, 1867, leader Mr West; Dennis Bailey played tenor drum. A successor band was formed in 1872

Silver City Brass Band (2)

Founded in January 1872 by Father Poulin

Stites Cornet Band

Active in 1904, when it made its first public appearance at a Benefit Ball in August 1904

Summit Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Twin Falls Boys' Band

Active in 1911

Twin Falls Concert Band

Active around 1900

Viola Cornet Band

Active in 1915

Wardner Industrial Union Band

Active around 1900

Weiser Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Weston Brass Band

Founded in 1887, with members Thomas Gill, Yeppa Benson, James Nielsen, Hyrum Olsen, Peter Jacobsson, Chris Poulson, Thomas Preston, Rasmus Nielsen, Peter Nielsen. Active through the 1890's

USA - Illinois



Mason Cornet Band, 1874

146th Illinois Brass Band

Active in 1864, members included Wilber F. Heath, Amaziah Steele, Augustus A. Marsh, James A. Gates, Charles Mann, Chester Marr, Oliver W. Shepard, Thomas J. Masters, William H. Fritts, Oliver W. Shepard, Isaiah V. Hollinger, Seneca C. Teats, and Henry C. Snow

1st Regiment Band (Springfield)

Active in 1913

33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band founded in 1996

39th Illinois Regimental Band

Active in 1864

48th Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band (Mt. Vernon)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Independent Silver Band (2)

9th Regiment Band (Sullivan)

Active in the 1910's

Abingdon Band

Active around 1900

Adeline Band

Active around 1900

Albion Brass Band (Albion)

Active in 1860

Albion Cornet Band (Albion)

Active in 1870, leader Frank Dalby

Aledo Band

Active in 1912

Aledo Ladies' Cornet Band

In 1882, a man named Prof. E.D. Wood moved to Aledo, Illinois in 1882 and opened a music store, followed by a Conservatory of Music (\$4 per week with board and use of instruments), where he trained an all-female brass ensemble. The band performed regularly around Aledo and surrounding area, and toured to Burlington, Fort Madison, and Keokuk, Iowa. Wood composed an original piece called "The Ladies Cornet Band March". The band folded when Wood died in 1885. Their uniform consisted of a closely fitted, long-sleeved blouse

with small epaulettes and three vertical rows of buttons, a full pleated skirt with a ruffled hem, all topped with a wide-brimmed straw boater. Members included Lenore Boyd (valve trombone), Bertha Boyd (drums)

Algonquin Band

Active around 1900

Altona Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded on August 20, 1884, leader John Ekstadt. The members were Addie Shade, Ella Durand, Lydia Tapper, Etta Collinson, Nellie Edwards, Maude Templeton, Mettie Hopkins and Maude Bane

Arlington Heights Band

Active in the 1910's. Members in 1915 were: Ed Bolte (bass), Oscar Weide (bass), Mr Koerber (trombone), Richard Boeger (trombone), John Boeger (baritone), H. C.Landeck (conductor), Herman Kehe (alto), William Neumann (alto), Ted Dettman (alto), William Kehe Sr. (bass drum), Walter Karstens (snare drum), William A.Meyer (alto), Herman Clausing (alto), Emil Gosch (clarinet), William Kehe Jr. (cornet), Fred Henjes (cornet), Adolph Rateike (cornet), Kurt Rehling (clarinet), Elroy Winkelman (clarinet), and Walter Landeck (clarinet)

Arthur Boys' Band

Active around 1900

Arthur Brass Band

Active in 1902

Ashmore Citizens Band

Active around 1910

Astoria Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Atlanta Band

Active in 1911

Augusta Band

Active in the 1890's

Augustana College Band (Rock Island)

Active in 1884, O.J. Johnson played cornet in the band

Augustana Cornet Band (Rock Island)

Founded in the 1870's. Still active in the 1900's

Aurora Cornet Band

Active in 1867 to 1873

Bach's City Brass Band (Ottawa)

Active in 1870. George E. Raab was a member in 1877

Ball Bearing Axle Band (Princeton)

Active in 1908

Banda Verde (Sterling)

Active around 1900

Baptist Orphanage Band (Carmi)

Founded in 1921 by C.M. Wasson, who purchased 17 cornets and two drums. The all boys' band received instruction from E.M. Palmiter

Barrington Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Barrington School Band

Active around 1900

Batavia Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Beardstown Cadet Band

Active in 1908

Beck's American Band (Englewood)

Active in the 1890's

Belleprairie Band

Active in 1911

Bell's Band (Bellvidere)

Active in 1910

Belvidere City Band

Active around 1900

Bement Band

Active around 1900

Beverly Cornet Band

Founded in 1903

Big Four Shop Band (Mount Carmel)

Active in the 1900's. Band of the Big Four Rail Road (New York Central Lines)

Bloomington Brass Band

Active in 1858. Still active in 1869 when it bought new instruments costing \$450

Bluff City Band (Chester)

Active in the late 1880's

Brand Family Brass Band

Performed at the New Dime Museum, 111-117 Randolph Street, Chicago, in October 1884. The band featured the "smallest bass drummer in the world". Other attractions in the museum included Madame June, the largest giantess in the world, General Shade the miniature marvel, Professor Gilbert and his mechanical marvels, the Circassian Queen Zanie Zenobia, and Whitfield, the monarch of facial artists

Brass Band of Central Illinois

[Current band] - Active from 2004

Breese Brass Band

Active around 1906, when members included Herman Dorries, Fritz Dorries, Bev Dorries, Harry Dorries, John Schroeder, Barney Dorries, William Stevenson, Jr, Louie Dorries, Harry McCallister, and Bill Smith

Brighton Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1879, conductor Professor J.B. House, of Alton, secretary Miss Ada V. Scarritt. First public concert on 21st January 1881. It disbanded in May 1881 following the removal of two of its leading members

Brooke's Marine Band (Chicago)

Active around 1910

Brooklyn Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Brown County Band

Active in the 1890's

Buckley Brass Band

Founded in the 1860's, with members: A.H. Ruehe E-flat cornet (leader); F. Kerns, E-flat cornet; J.G. McClave, E-flat cornet; W.H. Cleave, B-Flat cornet; J.M. Carter, B-flat cornet; E.W. William (General Warren), first alto; Henry William Krumwiede, second alto; J.D. Riggs, tenor; J.F. Foster, tuba; W.S. Marsh bass drum; Elija Pierce, tenor drum

Bureau Band

Active in the 1900's

Burlington Brass Band

Active in 1870

Burlington Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Bushnell Brass Band

Active in 1908

Cairo Brass Band

See: Cairo Silver Cornet Band

Cairo Colored Brass Band

Founded in July 1869, with 10 or 12 members, having bought the instruments of the earlier Egyptian Brass Band. Still active in 1870. Also known as the Phoenix Brass Band

Cairo Silver Cornet Band

Founded around 1860. Still active in 1874. William Hunter was a member in 1869. Secretary Walter F. McGee in 1873

Camp Grant Base Hospital Band

Active in 1918

Canton Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1866

Capital Band (Springfield)

Active in the 1900's

Capron Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Carlock Band

Active in the 1890's

Carmi Band

Active in 1907

Carmi Children's Home Band

Active in the 1920's

Carmi Orphanage Boys' Band

Active in 1922

Carthage Brass Band

Active in 1860 and 1868

Casevville Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader Mr Buck

Cave-in-Rock Band

Active in the 1900's

Cedar Cliff Band, Cedarville

Active around 1895

Cedar Point Band

Active around 1900

Central Illinois Brass Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: Brass Band of Central Illinois

Centralia Cornet Brass Band

Active in 1860. Colonel Jasper Partridge leader in 1864

Charleston Band

Active in 1910

Charleston Brass Band

Active in 1864 to 1870

Charleston Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Chatsworth Band

Active in 1910

Chester Cornet Band

Active in 1864

Chicago Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2002 by Roger Menning and Tabatha Pingitore

Chicago News Boys' Band

Active in 1910

Chicago Reform School Brass Band

Active from 1862 to 1872

Christopher Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Church's Band (Atlanta)

Active around 1900

Clayton Independant Band

Active in 1915

Clinton Brass Band

Active in the early 1880's

Clyde Concert Band

Active around 1900

Coal Valley Brass Band

Active in 1868

Coffeen Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Colfax Band

Active in the 1890's

Collinsville Concert Band

Active in 1910

Concordia Band (Arlington Heights)

Active in 1908, with members Henry Koehling (bass), Art Weinrich (baritone), George Niemeyer (valve trombone), Ernest Weinrich (valve trombone), Mr Wagner (conductor), Herman Clausing (alto), Ed Bolte (alto), Charles Taege (alto), William Kirchoff (cornet), William E. Meier (cornet), August Thies (cornet), Rudolph Kranz (clarinet), William Hartman (cornet), William Schoepke (cornet. William Kehe Jr. (cornet), Hy Wickenkamp (cornet), William Kehe Sr. (bass drum), Paul Busse (snare drum), and William Neimeyer (cornet)

Concordia Band (Springfield)

Active in the 1900's

Cordova Cornet Band

Founded in 1855. Players in 1903 were Carl Iverson, John Forsythe, Will Smith, Lew Slocum, William Guinn, Harley Spoor, Ed Cool, Earl Bruner, Dick Smith, George Tew, Frankie Bruner, William Forsythe, W.N. Gale, Frank Zimmerman, and James Green

Craven's Band (Willow Hill)

Active in 1916

Crescent Band (Springfield)

Active in the 1890's

Crystal Lake Band

Active in 1906

Cullom Band

Active in 1909

Cummins Band (Olney)

See: Olney Silver Cornet Band **Cummins Municipal Band** (Olney)

See: Olney Silver Cornet Band

Daily News Band (Chicago)

Active in 1912

Dallas City Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1882

Dan's Female Brass Band (Morrison)

Active in 1874

Dante School's Band (Chicago)

Active in 1908

Danville Band

Active in the 1900's

Danville Oddfellows Orphan Home Brass Band

Active in the 1910's and 1920's

Davis Band

Active in 1918

Davis City Band

Active in 1907

De Kalb Brass Band

Active in 1863

Decatur Brass Band

Founded in September 1857. Conductor William L. Smith in 1860

Decatur High School Band

Active around 1910

Decatur Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1867, 1868, conductor Major Smith. On arrival at Cairo, IL, in December 1867 on board a steamboat, they were described as "...dressed in blue merino, and were of different sizes, ages and degrees of comeliness". They toured to New Orleans, LA, in February 1868.

Deere Cornet Band (Moline)

Active in the 1880's

DeKalb Junction Band

Active in 1907

DeKalb Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1854

Dolton School Boys Band (Thornton)

Active in 1916

Donovan Band

Active in 1908

Doodledorfer Band (Peru)

Active around 1900

Dougherty Band

Active in 1911

Du Quoin Juvenile Band

Active around 1918

Du Quoin Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Durand Ladies' Band

Active around 1910. Members included Nora Shakey, Irene Johnston, Arvilla Best, Ethel Feltz, Mae Stilwell, Nell Davis, Mrs. Wood, Pearl Bliss, Sue Waller, and Myrtle McKinley

E.M. Rakoczi Rez Band (Chicago)

Active around 1900

East Peoria City Band

Active in 1909

Effingham Band

Active around 1900

Egyptian Brass Band (Cairo)

Active in the mid-1860s. Disbanded prior to 1869 when its remaining members joined the Cairo Silver Cornet Band

Egyptian Cornet Band (Cobden)

Founded on September 20, 1894

El Paso Band

Founded in 1912

Elgin Brass Band

Active in 1860

Elgin Watch Factory Band

Active in the 1890's

Elliott Manufacturing Company Band (Warren)

Active in the 1890's

Ellison Military Band (Chicago)

Active around 1900

Elmhurst College Band

Active in the 1910's

Enfield Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Euterpe Ladies' Cornet Band (Chicago)

Active in 1881. A professional band, part of the Euterpe Concert Company, who toured in the USA and Canada. Members in 1881 included Lizzie Hawley (Eb cornet), Maud Townsend (Bb cornet), Ada Mertz (Eb alto), Ella Kendall (third alto), Ida Franklin (2nd Bb tenor), Bell Franklin (Eb tuba), Emma Jones (1st Bb cornet), Edith West (solo alto), Kittie Wright (2nd alto), Alta Wright (1st Bb tenor), Nellie Rogers (baritone), May Reed (bass drum), Flora Sprague (tenor drum), Will W. Robertson (instructor and leader). Their uniform was black polonaise with white silk epaulettes, white military braid chevrons on the cuffs, handkerchief pocket on left breast, white silk cord and tassel about the waist, black cashmere skirt, trimmed lightly down the front with white military braid, black Derby hat with white pompom. Members in 1884 were: Lizzie Hawley (Eb cornet), Jessie Smith (Bb cornet), Mamie Wyckoff (1st Eb alto), Flora Leach (2nd Eb alto), Matie Beeson (1st tenor trombone), Minnie Whitney (2nd Bb tenor), Nellie Jennings (baritone), Nellie Piper (tuba), Flora Sprague (tenor drum), Emma McKenzie (bass drum).

Evanston Brass Band

Active in the mid-1980s, conductor Don Lovejoy

Evanston Ladies' Cornet Band

Ewings Zouave Band (Champaign)

Active around 1900, conductor W.M. Ewing

Farmer Boys' Cornet Band (Paw Paw)

Active in the 1890's

Farmers' Brigade Band (Aledo, Mercer County)

Active around 1900

Favetteville Band

Active in 1876

Feagans' Family Band (Petersburg)

Active in 1911. Members were: father Joseph Rufus Feagans (cornet), mother Emma Kate Feagans (drums), Flora Feagans Kern (tuba), Flossie Feagans (trombone), Fern Feagans (alto horn), Fredona Feagans (alto horn), Edna Feagans (drums and traps), H. Kern (cornet), L. Feagans (clarinet), Frank Feagans (baritone), Rex Feagans (alto horn). In 1911 the band performed at the following shows: Cosmopolitan Carnival Company, Bulger and Cheney Shows, Glacier Lyceum Bureau, Lakeside Ohio Park, Nixon Brothers Carnival Company, Kemp Sisters' Wild West Show, Riggs Amusement Company, Gay's Dog and Pony Show, Robison's Shows, Gollmar Brothers Shows, Great Carver Shows, Texas Bud's Wild West Show, Buckskin Ben's Wild West Show.

Findlay Military Band

Active in the 1890's

Fireman's Cornet Band (Chicago)

Active in 1873

First Infantry Band (Chicago)

Active in 1913

Flora Kid Band

Active around 1900

Flora Municipal Band

Active in the 1930's

Forest City Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1883, with 17 players

Frankfort Brass Band

Founded on 17 September 1897, disbanding in the late 1920's

Freeman Colored Cornet Band (Quincy)

Active in 1915, members included Drum Major, Captain Sam Shoemaker; Bass Drum, Henry Robinson; Snare Drum, Lyman Knowles; Trombone, Tillie Ewing; Bass Horn, LeRoy Johnson, and Henry "Tobe" Carr

Freeman Family Band (Dundee)

Active in the late 1890's and early 1900's, consisted of father Fred Freeman, wife Augusta and sons Herman (b. 1880), Fred (b. 1883), Henry (b. 1884), Louis (b. 1885), and William (b. 1887)

Freeport Union Cornet Band

Active in 1863 to 1868

Frese Family Band

Active in 1920 to 1926. It consisted of Joseph Frese, baritone; Louis A. Frese, father, drum; William Frese, tuba; Louis Frese, cornet and Edward Frese, cornet

Gale Band

Active around 1900

Galena Youth Band

Galesburgh Colored Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1914, 1915

Galesburgh Cornet Band

Active in the 1860's

Garden City Brass Band (Chicago)

Active in 1867

Gehrig's 2nd Regiment Band

Active around 1900

Geneseo Brass Band (1)

Active in 1861. In September 1861 it went to St Louis to join the Missouri 14th Regiment, but due to various hinderances, it returned home, only to set off to join Colonel White's New Mexico expedition

Geneseo Brass Band (2)

Active in 1911

Geneseo Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Georgetown Band

Active in 1890

German Saxhorn Band (Cairo)

Active in 1869. Contemporary with the Cairo Silver Cornet Band

Gibler Band (Mattoon)

Active in 1916

Golconda Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1869. Leader Leopold Ritcher in 1869. Also known as Wasser's Brass Band

Golden Gate Brass Band

Active around 1890

Goodman's Band (4th Infantry) (Gibson City)

Active around 1900

Grant Park Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Greater Chicago Moose Prize Band

Active in the 1930's

Greenfield Cornet Band

Founded in 1876 by Edward Monroe Middleton

Greenville Band

Active in 1909

Haberkorn's Cornet Band (Chatsworth)

Active in the 1890's

Halley's Concert Band (Hecker)

Active around 1900

Hampshire Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Hanover Woolen Mill Band

Active in the 1910's

Harmony Concert Band (Byron)

Active in the early 1920's

Harmony Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Henley Juvenile Band (Christopher)

Active in the 1910's

Henney Buggy Company Band (Freeport)

Active in 1910

Herrin Egle Concert Band

Active in 1904

Hill Crest Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Hillsboro Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Hollowayville Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Homer Brass Band

Active in 1902

Homer Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1901. Obtained new uniforms in June 1903 - dark blue broadcloth trimmed with gold lace.

Ideal Cornet Band (Darmstadt)

Active around 1890 with members John Keim, George Theobald, George Hoffman, Fred Triefenbach, Phillip Triefenbach, Alex Weitmuenster, Phillip Weitmuenster, George Triefenbach, Henry Triefenbach, and Adam Triefenbach

Illinois Asylum for Feeble-minded Children Cornet Band (Lincoln)

Founded in the 1880's by Dr. William B. Fish, with 17 boys that performed at public concerts and community events

Illinois Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1991 by George Foster and William Homer

Illinois Refrigerator Factory Band (Morrison)

Active around 1900, when members included A.R. Lewis (manager, non-playing), G.D. Webber (Bb cornet, director & leader), Charles Puddifoot (Bb cornet & secretary/treasurer), A.T. Skelley (double B tuba), Eddy Kool (slide trombone), Pierre Jackson (slide trombone), E.C. Noble (slide trombone), C. Scott (baritone), Roy Annan (bass drum), E.C. Kidd (bass drum), John Lewis (Eb cornet), John Baird (alto horn), Joe Baird (alto horn), John Corbin (Bb clarinet), C. Iverson (Bb cornet), James Jarvis (Eb clarinet), Frank Cramer (Bb clarinet), C.E. Scales (Bb cornet), Robert Ramsey (piccolo), and William Gray (snare drum)

Illinois State Band (Streator)

Active around 1900

Illinois State Reformatory Military Band

Active around 1900

Illinois Watch Company Brass Band (Springfield)

Founded in 1881, leader Professor Louis Lehman. Still active in the 1920's

Imperial Band (Lena)

Active in the 1910's

Independent Silver Band (1) (Mt. Vernon)

Active from 1884 to 1889. Composed of 10 local men, all of who actually attended the same church and Sunday school. In 1914, the members families and friends gather together again in Mt. Vernon for a farewell concert, parade and grand reunion. A successor band was formed in 2004

Independent Silver Band (2) (Mt. Vernon)

[Current band] - Founded in 2004. Also plays in the guise of the 48th Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band

Industry Concert Band

Active in 1910

Jacksonville Juvenile Band

Active in the 1890's

Jacksonville State Hospital Band

Founded in the early 1870's for employees and patients

Jacobs Family Band

Consisted of eight children led by Professor A.F. Jacobs. They were engaged at Sivall's Wonderland in St Louis, Missouri in February 1894 (with Leah May "the English giantess 8' 3" in height", Gertie Platz "the mastadonic marvel, weighing 811 pounds", the Crowlevs "a pair of skeleton midgets" and more...). Then, for the season, from June 1894, at Upper Creve Coeur Lake, St Louis. In January 1895 were engaged at the New Wonderland Museum, Sixth Street, St Louis. May 1896 saw them give a concert in Krug Park, St Joseph, Missouri, when the programme was: march "University of Pennsylvania" (Alder), medley "Overture on Broadway" (Beyer), cornet solo [Frank Jacobs] "Three Star Polka" (Bagley), characterisque "Peanut Dance" (Wilson), overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppé), "March of the Marines" (Brooke) with snare drum solo by little Joe Jacobs (aged 6), tuba solo [Master Bert Jacobs] "First Air and Varie", mazurka "Di Concert" (Dell'Ora), descriptive "Indian War Dance" (Bellstedt), selection "Tannhauser" (Wagner). Another concert, later that month was: march "Burlington" (Arthur Pryor), overture "Martha" (Flotow), waltz "Les Sybarites" (Fahrbach), gavotte "L'ingenue" (Arditi), march "King Cotton" (Sousa), march (Voelker), overture "Little Rosebud" "Senegambia" (Boettger). "Prohekuss" (Millocker), fantasie "Albion" (Baetens), march "The Sunday Call" (Thome). Following these concerts the band was subsequently engaged for the entire summer season at Krug Park, sponsored by the St Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company, playing four evening concerts, at 8pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and three afternoon concerts at 3pm on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. They appeared at Wonderland in Detroit, Michigan in November 1896, on bill that included Perkins' performing seals, Billy Wells the iron-skulled man, Mabel Milton the longhaired lady, and Grace Courtland the Witch of Wall Street. From December 1896 to March 1897 they appeared at Heck and Avery's Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio, together with Rose Munro - "the only lady Scotch bag-pipe player in the world". Harry Bay, Cleveland baseball player in 1908, had been a member of the Jacobs Family Band when he was a youngster - even though not part of the family

Jeffries Band (Jacksonville)

Active in 1909

Jenkins Juvenile Band (Catlin)

Active around 1910

John Deere Plough Company Band (Moline)

Active in 1893

Johns Family Brass Band (Medora)

Based in Medora, Illinois, in 1884 this consisted of William Frederick Johns (b. 1849, Eb cornet), his wife Ann Lucella (née Simpson, b. 1855, Bb tenor horn), Estella "Stella" (b. 1874, Eb alto horn), Lulu (b. 1876, bass drum and cymbals), Michael Filbert (aged 10, Eb alto horn) and Daniel Siebert (aged 18, Eb bass). The latter two boys were in in his employ - Michael "bound" and Daniel apprenticed. They performed at the strawberry and ice cream festival in

Medora, Illinois in May 1884; gave a concert at Rice's Grove, Alton, Illinois, in July 1884. The band was still active in 1887

Joliet Brass Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Joliet Cornet Band

Active in 1860. Still active in 1865. R.D. Clark was a member in 1861. Conductor James Boyne in 1863. Players in 1864 included F. Curtis and W. Curtis

Joliet Grade School Band

Founded on 2 September 1913 by director James Milton Thompson. Still active in 1919

Jolley Boys' Band (Pocahontas)

Active in 1911

Jonesboro Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Kankakee Brass Band

Active in 1881, leader W.H. Hawk

Keithsburg Brass Band

Active in 1862

Keithsburg Community Band

Active around 1910

Kent & Wards Grove Band

See: Kent Cornet Band

Kent Cornet Band

Known as the Kent & Wards Grove Band in 1882, revived in the mid-1890s under Henry Nuss. About 1904, the band at Kent was under the leadership of M.P.Moore, and lost its instruments in the creamery fire in 1905, because it practised in the hall in the old creamery. The band revived again about 1910 in full swing and was a very fine band for several years until too many members were married and lost interest. In November 1911, the band met in their new quarters on the corner of Railroad and West Streets. They bought the building in November 1912 and, in October 1913 got big ideas and tore the building down with the intention of building a little theatre and practise hall on the site, but soon dissension broke out and the project fizzled and with it the band. Members in 1912 were David Dameier, Jud Groezinger, Floyd Gillette, Elmer Lawhorn, Jesse Finkenbinder, Earl Auman, Orie Schubert, Oscar Kleckner, Clarence Kleckner, W. J. (Dick) Auman, Artie Auman, Emmet (Duffy) Yeager, Ray Yeager, Harry Fenton, Charles Finkenbinder, Glenn Erwin, Glenn Wise, Royal Finkenbinder, Henry Nuss, Peter Fox and Moran Nuss (director)

Kewanee Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Kingston Mines Brass Band

Active around 1900

Kirkwood Band

Active around 1900

Klinck's Cornet Band (Princeville)

See: Princeville Cornet Band

Kraehwinkel Concert Band (Peoria)

Active in the 1890's

Kraper's Peculiar Band (Metropolis)

Active in the 1890's

La Moille Band

Active in the 1900's

La Salle Brass Band

Active in 1869

La Salle Cornet Band

Active in 1874. A temperance band associated with the La Salle Total Abstinence Society

Lacon Band

Active in 1923

Lacon Brass Band

Active in 1860

Lake View Military Band (Chicago)

Active in the 1900's

Lankens Cornet Band (Arthur)

Active in the 1880's

Leo's Concert Band (Morrisonville)

Active in the 1890's

Lexington Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Libby Band (Morrison)

Active around 1900

Libertyville Village Band

Active in 1898

Lietuva Band, Chicago

Active in 1914

Lima Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1898, members included Burt Whitney, Wick Crenshaw, Isaac Harness, La Fayette Woodworth, John E.Harness, Luther Hill, Jim Jacobs, Mart Conover, Arthur Harness, Harry Hill, Charley Thompson and Del Adams

Lincoln Oddfellows Orphan Home Brass Band

Active in 1909

Locan Band (Hanna City)

Active around 1910

Lockport Brass Band

Active in 1849 to 1861, leader John Lane. In September 1861 John Lane was engaged to raise a regimental band for the Illinois 19th Regiment - gathering 24 musicians from the Chicago neighbourhood to serve

London Mills Band

Active in the 1900's

Lovington Girls' Brass Band

Founded in spring 1904. 15 members by December 1904, including Tillie Dawson (president), Zoe Foser (secretary) and Leona Conn (treasurer

Lutheran Concert Band (Belleville)

Active around 1910

M.W.A. Band (Monmouth)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Camp 94, 6th Regiment Illinois National Guard

Maeystown Band

Active in the 1900's

Magnolia Cornet Band

Active in 1898 to 1906 when the conductor was James Henry Harris, and Adelbert DeVore Wabel played tuba.

Mahomet Band

Active in 1910

Marine Band

Active around 1910

Markee Family Band (Quincy)

Active in Quincy in 1899. Moved to Chillicothe, Missouri in 1907. It was provided with a contract to furnish music at the Fair in Palmyra, Missouri, in September 1941. The band consisted of father Robert C. Markee (b. 1845), his wife, Lucille (b. 1856), and sons Charles (b. 1873), Robert (b. 1875), Benjamin (b. 1877), Roy (b. 1879), Frank (b. 1881), Ralph (b. 1885), Myron (b. 1887), Walter (b. 1889), Earl (b. 1891), William (b. 1893) and Chauncey (b. 1898)

Marottes Band and Orchestra (Allendale)

Active in the 1900's

Marseilles Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Marston Cornet Band

Active from 1885 to 1890

Mason Cornet Band

Active in 1874, members included: Elijah Ruffner, Josiah Buckner, Daniel Sisson, Andrew Bailie, Frank Sisson, Hardin, Scott Marquis, Charles Sisson, Captain Curtis, Andrew Douglas, William Leatherman, Jack Laycock (leader). It is noted in a March 4, 1875, edition of the Effingham Democrat, that the Mason Cornet Band led the tuneful march to the cemetery honoring 95-year-old Nathaniel Armstrong who was thought to have been the final county survivor of the war of 1812. Arthur Eugene Sisson, wrote this of his father, Charles, who was a member of that first Mason Band: "This I remember well. Many times through the years, when awakening on Christmas morning, have I recalled how Father would, at the crack of dawn or a little earlier on that date, step to our front porch, cornet in hand, and out there play loudly 'Joy to the World.' On the morning of July Fourth, he similarly played 'Yankee Doodle,' and on Decoration Day, it was 'Battle Hymn of the Republic.' Almost all Mason heard these early morning greetings, and often commented on them, but none realized how much of his very heart the performer put into each playing."

Maxam and Sights Rube Band (Blandinsville)

Active in 1908

Mayfield Brass Band

Founded in June 1914, by members of the Mayfield Congregational Church, instructed by Professor C.G. Chellgreen. Initial members were: B.J. Moyers (solo cornet), William Remala (1st cornet), John Valentine (clarinet & secretary), Harley Renwick (clarinet), Gail Moyers (2nd tenor), Harold Swedenberg (piccolo), Herman Lindquist (solo alto), Richard Valentine (1st alto), Harold Bickford (2nd alto), Ray Renwick (baritone & vice-president), Joseph Dobbins (1st tenor), E.W. Remala (tuba), Arthur Snark (snare drum), John Collins (bass drum), A.W. Remala (president)

Mayr Concert Band (Belleville)

Active in 1911

McNeil's Silver Cornet Band (Centralia)

McPherson's 20th Century Band (Clinton)

Founded in 1900

Melvin Concert Band

Active around 1910

Metamora Cornet Band

Active in the 1860's, members included leader Joseph Ellis, Nick Portman, Charlie Crain, Newt Fordyce, Gord Wilson, Tom Causey, Cass Irving, Harvey Kuhl, Joseph Lineweber, Bob Moreland and Ed Neve

Metropolis Concert Band

Active in 1908

Minier Cornet Band

Active in 1888, when members included John Hart, R.C. Crickfield, George Davis, Carl Buehrig, Frank Hine, Frank Perry, George Smith, P.W. Smith, Z. Mackenzie (leader), Tom Tanner, Charles Frank, Edward Paine, and Ernest Imig

Mississippi River Brass Band (Quincy)

[Current band]

Moline Brass Band

Active in 1868 with 10 players. Leader Mr Hubbard in 1871

Mollman Family Band (Hillsboro)

Active around 1900. Members were father Antone Mollmann (b. 1845) and sons Anton (b. 1877), Henry (b. 1880), Gerhardt (b. 1881), Herman (b. 1883), John (b. 1885), William (b. 1886), Fred (b. 1890), Frank (b. 1891) and Thomas (b. 1893). The family band formed the core of the Hillsboro Cornet Band, which had 22 members by 1918, conducted by John Mollman. Also known as Mollman Nine Brothers Band

Mollman Nine Brothers Band (Hillsboro)

See: Mollman Family Band

Mollmann Family Band (Coal City)

Active around 1900. Members were father Antone Mollmann (b. 1845) and sons Anton (b. 1877), Henry (b. 1880), Gerhardt (b. 1881), Herman (b. 1883), John (b. 1885), William (b. 1886), Fred (b. 1890), Frank (b. 1891) and Thomas (b. 1893). The family band formed the core of the Hillsboro Cornet Band, which had 22 members by 1918, conducted by John Mollman. Also known as Mollman Nine Brothers Band.

Momence Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Monmouth Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1881

Monmouth Republican Brass Band

Active in 1860

Monmouth Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1860, with 12 performers

Mooseheart Boys' Band

Founded in December 1914

Mooseheart Concert Band

Active in the 1910's. The band of the Mooseheart High School "the school that trains for life"

Mooseheart High School Concert Band

See: Mooseheart Boys' Band

Mooseheart Student Band

See: Mooseheart Boys' Band

Morin Band

Active in 1890

Morrison Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Mound City Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Mount Erie Band

Active in the 1890's

Mount Morris Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mount Morris Military Band

Active in 1900

Moweaqua Concert Band

Active in 1907

Mt Sterling Merchants Band

Active around 1900, members included Frank Meyer, tuba; V.J. Young, cymbals; Mark Wallace, snare drum; Dr Henry Dearborn, baritone; Fred Hickman, trombone; Jacob Kunkler, valve trombone; Oliver G. Jennings, cornet; Frank Stevens, alto horn; Mace Dunbar, alto horn; George Gross, clarinet; Theodore Kunkler, clarinet; Jesse James, banner; William Algier, cornet; and Jacob Meyer, cornet

Naperville Brass Band

Founded in 1859. It was reorganized as the Naperville Light Guard Band after the Civil War. It eventually evolved into the Naperville Municipal Band that is still active today

Naperville Lounge Factory Band

Active around 1905

Nauvoo Brass Band

Founded in 1842 by William Pitt. The band travelled west with Brigham Young and the Mormon pioneers. In 1855, eight members of the Nauvoo Brass Band began a tour to seven of the settlements in northern Utah. The Band relied on religious leaders in the areas they were touring for publicity purposes, and the leaders did not disappoint. With the exception of one performance, people crowded in to hear the Band. The Band would not only play brass music, but also orchestral and vocal pieces. From this tour, the Brass Band inspired the creation of new brass bands in Ogden and Farmington, two of the bigger settlements in the north. Members around this time were: William Pitt. trumpet; James Smithers and Charles H. Hales, trombones; Stephen Hales, James Standing, Martin H. Peck and George McKenzie, clarinets; Geo. Hales and John Kay, French horns; Wm. Cahoon, bass drum; Andrew Cahoon and David Cahoon, piccolos; and Edmund Ellsworth, cavalry cornet. As a uniform the band adopted a straw hat for the covering of the head, a white dress coat and white pantaloons, a sky blue sash and a white muslin cravat. William Gallimore Dunn played cornet in the band in the 1860's

New Windsor Band

Active in 1914

New York Central Lines Big Four Shop Band (Mount Carmel)

Active in the 1900's

Noble Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Nokomis Cornet Band

Active in 1881. Still active in 1887. Leader E. J. Pullen and secretary Ad E. Rodecker in 1881

Nokomis Ladies Cornet Band

Active in 1886, 1887

Northwestern Brass Band (Chicago)

Active in 1867

Northwestern University Ladies' Brass Band (Evanston)

Active in 1891, conductor Professor Hutchins

Notch Cliff Cornet Band (Jersey County)

Founded in 1879, president William Besterfeldt, with Edward Besterfeld on tuba.

Notre Dame University Cornet Band (Chicago)

Active in 1868. Still active in 1874

Oddfellows Orphans Home Band (Lincoln)

See: Lincoln Oddfellows Orphan Home Brass Band

Oddfellows Orphans Home Band (Peoria)

See: Peoria Oddfellows Orphan Home Brass Band

Oddfellows Orphan's Home Band (Danville)

See: Danville Oddfellows Orphan Home Brass Band

Ogden Knights of Pythias Band

Active around 1900

Oliver Band, Woodstock

Active in 1912

Olivet Band (Bourbonnais)

Active around 1900

Olney Cornet Band

See: Olney Silver Cornet Band

Olney Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1870. Became Olney Cornet Band in the early 1880's. Reorganized as the Cummins Band in 1898, and later as Cummins Municipal Band in 1932. Still active today

Onarga Band

Active in 1908

Ophiem Band

Active around 1910

Opperman's Band (Piper City)

Active in the 1900's

Oguawka Brass Band

Active in 1860

Orangeville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Ottawa Brass Band

Active in 1867, leader Professor Denhard. Still active in 1871

P & O 5th Regiment Band (Canton)

Active from 1890 to 1910. The band consisted of factory workers from the Parlin & Orendorff Plow Company

Paris Brass Band

Park Ridge Band

Active in the 1900's

Park's Leland School Band (Leland)

Active in the 1900's, conductor A.L. Park

Pateka Brass Band (Paxton)

Active in 1868

Pawnee Juvenile Band

Active in the 1890's

Paxton Band

Active in 1908

Pecatonica City Band

Active around 1910

Pekin Brass Band

Active in 1860

Peoria Municipal Band

Active in 1917

Peoria Oddfellows Orphan Home Brass Band

Active in the 1920's

Peotone Military Band

Active in 1916

Peru Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Still active in 1874. This band was associated with a local masonic society

Phinney's US Band (Chicago)

Active in the 1910's

Phoenix Brass Band (Cairo)

See: Cairo Colored Brass Band

Pitwood Band

Active around 1900

Plainfield Cornet Band

Active in 1874 and also in the 1890's. Members in 1900 were: Ben Whitson, Presley Wood, Frank Spangler, Trelton Wood, Winn Bean, Frank Keene, Howard Gray, Ora Whitson, Al Sonntag, Arthur Bean, Walter Reeseman, E.H. Heagler and Arthur Heagler

Plano Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Pleasant View Luther College Band

Active in 1908

Plowboy Brass Band (De Kalb)

Active in the 1890's. Members in 1893 were: George A. Howison, Taylor R. Beveridge, Frank P. Richey (conductor), John Warren, Andrew Gilchrist, John Morsch, Rollin Fay, Wells E. Fay, Albert Beveridge, Merritt Hoy Beveridge, Ralph Howison, George Beveridge, Peter Hutter, and Archibald Howison. They had blue serge uniforms with single breasted jackets and three rows of gold buttons, nine buttons to the row, and gold cords horizontally between these buttons extending from just below the white shirt collar to just below the belt line, near the bottom of the jacket. The jackets had long tails. There was a large gold cluster on each shoulder, with gold cords extending halfway to the elbow. There were gold buttons on each cuff. The caps were similar to the small visor style worn by Civil War soldiers. The uniforms may have to some degree been copied after Civil War officer's uniforms. In general, each cap had a gold plow

shield on its front. The plow is about two inches long and one inch high and a very good replica of a walking plow. On the beam in raised letters is "John Deere". A 1971 letter from John Deere Plow Company's Historical Department tells that at one time they furnished many of these gold plows as souvenirs.

Port Byron Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Prairie Brass Band (Arlington Heights)

[Current band] - Founded in 1997 by Roger Menning

Prairie City Band

Active in the 1890's

Princess Rink Brass Band (Chicago)

Active in 1907

Princeton Brass Band

Active in 1861. A number of its members formed the nucleus of the band of the 20th Illinois Regiment Volunteers in July 1861

Princeville Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1873 by William F. Bettis who served as leader and instructor for six months. Business calling him away at this time, at his suggestion F. M. Klinck, more commonly known as Marion, was chosen leader and instructor, which position he held with the band for fifteen years, or until the spring of 1889 when the Klinck brothers removed to Nebraska. During this period the band was never disorganized but was always ready to fill engagments at the shortest possible notice, having many special calls to Peoria. In politics the band was neutral and the band headed delegations, Republicans and Democrats alike in presidental campaigns to Peoria, Elmwood, Galesburg, Galva and many other towns in central Illinois. The band disbanded in 1889. Members of the band included: F. M. Klinck, Director, Eb Cornet; Melvin Klinck, Cornet Soloist; Douglas Klinck, Solo Bb Cornet; H. C.Petitt, 1st Bb Cornet; Charles Rowclifife, 1st Bb Cornet; Charles Blanchard, Solo Eb Alto; Augustus Sloan, 1st Eb Alto; Wallace Sloan, 2nd Eb Alto; William McDowell, 1st Bb Tenor; Neal Russell, 2nd Bb Tenor; Newton Pratt, Bb Baritone; Leonard Klinck, 1st Bb Bass; O. S. Pratt, 2nd Bb Bass; Elgin Klinck, Eb Bass; Jonah Pratt, Bass Drum and cymbals; and Aquilla Metzel, Tenor Drum.

Quincy Brass Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Quincy City Band

Active in 1908, members included Barney Damhorst, clarinet; Frank Holtschlag, clarinet; M.E. Swords, clarinet; Oliver Jennings, French horn; Harry Bourne, tuba; Albert Gardner, French horn; George E. Hoffman, cornet; Victor Anthony, cornet; Joesph Weiler, flute; John Weller, Eb clarinet; Maurice Wingert, Bb clarinet; Director Albert Carl Fischer, Cliff Weller, drums; Joseph Williams, drums; Chas. Edw. Hoadley, trombone; Clarence G. Warner, cornet; Clarence G. Buttz, trombone; William Edward Gillespie, cornet; and Wilbur F. Thompson, baritone

Radeke Brewing Company Band (Kankakee)

Active around 1910

Ransom Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ravenswood Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Red Men Band - Tribe 123 (Kewanee)

Active in 1909

Richmond Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ringwood Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Rock Island Brass Band

Active in 1850. Still active in 1871. Leader F. Riemann in 1866

Rock River Cornet Band

Active around 1900 with members Floyd Ellis, Glen Eddleman, George Sitler, Ernest Landers, Ed Connor (leader), Charles Grow, Emery Frye, Howard Schecter, Dee Heller, Sam Smith, James McDowell, Homer Eddleman, Clint Keplinger, Mo Aldstrand, Billy Ray, and Dick Himes

Rockford Brass Band

Active in 1861

Rockford High School Band

Active around 1910

Rockford Total Abstinence Society Band

Active in the 1880's

Roselle Band

Active in 1892

Rutland Military Band

Active in 1909

Sabontini Band, Chicago

Active in the 1900's

St Charles Cornet Band

Active around 1890

St Elmo Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

St James Total Abstinence Society Brass Band (Rockford)

Founded in the late 1870's. Members in the 1880's included Mike Rogan, Dick Weldon, John Weldon, Frank Ryan, John Devine, Leonard Synder, Tom Weldon, William (Bill) Devine, Tom Ford and Tom Fenway

St Michael's B.C.T.A.S. Band (Chicago)

A temperance band active in the 1890's

St Patrick's Cornet Band (Chicago)

Active in 1872, associated with St Patrick's Benevolent Society

St Peter Cornet Band

Active around 1900

St Procopius College Band

Active in 1912

Saybrook Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1891

Schroeders Richwood Juvenile Band

Active in the 1900's

Selmaville Cornet Band (Salem Township)

Active in 1915

Shannon Band

Founded in 1908

Shurtleff College Band (Alton)

Active in the 1900's

Smiths Military Band (Chicago)

Active in the 1900's

Soldiers' Home Brass Band (Chicago)

Active in 1868, leader Joseph Senten. In August 1868 the Board of Managers of the Home recovered the instruments from the band prior to re-organising it. It had, allegedly, "become a curse to the institution and the community - whenever employed to go out on any occasion, the leader and a part of the men would return drunk, and would remain so as long as they could get anything to drink, and if there was anything said to them they would then abuse the Superintendent and bid defiance to all rules and regulations"

Soldiers' Home Brass Band (Danville)

Active around 1905

Soldiers' Orphans' Home Band (Normal)

Active in the 1900's

Soli Deo Gloria Brass Band (Chicago)

[Current band] - Founded in 2006

South Mills Band (Princeton)

Active in the 1890's

Specie Grove Rural Band

Active in the 1880's

Spring City Band (Woodstock)

Founded in 1885

Spring Grove Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Springfield Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1860, performing at the Illinois State Fair at Jacksonville. Still active in 1873

Springfield Union Cornet Band

See: Springfield Silver Cornet Band

Star Band (Canton)

Active in the 1900's

Staunton Sousa Band

Active around 1900

Sterling Brass Band

Active in 1868

Sterling Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Stewart Family Band

Active in the 1890's

Stoltz Consolidated Band (Christopher)

Active in the 1910's

Stone's Prairie Cornet Band (Quincy)

Active in 1888, performing in Quincy, members included Sandford Wagy, John Larrimore, Julius Whitcomb, David Stratton (leader), David Ruby, Edward Graft, Arthur Clark, Frank Ruby, Sam Wagy, Wilbur Thompson, George Collins, Gene Hoskins, Frank Snyder (secretary)

Streator Brass Band

Active in 1869

Stubblebine's Band (Mount Pulaski)

Active in the late 1880's

Summum Concert Band

Active in 1911

Table Grove Band

Active around 1915

Tamaroa Boys' Band

Active in 1917

Tamaroa Rube Band

Active in the 1910's, associated with Legion Post 604

Tampico Brass Band

Founded in September 1888. Original members included T.O. Steadman, J.H. Olsson, Leslie Denison, Levi Lutyens, Charles West, Frank West, Harry Gifford, Nobel Farris, and Fred Allen

Terry's Uncle Tom's Cabin Concert Band (Peoria)

Active around 1900, bandmaster Herb Gregg, director Charles M. Bell

Third Regiment Band Illinois National Guard (De Kalb)

Active around 1910

Toledo Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Toledo Traction Company Band

Active in the 1910's

Tonica Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Topeka Cornet Band (Mason County)

Active in the 1900's

Towanda Cornet Band

Active in 1910, members included Gus Manskey, Guy Cary, Harland Sachs, Sam McMullen, Walter Dotson, Harry Hilbury, Lewis Michael, Otis Michael, Ben Dotson, John Pumphrey, Denny Henderson, Wilbur Cash, Horace Henderson and Max Keith

Trinity Ladies Band (Joliet)

Active in the 1900's

Tumas Band (Chicago)

Active in 1911

Turner Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Turner Junction Cornet Band (West Chicago)

Founded in 1870. Proceeds from a formal dance party held at the new cheese factory went toward the purchase of instruments. German-born professional musician and gifted cornetist Henry Bayer is credited with organization and management of the band. Initially the Turner Cornet Band was comprised exclusively of brass instruments with the exception of snare and bass drums. In later years clarinet and piccolos were added. The band provided entertainment at concerts, dances and picnics. From 1886-1894 it appears the band was dormant. By 1894, sixteen members had sold enough ice cream and lemonade to buy new uniforms. Citizens petitioned the village board to build a band stand, but it is not known if it was built. When the town's name changed in 1896, the band became the West Chicago Cornet Band. The last known mention of the band in local newspapers was in 1899 when it was reported that it led the Memorial Day parade.

Tuscola Brass Band

Twentieth Century Band (Pearl City)

Active in 1909

Twin City Band (La Salle & Peru)

Active around 1900

Union Cornet Band (Aurora)

Active in the 1880's

University of Illinois British Brass Band (Champaign)

[Current band]

University of Illinois Military Band

Active in 1911, conductor A.A. Harding

University of Saint Mary of the Lake Brass Band (Chicago)

Active in 1865

Urbana Brass Band

Founded in spring 1860

Utica Brass Band (North Utica)

Founded in January 1868, with 12 members, leader J.B. Peckham, instruments costing \$350 from Chicago. Still active in 1870

Vandalia Band

Active in 1908

Vermont Military Band

Active in 1913

Vienna Band

Founded on 12 April 1908

Waldron Cornet Band (Kankakee)

Active in 1881

Walloon Band

Active around 1900

Warsaw Band

Active in the 1910's

Warsaw Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Warsaw Turners' Brass Band

Active in 1860, with 8 members - associated with the "American Turners" organisation

Washington Cornet Band (Rock Island)

Active in 1866, leader John Biehl. 15 members in 1867. Still active in 1872. In 1871 they acquired a new set of uniforms made by Mr Doph, the tailor on Orleans Street

Wasser's Brass Band (Golconda)

See: Golconda Brass Band

Watertown Hospital Band

Active in the 1910's and 1920s

Wayne City Band

Active in the 1880's

Weldon I.O.O.F. Band

Active around 1900

Wenona Brass Band

Active in 1868

Wenona Town Band

Active in the 1890's

West Chicago Cornet Band

See: Turner Junction Cornet Band

Western Electric Band (Hawthorne)

Active in 1911

Western Springs Military Academy Band (Aurora)

Active in 1909

Westfield Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Wheaton Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Wheeling Cornet Band

Founded in 1873

White City Amusements Park Band, Chicago

Active in the 1910's

Williamsfield Band

Active in the 1910's

Wilson's Concert Band (Roanoke)

Active in 1911

Wilson's Juvenile Band (Paw Paw)

Active in the 1900's

Windsor Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's to WW1

Windtown Band (1)

Active in the 1900's

Windtown Band (2)

Founded in 1926. It was organised and directed by F. W. Goodrich and Mr. E. L. Meeker. Members included Albert Seeger, Harry Herold, Louis O. Rients, Harold Rapp, Henry Kalkwarf, John Wuebbens, Derwald Johnson, Elron Janssen, Edward Seggerman, Ronald Meeker, Clarence Koopman, Henry Franzen, Peter Wuebbens, Herman Mehlberg, Ernest Harms, John Obert, Harry Janssen, Walter Von Nordheim, Edward Koopman, Fred Durre, Herman Vissering, Arthur Rustman, Fred H. Wiechman, Walter Harms, Ernest Doorn, John D. Koopman, and E. L. Meeker. The town of Windtown no longer exists. It once contained a few businesses, e.g. a mill, store, etc. All that's left now is the church and its parsonage, the cemetery, and a parochial schoolhouse at one corner of the church property. The church building behind the band still exists. It is St. Petri. Ev. Lutheran Church. Its address is rural Flanagan now

Winetka Boys Band

Active in 1910

Yates City Band

Active in 1907

Young Men's Christian Association Brass Band (Chicago)

Founded in late 1867. Still active in 1868

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Wabash Band

2nd Regiment Indiana National Guard Band (Harrison)

Active in 1908

85th Indiana Regiment Brass Band

Active around 1870, members included T. Murray, R. McLeod, M. McPhee, W. Freeman, H. Edsel, A. Barton, J. Abel, A. McLeod, F. Franks, T. Mowat, F. Broadbridge, G. Stewart (band master), T. Scott, H. Box, S. Watson, J. Anderson, J. Murray, J. Campbell, D. Hewett, George Abel, and W. Brody

86th Regimental Band (Williamsport)

Active in the 1890's

8th Regiment UR of KP Band (Delphi)

Active in the 1900's

Adelphians Brass Band (Greenfield)

Active in the 1880's

Alamo Band

Active in 1915, with members: James Smith, Rolen Hybarger, Lonnie Mathis, Grove Smith, Roy Hybarger, Clarence Krout, Watt Ham, Charles Westfall, Fitchue Lee, Robert Gilkey, George Watters, Ray Miller, Clint Grimes, Homer Grey, Ora Elmore, and Harry Hybarger

Albion Cornet Band (Evansville)

Active in 1870

Ames 2nd Regiment Band (Michigan City)

Active in the 1900's

Anderson Industrial School Band

Active in the 1910's

Andrews Ladies' Brass Band (Andrews)

Founded in 1881 with 15 members. Disbanded in 1886 after weddings and removals reduced the numbers to six. Lulu Cole, Anna Bell and Miss Morris were members in 1884. New uniforms were ordered in August 1884 from the Coleman sisters of Huntington, consisting of full skirts, tight waists, trimmed with gilt braid, brass buttons and cap to match.

Angola Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1878 and 1902

Antioch Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1882

Argos Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Athens Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Attica Brass Band

Active in 1855

Attica Town Band

Active in 1911 to 1920

Auburn Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Auburn Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1920

Bellmore Cornet Band

Founded in 1878 with 12 players, president Perry Reid, leader John Thompson, treasurer Aaron Harlan

Bend in the River Brass Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: River Brass

Berne City Band

Active in 1910

Bethel Brass Band (Richmond)

Founded in spring 1856

Bibber Brass Band

Active in 1911

Big Six Band (Columbus)

Active in the 1890's

Binager Ladies' Cornet Band (Indianapolis)

Founded in July 1879, conductor George T. Binager. Initial members were: Maggy Surber, Libby Kershner, Maggie Frick, Lizzie Smith, Minny Gage, Laura Black, Florence Sellers, Ella Bills, Kitty Horton, May Morrison, Fanny Wands and Ida Scott

Bloomer Girls' Star Band (Indianapolis)

Active in the 1910's

Blooming Grove Brass Band

Active in 1889

Bloomington Brass Band (1)

Active in 1853, gaining second place in a competition of bands at a Musical State Convention at Indianapolis on 22 February 1853

Bloomington Brass Band (2)

[Current band] - Founded around 1983 by David Whitt. Conductor David A. Pickett in 1984-1989.

Bluffton Brass Band

Active in 1866

Boonville Brass Band

Active in 1862. Still active in 1868. In August 1862 the following band members departed to join up with Jackson's Kentucky Cavalry at Nashville - D.W. Brown, William Helder, Charles C. Matthewson, Charles Borer, S.T. Lowe, T.J. Downs and Benjamin Sanely

Botteron Family Band (Chamberlain)

The musicians were 11 of the 16 children of Frederick Louis Botteron and Mary Jane Stone, aged from 9 to 26 years old in 1895. Some of the older brothers had been in the Chamberlain Cornet Band. When it disbanded they bought the instruments and uniforms and taught their siblings to play. The band performed at reunion picnic of the Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Indiana, in August 1895, and the reunion of the 33rd Indiana Battery (of which Frederick Botteron was a member) in Huntington, Indiana in October 1896. The players were: Frank, Charles, Joseph, Clarence, Willard, John, Edwin, Ernest, Henry, Edith, and George

Bourbon Cornet Band

Active in 1867 to 1872

Bowser Boomer Band (S. F. Bowser & Co.) (Ft. Wayne)

Active around 1910

Brandywine Cornet Band

Active in 1882

Brass Band at Indiana University (Bloomington)

[Current band] - Founded in 2016

Brazil Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Bremen Band

Active in the 1900's

Bremen Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Bridgeton Band

Active in 1908

Bristol Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1897

Bristow Brass Band

Active around 1890

Bristow Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Bronson's Brass Band (Warsaw)

Active in 1858

Brookville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854 to 1858. Tutor Professor Hofher in 1858, when they purchased a new drum costing \$25. A successor band was formed in 1867

Brookville Brass Band (2)

Founded in summer 1867

Brookville Cornet Band

Active in 1887, when the band consisted of: William Fogel, Tuba; Frank Shovalter, Tuba; Frank Seibert, Baritone; Sim Colebank, 1st Tenor; John Baker, 2nd Tenor; Albert Fisher, 1st Trombone; Chas Samoniel, 2nd Trombone; Henry Snider, Solo Alto; Jacob Wise, 1st Alto; Elgie Colebank, 2nd Alto; W.A.

Williams, Leader and solo Bb Cornet; George Kolhoff, 1st Bb Cornet; H.B. O•Byrne, 2nd Bb Cornet; John A.G. Kocher, Bb Clarinet; Frank L. Hornung, Eb Clarinet; James Hohmann, Piccolo; William West, Cymbals; Frank Shilling, Side Drum; Jacob Smith, Base Drum; H.M. King, Drum Major

Brookville I.O.O.F. Cornet Band

Active in 1902

Brookville Juvenile Band

Active in 1902, led by Ed Gwinnup, a blacksmith by trade

Bryant Band

Active in the 1900's

Burlington Girls' Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1906, conductor Mrs J.B. Schultz

Butler City Band

Active in 1906

Butler Ladies' Band (Butler)

Active in the 1910's

Byers' Boys Band (Evansville)

Active in the 1910's

Cannelton Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1868

Canneltown Band

Active in 1906

Carlin's Silver Cornet Band (Noblesville)

Active in the early 1870's

Carthage Cornet Band

Active in 1877, when members were: Julian Overman, Joe Apelott, Bob Hill, Joe Hubbard, Bud Stewart, William Manley, Charle Nixon (leader), Logan Stinger, Frank McCarty, Lucius Nixon, and Lewis Weingart

Center Point Band

Active in the 1910's

Centerville Cornet Band

Active in 1868 when it received a new set of instruments. Still active in 1872

Centerville Town Band

Active in 1902

Chandler Band (Cyclone)

A boys' band active around 1900

Charlestown Brass Band (Clark County)

Active in 1868

Chili Cornet Band

Active around 1900 - Lorengo Doud was a member

Citizens Band (Amboy)

Active in 1910

Claypool Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Clear Creek Brass Band (Bloomington)

Active in the late 1990s and early 2000s

Columbia City Brass Band

Active in 1863

Cornettsville Band

Active in the 1920's

Corunna Cornet Band

Milo L. Calkins was leader of the band at some time, together with six members of his family

CP Band (Shelbyville)

Active in 1910

Crawfordsville Brass Band

Active around 1900, when Charles Densmore and Dan Lookabill were members

Crawfordsville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Crescent City Brass Band (Evansville)

Active in 1855, with 9 musicians. Still active in 1864

Crescent City Silver Band (Evansville)

Active in 1866 to 1870, conductor G.W. Warren

Crossroads Brass Band of Central Indiana (Franklin)

[Current band]

Culver City Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's. Clarence Behmer was a member in 1895-1899

Culver Military Academy Band

Active in the 1910's

Darlington Christian Church Band

Active in the 1920's

Dellwood Band (Joliet)

Active in 1907

Democratic Silver Band (Evansville)

Active in 1868, 1869

Dixon Cornet Band

Active around 1888, members included Charley Reed, Floyd Carrier, Francis May, Clarence Brown, Elmer Singer, Delma House, Glenn Fortney, Sherman Bowyer, Reuben Minerd, Ward Bowers, Jim Stewart, John Crabill, Jim Miller, Dan Battenberg, John Lomiller, William Carrier, and Ed Johnson

Dixon Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Doina Romana Band (Indianapolis)

Active in the 1900's

Dupont Concert Band

Active in 1910-1913

East Germantown Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1862

Eden Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Edinburg Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in January 1879. It competed in a band contest in Muncie in June 1879, taking second prize

Elbel's Band (South Bend)

Active in the 1910's

Elizabethtown Young Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1891, with 14 players

Elizaville Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Elk's Concert Band (Madison)

Erie Railroad Band (Huntington)

See: Huntington Shop Band

Etna Green Brass Band

Active in 1868

Eureka Brass Band (Batesville)

Active in the 1900's

Evansville Boy's Band

Active in the 1900's

Evansville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1850 to 1855

Evansville Brass Band (2)

Founded in summer 1856, with 12 players, leader W.P. Baker. Still active in 1861

Evansville Colored Brass Band

Active in 1869, 1870

Evansville Cornet Band

Founded in early 1868, when officers included president William Helden, secretary S.L. Conan, trustees C.W. Osborn, F. Voelker, and G. Eilenstein, leader Professor William Buck. Leader Otto Pfafflin in 1869, Mr Wilkinson in 1872 (with 14 players)

Fairland Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Ferdinand Brass Band

Active in 1870

First Presbyterian Church Band (Greenfield)

Active around 1910

Flint Band

Active in the 1910's

Fontanet Cornet Band

Active in the 1920's

Fort Wayne Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in June 1882 when it performed at an ice cream festival

Frankton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, one member was Frank Walton

Freemont Band (Deep River)

Active in 1914

Freetown Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Fremont Girls' Band

Active in the 1910's

Garrett Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Gaston Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's - Richard Brown played tuba

Geneseo Brass Band

Active in 1910

German Cornet Band (Plymouth)

Founded in late 1867. Still active in 1868

Gilman I.O.O.F. Band

Active around 1900

Goshen Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Goshen Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Greencastle Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Greencastle Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Greenfield Band

Active in the early 1900's to 1926

Greenfield Cornet Band

Active in 1882

Greenwood Young Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890, with 15 musicians, conducted by Bertha Creasey. Still active in 1891, conducted by Professor R.B. Rudy

Hager Family Brass Band

Participated in a Christmas concert at The Commons, Columbus, Indiana, in December 1975. Members of the band making their second appearance at The Commons were Francis, Veronica, Tim and Michelle Hager

Hagerstown Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Harrison Cornet Band

Active in 1858 to 1868

Harrison Family Brass Band

Performed at the annual musical congress at the Y.M.C.A. athletic park in Richmond, Indiana, in August 1890. Sharing the bill were Blind Tom, "the greatest musical prodigy" and Rev. Riggs the "warbling preacher". Two of the girls in the band were Essie and Katie Harrison

Hawthorne Family Band (Portland)

Performed at the Princess Rink, Fort Wayne, Indiana in March 1888. Active in Portland, Indiana, through 1889

Helfrich Brass Band (Huntingburg)

Founded in 1859 by Wm. G. Helfrich and Francis Delphus. The members were Ernst Pickhardt, John F. Meinker, Henry Berger, Conrad Ewing, Conrad Hoevener, Charles Mahler, Louis Krebs, Jacob Fromm, Henry Mauntel, Joseph Miller, Fred Moenkhaus, Charles Indirieden, and Moses Baurmister

Helmsburg Band

Active in the 1920's

Huntingburg Brass Band

Active in 1868

Huntington Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Huntington

Ideal Band (Gaborn)

Active in 1909

Ind. School Band (Fort Wayne)

Active in the 1900's

Indiana Brass Band (Evansville)

Active in 1854, leader Tom Maidlow

Indiana Institute for the Blind Brass Band (Indianapolis)

Founded in 1858, with a female instructress. Still active in 1894

Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home Band (Knightstown)

See: Knightstown Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home Band

Indianapolis Brass Band

Active in 1856

Indianapolis Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1879, instructor R.L. Carlin. Members included Arthusa Caldwell (cornet, leader), Mrs E.A. Perkins (cornet), Millie Perkins (cornet), Ella Norris (cornet), Ollie Torbet (alto), Ida Kitchell (alto), Lillie Boynton (tenor), Nora Hammond (tenor), Ruth Torbet (baritone), Belle Shonacker (tuba), Lavonie Kackley (bass drum), Mrs H. Barmeier (tenor drum).

Indianapolis News Boys Band

Active in 1904 to 1919

Indianapolis Police and Firemen's Band

Active in the 1920's

Jamestown Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Jasper Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1860

Julius Cornet Band (Crown Point)

Active in 1868

K.W.B.C. Band

Active in 1912

Keifers Boys Band (Washington)

Active in the 1900's

King's Military Band (Ligonier)

Active in the 1900's

Kiwanis Boys Band (Terre Haute)

Active in the 1920's

Knightstown Silver Cornet Band

Active before the Civil War, with members including Earl Ried, the leader, Ed Niles, Bob Grubbs, Joel Edwards, Frank Elder, Jerry Mason, John Bell, John Charles, Curg Boblett and John Cameron. Reformed in 1866. Still active in the 1870's. Members in 1868 were: John T. Charles, Ben Sortman, Noah Wagoner. I.N. Wright, W.M. Edwards, W. L. Loring, W. Mc Cameron, John F. Bell, Joe B. Cameron, Oliver Charles, J.B. Edwards, G.W. Hill, John D. Cameron. Walter Weaver, N.C. Welborne and Prof. L. W. Eastman (leader). Still active in the 1890's

Knightstown Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home Band

Active in the 1900's

Lafayette Cornet Band

Founded in March 1867

Lanes Band (Wakarusa)

Active around 1910

Laotto Booster Band

Active in the 1900's

Laporte Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1866

Laporte City Band

Active in the 1900's

Laporte Cornet Band

Lebanon Cornet Band

Active in the late 1860's and early 1870's, leader Professor Hill in 1870. It was reorganised in 1880

Lebanon Juvenile Band

Active in 1885, leader Mr Bachman. Still active in 1891

Lebanon Silver Band

See: Lebanon Cornet Band

Letts Concert Band

Active in 1908

Lexington Cornet Band

Active around 1905

Liberty Band (La Porte)

Active in the 1910's

Lifel's Brass Band (Plymouth)

Active in 1867. Possibly the same as the "German Cornet Band" of Plymouth

Linden Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Local Talent Brass Band (Sioux City)

Active in the 1910's

Lockwood Cornet Band (Lebanon)

Active in the late 1880's, leader Mentor Lockwood

Loogootee Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1905, conductor William Bramble, president Cora Yarnell, treasurer Inez Hinton

Lowell Silver Cornet Band

Active around 1876, when members included Owen E. Sutton, leader; Theron Halstead, Eb cornet; Leroy Bates, Eb cornet; William Tuthill, Eb cornet; Elery Nichols, Bb cornet; George Sutton, brother of the leader, solo alto; William Driscoll, alto; Niles Clement, alto; George W. Waters, baritone; Judson Davis, tenor; Edward Mee, tuba; C.W. Mulinex, snare drum; and John Daum, bass drum

Madison Brass Band

Active in 1866, leader Christian Gaul. Still active in 1867, with 14 players

Marion Brass Band

Active in 1856

Matthews Band

Active in the 1900's

Maxwell-Briscoe Band (New Castle)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Company

Mechanicsburg Brass Band

Active in 1869

Michigan City Band

Active in the 1910's

Michigantown Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Milton Brass Band

Active in 1864

Mishawaka Brass Band

Active in 1860

Mishawaka City Band

Mitchell's American Cornet Band (Richmond)

Active in 1859, conductor Mr Mitchell, with new uniforms of fine black broad cloth, single breasted, buttons up to the neck, small standing collar, and gold lace trimmings; their caps were military style

Mixerville Cornet Band

Active in 1870's

Mixerville Cornet Band

Active in the early 1900's, members included Henry Stitzel, Perry Hansel, Lewis Stitzel, and Will O'Neal

Monon I.O.O.F. Band

Active in the 1910's

Monroeville Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1886

Mooreland Band

Active in the 1900's

Mooresville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Morningstar's Cornet Band (Richmond)

Founded in July 1870, with members Fred Rost (leader), William Morningstar, Thomas Larkins, Frank Steincamp, Fred Range, Harry Range, Charles Fisher, Harmon Habagader, William Wishmire, and Edward Rhodes, rehearsing in a room at the rear of Theiss's Barber shop

Mount Vernon Independent Band

Active in 1868 to 1869

Mulberry Cornet Band

Active in 1890 with members including Samuel B. Smith, Louis A.G. Boer, Clint Bastain, Aaron Miller, Orlando Elliott, William N. Clark, Richard G. Mohr, and Woodie Sweet

Muncie Conservatory Boys' Band (Winona)

Active around 1908, leader Prof. E. W. Garrett. Their uniforms were blue and red and they practiced as group two evenings a week.

Nappanee Cornet Band

Active in 1884

Nat Reiss Shows Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

National Home Band (Marion)

Active in 1906-1911

New Albany Brass Band

Active in 1853, gaining first place in a competition of bands at a Musical State Convention at Indianapolis on 22 February 1853. Repeated their success at the Musical Convention in 1854, winning first prize - a purse of gold. 12 members in 1855. Still active in 1868

New Albany Cornet Band

Active in 1859 when it performed on the "Baltic" ship on the Ohio River at Evansville, while they were en route to New Orleans on a concert tour. Still active in 1866

New Castle Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

New Harmony Brass Band

Active in 1855, leader George W. Warren. Leader Professor Bennett in 1863. Still active in 1870

New Palestine Cornet Band (1)

Active from the 1860's. Among the older musicians were: Henry G. Mickle, Walter Watterson, Charles Hanes, J. M. Freeman, Thomas J. Elliott, James Arthur, Smith T. Nichols, John H. Garver, George W. Nichols, Milliard F. Anderson, Fred Friegel, Harry Garver, John Westlake, William Gundrum, John Carson, Marshall Watterson, James Everson, Amos Everson, John Merlau, John Rawlings, Edward Ayers, Lucian Watterson, John Hittle, Fred Claf fey and Godlib Mickle. Isaac Davis, of Greenfield, taught the band for a while. During the early 1880's a special teacher was employed, who made his home at New Palestine, to give all of his time to the band and to the individual members thereof. It likely reached its highest state of excellence from 1880 to 1884. In 1877 it played at the Shelbyville fair and later played at a number of the surrounding county fairs, as well as at the state fair. In 1880 a new wagon, also new instruments and new uniforms, were purchased, at a cost of over one thousand dollars. The people of the community contributed liberally to supply the band with this equipment. The boys themselves paid out a large amount for instruction, and for a time enjoyed the reputation of being one of the very best bands in the state. A successor band was formed around 1900's

New Palestine Cornet Band (2)

Founded around 1900 under the leadership of James Everson, which remained in existence for three or four years. Among the players of this band were: James H. Everson, Hiram K. Banks, Guy B. Westlake, John Monjar, Mat Kellum, Edward Eickman, Pearl Gilson, Otto Schramm, Gustav Letchle, George J. Richman, Roscoe Andrews, Charles Waggoner, C. E. Gundrum, Harry Short, Fred W. Claf fey, Harry Garver, Ed Schreiber, I. C. Schlosser and Evert Short. Another band was organized a few years later, which played for a short time.

New Palestine German Cornet Band

Founded in 1892 by Rev. Henkel [of the German Lutheran Church] when he organized a band among the boys of the congregation. Original members included Fred Wampner, Christian Hoff, Will Knoop, Henry Knoop, Fred Bruns, George Sander, Otto Schramm, George J. Richman, Fred Harmening, Lewis H. Merlau, Lewis Richman, Henry Brier and Ed Knoop. They had no instructor except the pastor for a short time. They were all laborers on the farms and gave only their spare time to practice. The band never succeeded in playing a very high grade of music and eventually disbanded around 1900

Newburgh Band

Active in the 1900's

Newburgh Brass Band

Active in 1863 to 1868

Newtown Band

Active in 1907

Newville Brass Band (Vera Cruz, Wells County)

Active in 1870, when it performed at the incorporation of the town of Vera Cruz (which had previously been named Newville)

North Judson Juvenile Band

Active in 1907

North Manchester Band

Active aroun 1880

North Manchester Cornet Band

Founded in 1876, from the selected membership of two other similar organizations, with 13 players. By agreement it was disbanded in 1880, but immediately re-organized with ten players, under the instruction of Prof. A. B. McFann, Musical Director, and J. P. McFann, Leader. An entire new set of instruments of the Distin patent was purchased, and it is believed this was then the only band in Indiana equipped with a full set of these instruments. Members in 1880 included Asa McFann, A.F. McFann, J. Preston McFann, Lee Clemans, Sweety King, Sam Scott, Jewell Conde, John Clemans, and Mike Cook. Members in 1884 were: H. B. Sheller, First E-flat cornet; James Taylor, Second E-flat cornet; W. E. Thomas, First B-flat cornet; D. S. Miller, Second B-flat cornet; Prof. Asa B. McFann, Solo Alto; D. Lautzenhiser, First Tenor; George Crill, Second Tenor; Dr. D. Ginther, Baritone; Albert Beachley, Tuba; Charles Felter, Snare Drum and George Shupp, Bass Drum.

North Webster Band

Active in 1910

North Webster Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's. Conductor Charles Lester Whitacre around 1916

Notre Dame Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Old Crown Brass Band (Fort Wayne)

[Current band] - Founded in 2007

Owensville Trombone Band

Founded 19th October 1883, leader J.A. Thomas

Patoka Brass Band

Active in 1870

People's Band (Marshall)

Active in the 1900's

Petersburg Brass Band

Active in 1867, 1868. The band were presented with a new band wagon in April 1868 "for campaign purposes"

Pleasant Ridge Band

Active in the 1900's

Plymouth Brass Band (1)

Active in 1859, 1860. It was noted in September 1860 that all the members were Democrats. It folded some time prior to 1865. A successor band was formed in 1866

Plymouth Brass Band (2)

Founded in summer 1866, leader John McDonald

Plymouth Cornet Band

Founded in 1900 by Ben M. Seybold

Plymouth Saxhorn Band

Founded in the winter and spring of 1853. The members at the time of organization were William H. Salisbury, leader, Daniel and Platt McDonald, David Vinnedge, Rufus Brown, A. C, Capron, Thomas K. Houghton, Rufus Mert Brown. Later on from time to time new members were admitted until the band consisted of about sixteen pieces, among whom were Alex Thompson, John McDonald and Charles H. Reeve. Mr. Reeve was not a permanent member, but met with the boys frequently and was useful in writing music and in helping them to learn to play. "Old Joe Pierson," as he was familiarly called, who resided some place in LaPorte county, was employed as teacher and

bandmaster. He had put one eye, the other having, in some way, been put out. He came at stated intervals by stage from LaPorte to Plymouth, and generally remained two or three days. He was not a very brilliant or accomplished musician, but as a teacher, as the boys used to put it, "he was onto his job," In those days there was no printed band music as new, and the music for the different instruments was all written with a quill pen on blank music paper by "Old Joe"! He first selected the melody and then composed the accompaniments and various parts to fit the several instruments. Among the. pieces remembered are: "Wood-up Quickstep", "Old Dog Tray", "Lilly Dale", "Old Kentucky Home", "Ben Bolt", "Old Uncle Ned", "Old Folks at Home", "Number 14", and many more that were popular in those days. There was no foolishness about "Old Joe." When the time came for practice every member was supposed to be on hand ready to do his part. If he found a member particularly weak he would give him special attention until he was able to master the difficulties. Then all the instruments would be started, and such music as was made in the beginning was not such as is said to have "charms to soothe the savage beast; to rend the rock, or split the knotted oak." But it was not long before the members became quite proficient and were able to follow the score fairly well. The leader of the band was William H. Salisbury, who was an accomplished cornetist, who had learned the mysteries of that instrument at LaPorte before coming here. He was employed as bookkeeper for the firm of Pomeroy, Houghton & Barber, the principal business firm in Plymouth at that time. He was a most pleasant, genial gentleman, and has many delightful memories clustering around his life while a resident there. The band began to play in the political campaign of 1854, and had folded by summer 1856, when there was but four instruments and a drum left, but is revitalised soon thereafter and got down to real business in the memorable presidential campaigns of 1856 and 1860, and it played for most of the local entertainments and picnics, of which there were many in those days, nearly always without money, or anything else but thanks! During the wartime the band went to pieces, many of those belonging to it enlisting in some of the several companies recruited in Plymouth; the instruments which belonged to the individual members were sold or given away - at least none of them have ever been seen since. Since then many bands have been organized, flourished for a time, and gone to pieces as their predecessors have done.

Plymouth Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1868, under the control of the republican party, the motley for the purchase of the instruments being contributed by that party. It was, however, refunded by the members of the band about the end of the campaign of 1868. It was composed of twelve members originally, but soon fell to ten, which kept it going about ten years. Re-organised with leader William Tyner in July 1871. Those who composed the band after the reorganization in the '70s were: Charles Haslanger, Frank Smith, Charles Chapman, Edward Quivey, Wm. W. Davenport, Daniel B. Armstrong, James M, Confer, H. B. Miller, Thomas Noss, and William Moore. Instructor Professor Cassad in 1872. Leader John Miller in 1873. Still active in 1878. A successor band was formed in 1900

Posevville Brass Band

Active in 1861. In June 1861 the band travelled to Indianapolis to join one of the regiments encamped there

Princeton Brass Band

Active in 1868 to 1870

Pro Cadets Cornet Band (English)

Active in the 1880's

Purdue University Band (Lafayette)

Active in 1895-1903

Reddington Cornet Band

Active in 1915 with members Lawrence Shannon, Charles Fox, Charles Quade, George Fox, Ben Fox, Lizzie Fox, Frank Fox, Otis Shannon, Carl Fox, Kinsley Bricklow, Oliver Summa, Raymond, Welliver, George Baldwin, Tom Covert, Arthur Fox, Homer Davis and Jake Ackeret

Richmond Cornet Band

Active in 1859. Conductor Mr Miller in 1859, R.H. Schwarz in 1865-1866, Fred Rost in 1870

River Brass (Newburgh)

[Current band] - Founded in 1991 as Bend in the River Brass Band - Note: The only traditional brass band in the tri-state region of southwestern Indiana, northwestern Kentucky and southern Illinois

Rochester Brass Band

Active in 1860

Rochester Democratic Brass Band

Active in the late 1860's

Rochester Normal College Band

Active in the 1890's

Rochester Silver Band

Active in 1868

Rochester Union Brass Band

Active in the late 1860's

Rock Valley Military Band

Active in the 1890's

Rockport Brass Band

Active in 1866

Rosedale Band

Active in the 1900's

Rushville City Concert Band

Active in 1912

S.I. Band (Odon)

Active in 1909

St Joe Brass Band (Plymouth)

Active in 1863

St Joseph Brass Band (South Bend)

Active in 1860. In August 1860 it gave a concert featuring a "beautiful Silver Horn" - a cornet which the band had recently won at a musical tournament at Niles, Michigan

St Joseph Silver Band (Grosse Point)

Active in 1889

St Joseph's School Band (Jasper)

Active in the 1900's

St Mary's Brass Band (Richmond)

Founded in summer 1870, leader Professor Worthington. Associated with St Mary's Church

Santa Fe Brass Band (Clay Township, Spencer County)

Active in 1866 to 1868

Santa Fee Brass Band

Active in 1870, performing at Ferdinand. Possibly the Santa Fe Brass Band, and also possibly from Santa Claus, Indiana, as it was obviously local.

Schuyler Colfax Cornet Band (South Bend)

Active in 1874

Shades Park Band

Active in 1893

Sheets Family Brass Band (Columbus)

Joseph J. Sheets (b. 1866) created his family band around 1901. He lived in Columbus, Indiana, with his wife Josephine (b. 1867) and children Clara (b. 1889), Alta (b. 1888), Albert (b. 1893), Carl (b. 1894), William (b. 1897), George (b. 1899) and Edward (b. 1902). The original band consisted of himself, his elder four children, and also Gary Davis and Will Gresham. One of their earliest concerts was at City Hall, Columbus, in June 1901. Other engagements included: Hartsville, August 1902; Perry's Grove, August 1903; Clifford, April 1904; Taylorsville, May 1904; carnivals in Madison and Vevay, June 1904; joined the Dixie Carnival Company in Shelbyville for the season from June 1904, providing music for the Sipe Dog & Pony Show; Jefferson County Fair, Madison, July 1905. They obtained new uniforms in 1906 - khaki trimmed with purple. Went into vaudeville in March 1907 at the Orpheum Theater, Columbus. Played with the Vaudeville theatre at the Grand Opera House, Marion, Ohio in May 1907. Went on the road with Buckskin Ben's wild west show during summer 1907. In February 1909 the band returned from a season on a theatrical boat which sailed the Mississippi River to New Orleans. It was still active in 1915

Shreve Brass Band (Waterford)

Active around 1910, conductor Frederick Shreve with many of his family as players.

Silver Lake Band

Active around 1900

South Bend Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1874

South Shore Brass Band (Merrillville)

[Current band]

Speedway Aviation Depot Band

Active in 1918

Spiceland Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Stewartsville Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Stilesville Concert Band

Active in 1910

Stodghill Concert Band

Active in the late 1910's

Stones Crossing Cornet Band (Indianapolis)

Active in the 1890's

Story City Band

Active in the 1900's

Straughn Concert Band

Sylvester 3rd Regiment Band (Kankakee)

Active in 1908

Tecumseh I.O.R.M. Band (Worthington)

Active in the 1910's

Terre Haute City Band

Active in the 1900's

Tippecanoe Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Tippecanoe Post Band (Monticello)

Active in the 1890's

Tipton Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1879

Tockaton I.O.R.M. Tribe Band (Mitchell)

Active in the 1900's, associated with Tribe 342 of the Improved Order of Red Men

Turffrey's Juvenile Band (Thorntown)

Active in 1885

Turnverien Brass Band (Huntingburg)

Active in 1868

Union Brass Band (Indianapolis)

Active in 1864

Union Cornet Band (Berne)

Active in 1908. Also known as the "German Country Band"

University of Notre Dame Brass Band (South Bend)

Active in 1866

Vallonia Band

Active in 1908

Valparaiso Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1866

Van Buren Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Vincennes Brass Band (1)

Active in 1859

Vincennes Brass Band (2)

Founded in summer 1870

Wabash Band

[no information]

Warner Gear Company Band (Muncie)

Active around 1915, members included Jess Chambers, tuba; Martin Carey, baritone; Lawrence Butler, tuba; Irvin Heeter, bass drum; Arthur Hilard, trombone; Earl Longnecker, trombone; Thurman Hensley, alto; Clifford Babb, snare drum; Raymond Hoyt, cornet; Charles Hollopeter, cornet; Frank Tilton, cornet; Clifford St. John, cornet; Gus Doerman, clarinet and director; Claude Moore, clarinet; August Haas, clarinet; William Neighbors, clarinet; and Norwood Carey, mascot.

Warren's Brass Band (Evansville)

Active in 1863

Warsaw Band

Active in the 1910's

Warsaw Brass Band

Warsaw Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Waterloo Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1898, Ella G. Reed (president), Elda Mills (vice-president), Matie DeLong (secretary), Lela Sparks (treasurer). Still active in 1902

West Newton Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Westville Girls' Band

Active in 1915. Members were: E.J. Leach (conductor), Reeva Dodd, Audra Herrold, Ruth Ines, Lucy Herrold, Gertrude White, Viola Dochwald, Aldine Link, Ada Beahm, Mettie Hans, Beaula Allison, Flossie Hall, Florence Warnke, Lizzie Stites, Helen Cornelius, Catherine Cornelius, Martha Davidson, and Dorotha Cass

Weyerbacher's Boys Band (Evansville)

Active in 1924

Weyerbacher's Ladies' Brass Band (Evansville)

Founded in June 1907, conductor A.V. Weyerbacher. Initial members included: Mollie Otto, Sibyl Runyon, Sadie Diehl, Anna Koehlinger, Tillie Diehl, Beatrice Cook, Bertha Osborne, Anna Specht, Lottie Osborne and Ganel Runyon.

White Eagle Band (Michigan City)

Active in the 1890's

Whitestown Citizens' Band

Active in 1887

Wienland's Ladies' Cornet Band, Hope

Active in 1879

Winchester Cornet Band

Active in 1860. All of its members were associated with the Lincoln Wide Awake Club of Winchester

Windfall Band (Tipton)

Active in 1911

Wolcottville Band

Active in 1908

Wolf Lake Concert Band

Active around 1900

Wolff's Band (Fort Wayne)

Active in 1880

Wyatt Band North (Bremen)

USA - Iowa



Mills Family Band, Cedar Falls

49th Regiment Iowa National Guard Band (Marshalltown)

Active in the 1900's

51st Regiment Band

Active in the 1900's

56th Regiment Iowa National Guard Band (Mason City)

Active in 1910

A.B. Snyder Our Land Man Band (Sioux Rapids)

Active around 1890

Adair Band

Active in 1909

Agency City Brass Band (Agency)

Active in 1861 to 1869

Alexander Cornet Band

Active around 1900, conductor Fred Madsen

Alta Vista Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Alton Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Anamosa Silver Band

Founded in 1869. Still active in 1871

Anthon Cornet Band

Aplington Cornet Band

Active in 1918

Archer Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Atkins Cornet Band (Atkins)

Active in 1918

Audubon Ladies' Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1888, performing at the Northwestern Band Association annual meeting

Audubon Ladies' Cornet Band (2)

Founded in spring 1906, conductor Professor Gifford

Aurelia Concert Band

Active in the 1910's, through to 1918

Avery Cornet Band

Active in 1908 to 1918

Avoca Cornet Band

Active in 1918

Badger Band

Active in the 1900's

Bangor Concert Band

Active in 1918

Bassett Municipal Band

Active in the 1920's

Battle Creek Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Baxter Junior Band (Baxter)

Active in 1910

Bearman Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Bedford Brass Band (Taylor County)

Active in 1861, leader A. Protman, with 14 players. In October 1861 the band joined the war effort as the regimental band of the 4th Iowa Regiment

Bedford Town Band

Active in the 1910's

Belle Plaine Brass Band

Active in 1912

Belmond Band

Active in the 1920's

Belmont Brass Band (Pedee)

Founded in 1881. Pedee was a town between Rochester and Springale - now no longer there. Members of the band included J.L. Corker, J.A. Roberts, C.P. Roberts, D.N. Hartson, M. Larne, M.A. Hartson and W.H. Linn

Bench Cornet Band

Biehl Family Orchestra (Davenport)

Anthony Biehl lived with his wife Lulu and three daughters - Lucy (b. 1883, clarinet), Leona (b. 1885, horn) and Grace (b. 1889, cornet). Anthony owned a mandolin factory in Davenport and was a popular performer and teacher of music. Grace Biehl was promoted as a young cornet soloist. After WWI the Biehl family joined the Dubinsky Brothers Stock Company, which ran several touring tent productions. The whole family played music and acted in comedies and melodramas, mostly out of Jefferson City, Missouri. The daughters married other performers and after their father's death in 1929 they kept the production going as the Biehl Sisters Orchestra at least until 1937 or even later

Birmingham Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Birmingham Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Blackmer Boys' Brass Band (Peterson)

Active in the 1920's

Blackmer's Boys Band (Peterson)

Active in the 1910's

Blakesburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Blessing Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Bloomfield Brass Band

Active in 1855 to 1861

Blue Grass Imperial Band

Active in 1906

Bonaparte Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Leader Gid Glascock in 1896

Booe's Juvenile Marine Band (Riverton)

Active in 1890

Britt Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Buffalo Center Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Buffalo Center Ladies' Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Burlington Brass Band (1)

See: Burlington Temperance Brass Band

Burlington Brass Band (2)

See: Burlington Silver Cornet Band

Burlington Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1860 to 1864

Burlington Temperance Brass Band

Active in 1847 to 1857

Buxton Cornet Band

Active in 1905 to 1907. Disbanded when the town died

Calmar Band

Active around 1900

Calmar Concert Band

Carbon Cornet Band

Active in 1897

Cedar Falls Brass Band

Active in 1857 to 1871. Leader H.C. Overman in 1860-1866. In August 1860 they commissioned a new band wagon to be constructed, costing \$300 (this was subsequently traded for the Orton Brothers Circus bandwagon, in October 1865, receiving \$100 in addition for the swap). It was reorganised in 1864

Cedar Falls Concert Band

Active in 1908

Cedar Rapids Brass Band

Active in 1856

Cedar Rapids Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Cedar River Brass Ensemble (Cedar Rapids)

Active in the late 1990s and early 2000s

Cedar Silver Cornet Band (Barnum)

Active in the 1890's, President: Albert A. Bakey, secretary Dan Lynch

Center Cornet Band

Active in 1913

Centerville Brass Band

Active in 1859, teacher Julius Ruby, members included A.L.H. Martin, S. Walker, T.O. Wilson, J. Harpur, A. Henderson, W.E. Allen, A. Staley, B. Richards, G.A. Bryan. Still active in 1860

Chariton Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Charles City Band

Active in 1910

Charles City Cornet Band

Active in 1865, with 15 players dressed in a Zouave uniform

Charles City Saxhorn Band

Founded in 1864, by L.L. Huntley, leader J. Kelly jnr. Still active in 1865, leader J.F.O. Smith. The band was reorganised in 1880, with members: Earl J. North (Bb cornet, leader), A. Harvey (Eb cornet), Bird Cairns (alto), James Ferguson (alto), Warren Klinetop (tenor), George Brown (tenor), Everett Kelloff (baritone), Henry P. Mapes (bass), Irving Kellogg (drum and cymbals)

Chelsea Band

Active in the 1900's

Chicago Coal Company Miners Band (Seymour)

This was organized on March 27, 1890 as an offshoot from the Seymour Silver Cornet Band and both existed in Seymour for a time. The band was given the name because D.C. DeWolf, owner of Chicago Coal Company gave the band their uniforms. Director of the band was Samuel Webb, Jr. and there were four Webb family members among the fifteen band members. Serenading was a popular pastime of the Chicago Coal Company Miners Band. The last mention of this band in newspapers was in 1893. Members included Theodore Rosengren - Clarinet, Harry Bowers - Cornet, Lee King - Cornet, Royal Anderson - Trombone, Samuel Webb - Cornet & Director, Ben Giles - Alto Cornet, Perry Thurman - Baritone, Al Petty - Trombone, Herbet Webb - Trombone, Jack Webb - Tenor Horn, Bill Lepter - Cornet, Tom Shiftlet - Tuba, Samuel Webb, Sr. - Bass Drum, Elmer Milligan - Snare Drum, and John Chitchers - Tuba

Cincinnati Town Band

Active in the late 1800s

Ciricillo's Italian Band (Dubuque)

Active in the 1900's

Clarence Brass Band

Active in 1868

Clark Family Cornet Band

Consisted of the children and grandchildren of Mr and Mrs Elhenan Clark (pioneers of Algona, Iowa), the women lending a hand, or a lip, wherever needed. The band performed at the 4th July celebrations in Livermore, Iowa in 1893

Clear Lake Cornet Band

Active in 1875 when James Karr Graham was a member, playing baritone and also taking on the role of engagement manager. Also active in 1909 and into the 1920's

Clearfield Band

Active in 1909

Clermont Brass Band

Active in 1859. Leader Professor Lang in 1860

Climbing Hill Band

Active in the 1900's

College Springs Band

Active in 1915, conductor J. Ross Pollock. A concert at Bradwell on 26th September 1915 was: Manhattan Beach (Sousa), Two-in-One (Southwell), The Winning Fight (Holzmann), Hey Mr Joshua (Keith), Superba (Dalbey), First Regiment Band March (Atkisson), Roamin' in the Gloamin' (Lauder), Twilight Echoes (Miller), The Whip (Holzmann).

Columbus Junction Band

Active in 1909

Communia Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, with members: Louis Bente, Ernie Bente, John Bente, Frank Bente, Louis Stallbaum, Fred Wistrick, William Bente, John Stallbaum, Hugo Gusta, Billy Wistrick, Mike Bente, Henry Posschl, John Bente, Joe Russell, and Henry Jungblut

Concordia Band (Fort Dodge)

See: Fort Dodge Concordia Band

Cone Band

Active in the 1890's

Coon Rapids Band

Active in the 1900's

Coppock Ladies' Band

Active in the 1900's

Corwith Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Council Bluffs Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1860, also in 1868

Cowle's Brass Band (West Union)

See: West Union Brass Band

Cresco Cornet Band

Founded in 1869, leader Chris Hittig. Still active in 1872

Creston Municipal Band

Active around 1915, when members included: Ernest Porter, Sam Jolly, Lem King, Fulton (Shorty) Rowe, Chas Heften, Shelton Jackson, Dick Baker, Leonard Wendell, Glen Cook, and Paul McGuffin

Dana Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Danville Cornet Band

Active in 1909 when members included Lee Bolick, Forest McWhorter, Frank Renner, Clarence Carter, Charles Smith, Ross Ton, Art Huey, Roy Williams, Ray Smith, Elvin Hower, Fred Mathews, Clint Bolick, and Ray Mix

Davenport Brass Band

Active in 1856, secretary James H. Dumont. Still active in 1868. Also known as Davenport Military Brass Band. Leader A.W. Reed in 1858, August Storm in 1864. Members in 1859 included Henry Smith, H.A. Reed and John Annable. Sometimes referred to as Davenport Independent Brass Band

Davenport Independent Brass Band

See: Davenport Brass Band

Davenport Ladies' Band

Active around 1900

Davenport Military Brass Band

See: Davenport Brass Band

Davenport Orphans Home Band

Active around 1910

Davenport Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1867 and into the 1870's

Dayton Excelsior Band

Active in the 1890's

Decatur Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Decorah Brass Band

Active in 1860, 1861

Denmark Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Des Moines City Railway Band

Active in 1914

Downtown Band (Rockford)

Active in 1916

Dows Brass Band

Active in 1911

Dows Cornet Band

Active in the late 1800s

Dubuque Brass Band

Founded in June 1869

Dubuque Girls Band

Active in 1923

Dunlap Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Dunlap Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1894. Re-organised in May 1895

Dyersville Band

Active in the 1900's

E.M. Band (Stanhope)

Active in the 1890's

Eagle Grove Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Earling German Cornet Band

Founded 15 February 1890, with original members: John Langenfeld (leader), J. P. Miller, Theo. Scheuring, Ilrich Albers. F. W. Wihverding. Rev. J. B. Hummert. John Altaian, X.V. Kuhl. William Muenchrath. Dick Funk, Jake Weiland. John Weiland, John Kuhl. John l.oeltz, John Muenchrath, Frank Theile, Christ Weiland, J. X. Kuhl. Members in 1915 were J. P. Miller, Theo. Scheuring, Clrich Albers. F. W. Wilwerding. F. M. Gross. J. J. Langenfeld, Kick Bissen, Albert Langenfeld, J. D. Shaben, Xick Freund, Henry Freund, Henry Biecker, John Bayer, Joseph Gross, John Langenfeld, Jr.. and Joseph Schimeroski. Still active in 1918

East Story County Band

Active in the 1920's

Eastern Iowa Brass Band (Mt Vernon)

[Current band] - Founded in 1985. Also earlier known as Tallgrass Brass Band

Eddyville Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1868, leader Mr Bachman. Still active in the 1890's. Leader A. Manifold in 1872

Egermeyer's Family Brass Band (Carroll)

Active in 1895

Eldon Concert Band

Active in 1918

Eldora Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1895. Competed in the 11th annual North-Western Band Carnival at Eagle Grove in 1896. Still active in 1898

Eldora Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Elgin Concert Band

Active in 1909

Elliot Brass Band (Dubuque)

Active in the 1900's

Essex Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Fairfield Brass Band

Active in 1859, 1860

Farmington Brass Band

Active in 1867

Farnhamville Band

Active around 1910

Fenton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Florts Concert Band

Active in 1910

Flowers Family Brass Band (Muscatine)

Active in the mid-1870s into the early 1880's. The band was father, mother, seven sisters and three brothers. Performed at the Opera House, Ravenna, Ohio in November 1876; and in Davenport, Iowa, in March 1879. They made their home in Muscatine County, Iowa in 1879

Forney's Cornet Band (Thurman)

See: Thurman Cornet Band

Fort Dodge Concordia Band

Active in the 1880's

Fort Dodge Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Fort Dodge Municipal Band

Active around 1910

Fort Madison Brass Band

Active in 1860

Fort Madison Ladies' Band

Founded in 1884, bandmaster Dumayne Wood

Fort Madison Prison Inmates Band

Active in the 1900's

Franklin Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Fredericksburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Fredsville Cornet Band

Founded in 1896

Garnavillo Cornet Band

Active in 1887 to 1901. Members around 1901 were John Walter, Carl Rantzow (solo cornet), Realto Schumacher (solo cornet), Orville Roebken (1st alto), Louis Oelfke (bass drum), Paul Rantzow, Abner Roebken, Fred Smith (tuba), Cora Hudson (2nd tenor), Clara Roebken (2nd alto), Orlando Schumacher and Henry Luehsen (snare drum), W. Wagner (1st tenor), Fred Ficken (3rd alto).

Garwin Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Geneva Military Band

Active in 1911

George Pfeiffer Family Band

Active in the 1880's

German American Band (Elma)

Active in the 1900's

Germania Band (Dubuque)

Active in 1861 (possibly the same as Wunderlich's Brass Band)

Germantown Band

Active in 1911

Gilbert Band (Gilbert)

Active in the 1910's

Gladbrook Women's Brass Band

Active in 1896, competing in the 11th annual North-Western Band Carnival at Eagle Grove

Glenville Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Glenwood Cornet Band

Active in 1869 when the leader of the Band bought an Eb silver horn from Isaac Fiske of Worcester, Mass. for over \$65.

Goldfield Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1903, with 20 players

Grafton Cornet Band

Active in 1883

Grand Junction Band

Active in the 1900's

Grandview Serenade Band

Active in the 1900's

Grays Brass Band (Lone Tree)

Active in 1908

Greene Brass Band

Active in 1907

Grundy Center Band

Active in the 1900's

Guernsey Band (Deep River)

Active in 1914

Guthrie Center Military Band

Active in 1910, with members: Gus Stoy, Charlie Kennedy, Ralph Sayre, Clint Porter, Frank Shreves (conductor, ex Ringling Brothers 1st cornet), Wib Van Cleave, Hib Cleveland, Ben Henry, Morris McLuen, George Shank, Carl Foster, Charlie Madison, Charlie Pryor, Earl Shreves, Neil Hoyt, Sam Swank, Trace Congdon, Jim McLuen, Devy Netherow, Ernest Cahail, Bert Sayre, and Murray Stover

Guttenberg Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1862

Guttenberg Girls' Band

Active in the 1920's, Dule Niemeyer played snare drum

Hamburg Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Hawkeye Band

Active in 1908

Hillsboro Military Band

Active in 1908

Hillyard Band

Active in 1910

Hinton Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Hubbard Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1912 by Mrs John Troy, with 14 members

Humeston Cornet Band

Active in 1896, when members included Charles Henry (tuba), H.D. Hines (cornet), Jesse Miller (cornet), Professor Greene (director), R.L. Wells (baritone)

Ida Grove High School Band

Active in the 1910's

Independence Brass Band (1) (Independence)

Active in 1858. A successor band was formed in summer 1860

Independence Brass Band (2) (Independence)

Founded in summer 1860, first public appearance on 6th September 1860. Still active in 1861

Independence Cornet Band (Independence)

Active in 1857 to 1872. First public appearance on 4th July 1857

Independent Brass Band (Davenport)

Active in 1857

Independent Brass Band (Muscatine)

Active in 1871

Inland Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Iosco Band (Ausable)

Active in 1900

Iowa Band

Active in 1900

Iowa City Band

Active in 1909

Iowa Falls Military Band

Active in 1909

Iowa Falls Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Iowa I.O.O.F. Orphans Home Band (Mason City)

Active in 1909

Iowa State Band (Des Moines)

Active around 1900

Iowa State College Band (Ames)

Active in the 1900's

Iowa State Letter Carriers' Band (Des Moines)

Active around 1900

Iowa State Normal School Ladies Band (Cedar Falls)

Founded in 1906

Iowa Wesleyan University Band (Mount Pleasant)

Active in the 1910's

Irving Brass Band

Active in 1861

J. Turney & Company Charter Oak Band (Fairfield)

Active around 1900

Jake's Band (Wayland)

Active in 1909 with members: Mr Vaness, Goldie Neff, Ed Schlatter, Orris (Skinny) Bosbart, Gilbert (Gilley) Fyn [leader], Christ Schlatter, Jap Allen, Sam Wittmer, Babe Gillett, Leonard Martin, Jim Troutman, and Cloyce Messenger

Janesville Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Jewell Lutheran College Band

Active in the 1920's

Kellog Brass Band (Jasper County)

Active in the 1890's, leader William Wallace Hollingsworth

Kennedy Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Keokuk Brass Band

Active in 1864 to 1866

Keokuk Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1867, leader John Caillie

Keosaugua Brass Band (1)

Active in 1850. A successor band was formed in 1864

Keosauqua Brass Band (2)

Founded in early summer 1864. Re-organised in 1869

Keota Band

Active in 1918

Keota Ladies Band

Active in 1910

Kid Brass Band (Audubon)

Active around 1890

Killduff Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Kinsamons Band (Gowre)

Active in the 1900's

Kirkman Band

Active in the 1900's

Knights of Pythias Band (Grundy Center)

Active in 1911

Knights of Pythias Happy Hooligan Band (Osage)

Active in 1905

Knoxville Brass Band

Active in 1869. Re-organised with 10 players under the direction of James Norris in May 1871

Knoxville Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1916

Krantz Family Concert Company (Madrid)

Active in the 1920's, consisting of four performers on cornet, trumpet and with various other instrumental and artistic performances

La Porte City High School Band

Active in the 1900's

Lake City Concert Band

Active in the 1920's

Lake Mills Cornet Band

Active in the late 1800s, conducted by I.L. Moen for thirty years

Lansing Cadet Band

Active around 1900

Latimer City Band

Active in 1910

Laurel Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Laurens Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Lenox Band

Active around 1900

Leon School Band

Active around 1900, conductor A.C. Voelker

Lidderdale Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Little Cedar Military Band

Active in 1916

Local Talent Brass Band (Sioux City)

Lohrville Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Luppy's Brass Band (Davenport)

Active in 1871, with 8 players

Lytton Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Maddern's Cornet Band (Keokuk)

Active in 1861

Madrid Band

Active in 1909, with a new set of Conn instruments purchased in 1908

Manchester Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Manning Ladies Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Marble Rock Cornet Band

Founded in 1875. Members in 1882 were: L.B. Clark (Eb cornet), B. Greenwood (alto), C. Jessmoe (tenor), T. Manchester (tenor), J. Ritter (tuba), William Ritter (bass drum), William Noble (snare drum)

Marcus Women's Brass Band

Active in 1896, competing in the 11th annual North-Western Band Carnival at Eagle Grove

Marengo Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1894, leader Emma Leib

Marshall Cornet Band (Marshalltown)

See: Marshalltown Silver Cornet Band

Marshalltown Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1870, 1871

Martinsburg Brass Band

Active in 1870

Mason City Band

Active around 1910

Maxwell Cornet Band

Founded in 1883. Still active in the 1910's and 1920's

May City Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

McGregor Brass Band

Founded in May 1859. Possibly folded prior to October 1860 when it was noted McGregor did not have a band

McGregor Cornet Band

Founded in 1864, making its debut concert on 22 February 1864. Still active in 1870. Original members included Messrs Hoisington, Stowe Saulsbury, E.P. Clarke and Will Rowland. Leader Charley W. Osgood in 1866, J.M. Hoisington in 1869

Mechanicsville Brass Band

Active in 1862

Mechanicsville Silver Cornet Band

Active in the late 1880's

Memorial University Military Band (Mason City)

Active in the 1910's

Mengis Band (Kiron)

Meskwaki Brass Band (Tama)

Active in 1925. The band consisted of: Tom Scott, Kenneth Kapayou, Kenneth Young Bear, Robert Young Bear, George Young Bear, Albert Davenport, George Mitchell, Dan Young Bear, John Young Bear, George Buffalo, Moses Slick, John Jones, John Roberts, John Bear Jr., and Edward Davenport.

Mesquakie Band

Active in the 1890's

Mills Family Brass Band (Cedar Falls)

Active around 1900. Consisted of the father, two sons and two daughters

Minden Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Still active in 1907

Missouri Valley Military Band (Logan)

Active in 1907

Mitchell Mechanics' Brass Band

Active in 1859

Mitchellville Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Mondamin Band

Active in 1901

Monmouth Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1860

Monroe Cornet Band

Founded in August 1870, having purchased 9 horns, cymbals and two drums from New York. Members in 1871 included J. R. Hall, 1st E flat cornet; James Bain, 1st B flat cornet; Frank Hiskey, 2nd B flat cornet; Cleo. M. Cowels, 1st E flat alto; S. Dixon, 1st B flat tenor; G. D. Foust, 1st B flat baritone; L. M. Shaw, E flat tuba; William Elrod, tenor drummer; J. C. Carr, bass drummer. Still active in 1873

Monticello Concert Band

Founded in 1913

Monticello Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Montrose Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1863

Morning Sun Band

Active in the 1890's

Moulton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, with members including Jim Waters, Ralph Davis, Charley Shelton, Ed Tipton, Thomas Jackson Neil, Guy Marshall, Howie Wall, Ed Stickney, Art Tennett, Ed Morrison, All Powers, Sam Tate, and Bill Blosser

Mount Ayr Band

Active in 1908

Mount Ayr High School Band

Active in 1910

Mount Carmel Brass Band

Active in 1884

Mount Pleasant Brass Band

Active in 1867

Mount Pleasant Wesleyan Brass Band

Mt Ayr Cornet Band

Active around 1890 to 1908

Mt Vernon Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1864

Muchakinock Cornet Band

Active in 1898, when it was promoted as the "best and oldest colored musical organization in Iowa" and the band was "at present in search of a Negro graduate in Music to whom they can give the lucrative position as clerk in the general store of W.A. Wells & Co. and the band will also pay him for tuition".

Muscatine Brass Band

Active in 1851, when its members were involved in an accident returning from the "Dutch Settlement", the horses pulling their omnibus became unmanageable and ran against a fence, precipitating the musicians (nine or ten in number) into an adjoining field. None of the musicians were seriously hurt, but every instrument except the drum and cornet, was rendered almost worthless. Leader Marshal Unger in 1855-1860. The band folded shortly after Unger departed for California in spring 1860

Muscatine German Brass Band

Active in 1861. In September 1861 the band left for Louisville, Kentucky to join up with the Kentuck Seventh Regiment. The members had all previously played with Unger's or Huttig's bands in the town

Muscatine Independent Cornet Band

Founded in 1861, leader Mr Hittig. Still active in 1863, when it also became known as the Union Brass Band

Muscatine Saxhorn Band

See: Muscatine Brass Band

Muscatine Yeoman Ladies Band

Active in the 1900's

MWA Band (La Verne)

Active in 1908

New Hampton Band

Active in 1905

Newport Brass Band

Active in 1864

Nichols Brass Band

Active in 1909

Nora Cornet Band (Nora Springs)

Founded in summer 1878, with members: Israel Turner (leader), E. E. Savre, E flat cornet; Gibby Gullickson, E flat; C. Monson, B flat; Halver Halverson, B flat; E. Trunson, B flat; C. W. Clauson, baritone; S. O. Peterson, alto; H. Gordon, alto; Ole Hanson, trombone; Ole Halgerson, tenor; Ole Hove, bass; J. B. Thompson, snare drum; L. N. Ashem, bass drum, and Ole Munroe, clarinet

Northwood Concert Band

Active in 1909

Northwood Cornet Band (1)

Founded in June, 1872, leader J, F. Emery. A successor band was formed in 1883

Northwood Cornet Band (1)

Founded in June, 1883. Original members were: W. W. Hunter, solo B flat cornet; Gilbert Gullickson, first B flat cornet; Burt Wattson, second B flat cornet; Frank Williams, first E flat cornet; George Hall, second E flat cornet; Thomas E. Sime, solo alto; Dell Carter, first alto; John Burns, second alto; George Emery, trombone; Fred E. White, first tenor; Henry Stott, second tenor; Nels Ouverson, tuba; George Parker, bass drum; Clarence Wackman, snare drum; Burt Hill, Clarinet

Oak Hill Cornet Band (Brayton)

Founded in 1895, originally made up largely of Danish immigrants. Members included W. Nymand (director), Ed Nelson, George Leander, Peter Knudsen, Chris Grau, Hans R. Hansen, Harry Nymand, Will Hoegh, and Knud Christoffersen

Oakland Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Still active in 1908. Members in 1885 were: Billy Lyman, John Bates, John Timberman, Harve Timberman, Judd Layton, W.W. McRory, Perry Timberman, Frank Reynolds, E.E. Alexander, Charles Bilger, William Powell, Charles Burnett, O.F. Bilger (Bandmaster), Frank Shufflebaum, A.B. Crofts, and Thomas McGee.

Odebolt Brass Band

Active in 1907 - Oscar Olson played cornet

Oelwein City Band

Active in the 1890's

Olin Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Onawa Cornet Band

Active in 1910 to 1918

Orange City Band

Active in 1902

Orchard City Band (Burlington)

Active around 1910

Osage Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Osterdock Cornet Band

Active in 1918

Otho Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Oto Band

Active in the 1900's

Ottosen Cornet Band

Active in 1918

Ottumwa Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1860

Ottumwa Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1867, leader Mr Bachman. Still active in 1872. Leader Mr Swabkey in 1871

P. Cutter Band

Active around 1910

Page County Farmers Band

Paint Creek Band

Active in 1908

Parkersburg Concert Band

Active in 1907

Paulina Military Band

Active in 1906, conductor J.A. Cushing

Peterson Cornet Band

Active in 1895. Still active in 1909

Pfeiffer Family Band

Active in the 1880's, based in Iowa, led by George Pfeiffer

Pleasant Hill Band

Active in the 1880's

Pleasant Valley Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Pleasant View Band (Luther College)

Active around 1900

Pleasantville Brass Band

Founded in early 1871, with 13 members

Pleasantville Juvenile Band

Active around 1900

Pomeroy Concert Band

Active around 1910

Postville Brass Band

Active in the 1870's

Postville High School Scouts Band

Active in the 1900's

Postville Ladies' Band (Postville)

Active around 1900

Prairie City Brass Band

Active in 1872, when new instruments were purchased

Progressive Band (Arthur)

Active in 1907

Protivin Brass Band

Founded in 1903. Still active in 1931. Members in 1921 were: Joe Pecinovsky, W.J. Kalishek, Lewis F. Novak (bandmaster), Frank Chyle, Rudolf Lukes, Ed Zahasky, Frank Junko, Louis Pecinovsky, Joe Kalishek, Louis Tuchek, Joe Prohaska, Frank Kovarik, William Kalishek, James Koudelka and Ed Lukes.

Quasqueton Brass Band

Founded in January 1857, leader Mr Cheshire. Mr Firman took over as leader in spring 1858

Radcliffe Band

Active in 1909

Ramsen Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Red Oak Cornet Band

Founded in 1874 by John Kowsky

Redfield Cornet Band

Active around 1900, with members including Jack Colton, Roy Bates, Perry Hutchins, Albert Pitts, Don Hodson, George Harding, Logan Cain, Alva Wirt, Jesse Moorman, Clem Quesy, Glenn Noel, Jim Davis, Charley Martin, Everett Rhoads, Charley Hodson, Gene Frye, Ward Hutchins and Claude Johnson

Reeds Band (Sioux City)

Active in 1907

Reinbeck Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Reinbeck Municipal Band

Active in 1922

Rembrandt Band

Active in 1905

Remsen Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Riceville Band

Active in the 1900's

Riceville Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

Richland Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Ringsted Military Band

Active in 1900

Riverton Girls' Brass Band

Founded in October 1898, conductor L.P. Booe. Still active in 1899. Members included Mamie Eachus, Goldie Louie, Eunice Manson, Nellie McKissick, Winnie McKissick, Eva Hatton, Bertha Smith, Ona Edgerton, Ruby Hegsett, Grace Hayes, and Mrs L.P. Booe

Rock Valley Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in summer 1895, first public appearance on Tuesday 10th September 1895. Still active in 1897, with 15 players

Rowan Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Rowley's Cornet Band (Davenport)

Active in December 1867 when it was engaged to perform a the Fire King National Skating Park on the river Mississippi. Still active in 1868

Russell Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Ruthven Band

Active in 1902

Ruthven Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1906

Sabula Juvenile Band (Savanna)

Active in 1907

Sac City Cornet Band

Active in 1894

St Ansgar Band

Active in the 1890's

St Paul Brass Band (St Paul)

Active in 1868

Saratoga Band

Active in the 1910's

Sauer-Kraut Band (Aplington)

Active in the 1900's

Scandia Cornet Band

Active around 1900. Members included D.V.V. Wilder, Sadie Nichols, Jessie Nelson, Dewy Albro, Addie Early, Lillie White, C.P. Carsterson, Pete Carsterson, Charley Wheller, Bent Clements, Dr. Trainor, Sam Burnham and Bazz Clements

Scarbro Band (Belmond)

Active in 1911

Schaller Band

Active in the 1890's

Seymour Band

Active in 1893

Seymour Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Seymour Italian Band

Founded in 1910 under the direction of Herbert Webb and continued until at least 1916. Members around 1912 included Jack Facchinato (conductor), August Louis Degard, Carl Romani, John S. Padovan, Carlo Tommasini, Tony Secon (clarinets); Angello Degard, Angelo Sebben, Virginio Fantin, Tony Muraro, Angelo Strappazzon, (cornets); Tony Farorro, Dominic Sebbin, Tony Braus, Batista Grando (alto); John Bassani, Angelo Saccaro, Christian Sertor, Ellis Corso (trombones); John DeMarchi(baritone); John Faoro, Angelo Sebbin(tuba); Snr. Domorni (snare drum), Snr. Gagliano(cymbals), Pete Carr (bass drum).

Seymour Silver Cornet Band

Founded around 1885, and disbanded around 1894. Members in 1893 included Enos James, Lee King, Ben Giles, Herbert Webb (conductor), Johnnie Michaels, Tad Weams, Joe Clemens, Harry Bowers, Mr Noble, Bert James, Chet Armstrong, Flem Tomlinson, and Bert Noble

Sheffield Band

Active in the 1910's

Sheldon Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1891

Sibley Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1891

Sidney Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. After it disbanded a successor band was formed in 1908, with players clarinets - C.P. Adle (leader); James Quinn; Ralph Pickens cornets - Col Pullman, Allen Hettinger; baritone - Thomas Pullman; alto - Ivon Hiatt, Herman Wankel, Harold Jobe, L.E. Holloway; tuba - Thomas Liams; bass drum - Victor Laird; snare drum - Will Lamb; tenor - Clarence Reed; trombone - Fred Procto

Sioux Center Band

Active in the 1900's

Sioux City Brass Band

Active in 1864

Smokey Hill Brass Band (Davenport)

Active in 1857

Sons of Veterans Band (Holland)

Active in the 1890's

South English High School Band

Spillville Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Members in 1898 were: Ed Shiral, Vaclav Shindelar, Frank Novak, Robert Klimesh, Joseph Frana, Charles Triska, Wenzil Shilhacek, John Benesh, James Koshatka, John Polansky, Albert Andera, Frank (Volinka) Kovarik [bandmaster], Joseph Swehla, James Mikota, and Anton Fisher.

Spirit Lake Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's? A report from the time of the band's formation reads: "A full set of instruments in the latest style and with all the modern improvements arrived here last Friday. The previously organized band was waiting to receive them, and after the trial they were distributed as follows: W. F. Pillsbury, E flat cornet; S. P. Middleton, E flat cornet; T. J. Francis, B flat cornet; A. W. Middleton, B flat cornet; Carl Blackert,tenor; T. L. Twiford, alto; J. A. Ellis, alto; S. L. Pillsbury,baritone; J. A. Smith, E flat bass; C. W. Bowne, snare drum; J. S. Johnston, bass drum. The instruments are from the well-known house of Lyon & Healy of Chicago, and give perfect satisfaction. After a few weeks practice the boys will be ready to discourse sweet music. For the present, however, they have retired to hidden recesses and practice their lessons under Mr Rose."

Springfield Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Stacyville Brass Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Stanwood Band

Active in 1912

Storm Lake Ladies' Band

Active in 1896

Story City Band

Active in 1908

Strasser's Brass Band (Davenport)

Active in 1864, 1865

Strawberry Ladies' Band (Strawberry Point)

Active in the 1900's

Strawberry Point High School Band

Active in the 1910's

Stuart Cornet Band (Stuart)

Active in 1872

Summitville Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1863

Summitville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Sutherland Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Tallgrass Brass Band (Mt Vernon)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Eastern Iowa Brass Band

Tama City Brass Band

Active in 1874

Tama Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Tama Town Brass Band (Dodgeville)

Active in 1858, consisting of young boys

Terry's Concert Band (Onslow)

Active in the 1890's

Thatcher's Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Thor Band

Active in the 1900's

Thurman Cornet Band

Founded in December 1896. Original members included Eb clarinet: Charles Baldwin, Eb cornet: Ed. Baldwin, 1st Tenor: Leslie Baldwin, Tuba: O. O. Baldwin, 2nd Tenor: Roy Fletcher, 2nd Bb cornet: Eli Forney, 1st Bb cornet: L. C. Harris, Baritone: Ben Husband, Snare Drum: Coon Husband, 1st Tenor: R. W. Kellogg, Solo Bb cornet: H. McCartney, Solo Alto: O. E. McCartney, 1st alto: Roy McCartney, 2nd Tenor: Ote Martin, Piccolo: Harry Paul, 2nd Alto: Charles Torrence, Bb clarinet: Frank Waddell, President: H. McCartney; Leader: Ed Baldwin; Secretary: L. C. Harris and Treasurer: O. E. McCartney. Members in 1898 were Eli Forney, Earl Roberts, Charles Forney, Mark Roberts, Willie Dyke, Dave Leaka, Frank Havener, Paul Roberts, Jim Kreps, Loren Dyke, Frank Jenkins, Carol Smith, and Isaac Dyke

Tipton Brass Band

See: Tipton Cornet Band

Tipton Cornet Band

Active in 1861 to 1871. Officers in 1867 included W.S. Woodis (president) and J.H. Swineford (secretary)

Toledo Brass Band

Active in 1870

Toledo Cornet Band

Founded in June 1872 when they received new instruments, with members J.T. Collins (leader), M.J. Powers (treasurer), C.G. Guilford (secretary), Charles Haas, C.F. Magee, Ev. Magee, Gus Reichman, C.D. Coates, George Newcomer, and Howard Haworth. Disbanded in early 1873 but was reorganised with 11 members in April 1873. Still active in the 1890's

Turner Brass Band (Keokuk)

Active in 1865

Unger's Brass Band (Muscatine)

See: Muscatine Brass Band

Union Brass Band (Muscatine)

See: Muscatine Independent Cornet Band

University of Northern Iowa Brass Band (Cedar Falls)

Active in 1991, conductor Dave Clark

Vinton Saxhorn Brass Band

Active in 1860

Virginia Grove Brass Band (Louisa County)

Active in 1859

Walcott Brass Band

Founded 1st November 1885, instructor R. Restorff

Walker Concert Band

Active in the 1890's through to around 1910

Walker Family Brass Band (Hastings)

Consisted of Mr Walker, his wife, two daughters and three sons. They appeared providing music for an excursion on the steamer Hattie May, around Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis, Minnesota, and also on stage with The Hawkeye Man (R.J. Burdette) - the "first living humourist", in August 1878. In September 1879 they accompanied Scrap Iron Bill and his Iowa Excursion on tour, performing in Faribault, Minnesota en route to St Paul. August 1881 saw them giving a series of concerts at the Lake Park, St Louis, Minnesota. In September 1881 they accompanied an excursion on the Spread Eagle up the Mississippi River from Alton, Illinois to Grafton and back

Wall Lake Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Walnut Verein

Active in the 1900's

Ware Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Wartburg College Band (Waverly)

Active in the 1900's

Waterloo Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1868

Waterloo Cornet Band

Founded in 1881. Still active in the 1900's

Waukon Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader Professor Woodcock

Waverly Brass Band

Active in 1862

Waverly Cornet Band

Active in 1870

West Bend Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

West Branch Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1926

West Burlington Railway Band

Active in the 1910's

West Point Cornet Band

Active in 1900 with members, Al Harmeyer (bass drum), Henry Schroeder (snare drum), Herb Hernagel, Brenice K. Burnis, Bob Gardener, Bert Burns, Henry Krimpler, Joe Schroeder, Casper Strotman, Al Burns, Ben Brinck, and Vernia Kyle

West Union Brass Band

Active in 1859, leader Mr Cowle

Wheatland Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Williamsburg Silver Band

Founded in 1894. Members in the early years included: Jack Jones, Leighton Morse, Art Lewis, Walter Cook, Arthur Williams, Wlll L. Jones, Joe Yates, Ray Mayne, Leonard Davies, Lew Edwards, Walter Evans, Ellis Lloyd, Elisha Schooley, Will Jenkins, Harry Carmichael, Nollo Wilson, Milton Jones, Leo Kinney and Ed Butler.

Wilton Cornet Band

Active in 1862 to 1868

Winkelmann Family Band (Penn)

Active in 1915, consisting of father Henry Peter Winkelmann (tuba) and sons Early Henry (b. 1899, trombone), Lester (b. 1901, cornet), Royce (b. 1903), and Paul (b. 1912, drums)

Winona Brass Band

Active in 1906

Worthington Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Wunderlich's Brass Band (Dubuque)

Active in the late 1850's and early 1860's. The band joined the local regiment during the Civil War

Yeoman Ladies Band (Muscatine)

See: Muscatine Yeoman Ladies Band

Zimmerman's Band (Elkhorn)

Active in the 1910's

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Topeka Biq B Girls' Band

1st Regiment Kansas National Guard Band (Hiawatha)

Active in 1911

Abilene Boys' Band

Founded in 1895

Abilene Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1885, with original players: Ella Hamaker (2nd Bb cornet), Cora Strother (1st alto), Lillian Armitage (2nd alto), Grace Johnson (2nd alto), Mrs George Seward (1st tenor), Helen Francis (2nd tenor), Homie Strother (baritone), Rose Howland (tuba)

Albany Band (near Sabetha)

Active in the 1890's

Alma Brass Band

Active around 1900

Alma Cornet Band

Active around 1885, members including Charles Anders, Louis Anders, Eugene Schmitz, Carl Orff, George Falk, Dave Hartner

Almel Concert Band

Alta Vista Cornet Band

Active in 1898, when members were Andrew Turney, Charles Chitty, Pearl Thomas, Martin Biglin, Herman Webber, Ottis Turney, John Wilds, Joe Syring, Harry Christenson, Union Thomas, George Turney, Will Karnisky, Bret Hull, Sam Scott, and Milt Bond. Band members in 1899 were: Martin Biglin, Gus Webber, George Turney, Bret Hull, Will Karnicky, Hala Bond-Baugh, Charles Chitty, Rachel Thomas, Robert Webber, Min Biglin-Jacobs, Ralph Hull, Milt Bond, Paul Johnson, Prof. Hull, Union Thomas, Pearl Thomas, John Wild, Andrew Turney, Ottis Turney, and Herman Webber

Alton Cornet Band

Active in 1885, performing at the 6th anniversary of Downs, Osborne County

Americus Cornet Band

Founded in December 1869

Arcadia Band

Active in 1911

Argonia Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1896. The initial members were: Eva Baughman (cornet), Dollie Harlen (cornet), Nellie Marshall (alto), Alda Kirk (alto), Orpha Newbold (tenor), Lizzie Hadler (tenor), Maude Bates (tuba), Flora Hadler (baritone), Ethel Harper (Bb bass), Utle Kirk (bass drum)

Arkansas City Cornet Band

Founded in 1870 with 14 members. Active to around 1900

Arkansas City Ladies' Brass Band (1)

Founded in spring 1905

Arkansas City Ladies' Brass Band (2)

Founded in August 1913 by Mrs T.G. Cozine. Still active in 1920

Arlington Mills Band (Lawrence)

Active in the 1910's

Ashland Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Ashland Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in September 1912, president Emma Wallingford, secretary Mrs Meyers

Atchison Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1874

Atlanta Band

Active around 1900

Attica Town Band

Active in 1908

Atwood Female Cornet Band

Active in 1889 to 1891

Augusta Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Bancroft Band

Active in the 1920's

Barters Boys Band (Talmage)

Active around 1900

Baxter Springs Cornet Band

Active in 1888. Still active in 1903, with 15 players including solo cornetist Ruby Covey

Baxter Springs Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1891, giving a concert to buy new instruments

Belle Plaine Band

Active in 1890

Belle Plaine Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Belle Plaine Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in spring 1895, conductor J. Byron Cain

Bethel College Cornet Band (North Newton)

Active from 1899 to 1909. The initial rules of the band were: 1. - On Wednesday evening band practice may take place between devotional exercise and 8:45; 2. -On other school days individual or band practice is permitted only between 4:15 and 6 p. m. It is, however, desirable that only a part of such time be actually so employed; 3. - Arrangements for Saturday afternoon are left to Principal, subject to faculty action when deemed necessary; 4. - On Sunday no playing whatever is to take place; 5. - The members of the band are expected to exercise great care in the selection of music, and during their meetings as well as on the way to and from the meeting place are required to keep their conduct above reproach. Hence no playing is to be indulged in on the way; 6. - Band practice is to occur at Park Cottage, unless changed by action of faculty or directors. Place or places for individual practice to be arranged by Principal; 7. - Open air playing is not permitted, unless specially arranged with Principal or Faculty; 8. No "Outside Engagements" are permitted; 9. - Not desiring to make arrangements to which the parents concerned may object, the Faculty stipulates that students enter the band only with the consent of their parents; 10. - School work must not suffer in consequence of band practice

Big B Girls Band (Topeka)

See: Topeka Big B Girls Band

Blue and Gray Brass Brigade

Active in the 2000s

Blue Rapids Town Band

Active in 1907

Bosh's Cornet Band (Marion)

Active in the 1910's

Brown County World Band (Hiawatha)

Active in 1907

Buch's Brass Band (Lawrence)

Active in the 1870's

Buffalo Band

Active in 1908

Burden Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1913, with 16 players, instructor Professor Gordon

Burlingame Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Burr Oak Concert Band

Active around 1900

Burrton Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in early 1891

Bushton Town Band

Active in 1907 to 1912

Butterfields Fire Department Band

Active in 1910

Camans Band (Winfield)

Active in the 1900's

Campbell Family Cornet Band

Consisted of two gentlemen and three ladies, performing at a picnic in Cherokee, Kansas in September 1884

Caney Female Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Carlton School Brass Band (near Abilene)

Founded in 1906 by H.D. Wilson. Initial members were Stella M. Sterling, 19 (solo Bb cornet), Mary A. Carney, 18 (first Bb cornet), Alma E. Sterling, 15 (bass drum), Fannie Belle Carney, 11 (first alto), Mildred E. Sterling, 12 (2nd Bb cornet), Chester A. Sterling, 17 (tuba), A. LaVern Carney, 16 (first tenor), Frank C. Longbine, 16 (baritone), Charles J. Longbine, 12 (snare drum)

Catharine Band

Active in the 1910's

Cawker City Band

Active in the 1900's

Cawker City Cornet Band

Active in 1871. Performe at the 6th anniversary of Downs, Osborne County, in 1885

Cedar Vale Girls' Band

Founded in December 1896. Still active in 1907. Original members were Cora Curtis, Myrtle Bishop, Olive Lynch, Daisy Cleveland, Bunnie Cleveland, Nellie Study, Pearl Study, Nellie Brown, Fred Bowhan, Mabel Crocker, Carrie Crocker and Annie Adam

Chalk Band

Active in the 1890's

Chanute Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Chanute Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1884. Still active in 1894

Chetopa Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in early 1887 after an earlier attempt with a boys' band failed

Cheyney Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Circleville Cornet Band

Active in 1883 to 1894

Clayton Band

Active in 1912

Clearwater Cornet Band

Active in 1886 to 1889

Clyde Concert Band

Active in 1907

Coffeyville High School Ladies' Brass Band

Founded around 1909 by Miss Early

Columbus Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Colwich Ladies' Brass Band

Commercial Band (Wichita)

Active in 1905

Cottonwood Falls Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1871

Council Grove Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1871

Council Grove Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in summer 1906

Coyville Brass Band

Active in 1884 to 1885

Cretors' Cornet Band (Leavenworth)

Active in 1884, when the band included the lady cornetist Mrs G.H. Speers (and her husband Professor G.H. Speers)

Cunningham Brass Band

Active in 1920

Davis Ladies' Cornet Band (Douglass)

Active in 1879, part of the Davis Family Troupe of entertainers. Still active in 1882 (on their 10th annual tour - which assumes they were formed around 1872). It was based in Douglass and toured giving concerts, led by John H. Davis

Devizes Brass Band

Active in 1913, members included: Ed Woods, Elmer Utterback, Charles Woods, Benjamin Martin Utterback, Elmer Jenkins, Lela Utterback, Lyle Young, Ivan Woods, Gladys Woods, and Twilla Young

Dickinson County High School Band (Chapman)

Active in 1916

Dodge City Cowboy Band

Active in 1888

Dodge City Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1892, with 28 members, president Mrs W.E. Hood, vice president Miss Lulu Waters, secretry Lillie Gyles, treasurer Julia Young, directors Emma Bader, Bertha Rath and Lulu Waters

Downs Cornet Band

Active in 1885, performing at the 6th anniversary of Downs, Osborne County

Downs Young Ladies' Band

Active in 1899. Still active in 1902. In 1901 there were 16 players, including Addie White

El Dorado Boys Band

Active around 1910

Elkhorn Silver Cornet Band

Founded around 1902, with 12 members - it lasted about 10 years - Ernest Obermueller was a member

Ellinwood Band

Active in the 1910's

Ellis Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1891 with 10 players

Elmdale Brass Band

Elmdale Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in June 1903. Initial members were Clara Pangram (drum major), Mrs Davis (solo cornet), Nellie Bishop (solo cornet), Lena Clemens (1st cornet), Hilda Wood (2nd cornet), Ida Jacobs (1st alto), Martha Hampton (2nd alto), Nora Wilt (3rd alto), Clemie Davis (1st trombone), Maud Bishop (2nd trombone), Willie Schneider (baritone), Viola Jeffrey (tuba), Alice Drummond (bass drum), Edna Reynolds (snare drum). Still active in 1904. Conductor Joseph O'Bryant.

Empire Band (Oil Hill)

Active in the 1910's

Emporia Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in late 1910

Emporia Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1898. This band consisted solely of "colored" ladies. A successor band was formed in 1910

Emporia Silver Cornet Band

Founded in August 1866, leader Professor Stimson. Still active in 1870. Instructor E.M. Armstrong in 1867, leader George Waite in 1868

Erie Ladies' Brass Band (1)

Founded on 22 February 1887, with players between 16 and 18 years old. Conductor G.R. Clouser. A successor band was formed in 1895

Erie Ladies' Brass Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1895. Still active in 1896 when its members were praised for their qualifications beyond their musical abilities - being "caterers, elocutionists, actors, orators, declaimers and pugilists"

Esbon Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Eureka Brass Band

Active in 1871. In 1875 it was challenged by the Star of the West Brass Band to a "trial of skill"

Evening Star Brass Band (Osage City)

Active in 1884 to 1885

Fairview Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Famous Boys' Band (Burlingame)

Active in 1912

Farmers' Union Band (Cedar Vale)

Active in the 1920's

Flemmings Famous Kid Concert Band (Sedan)

Active around 1910

Florence Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Fort Leavenworth Regimental Band

Active in the 1900's

Fort Scott Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1891

Fort Smith Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1899

Foulk's Cornet Band (Garden City)

Active in 1901, with members Bert Warden, Henry Liston, Charles Weeks, R.J. Carter, Jess Bigley, Fred Ross, George Wolf, Alfred Keffer, Fred Mallone, Rolla Hartley, Austin Diesern, Clarence Fould, Fred Dunn, Glen Stevens, Herbert Fay, Lee Diesern, Dick Perry, Fred Briggs, and Denell D. Evans

Fowler Band

Active in 1909

Fredonia Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Free State Brass Band (Lawrence)

[Current band] - Founded in 2010

Frisco Concert Band (Neodesha)

Active around 1910

Galena Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Garden City Band

Active in 1925

Garden City Female Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Garnett Cornet Band

Active in 1884 to 1885

Gault Family Band (Pretty Prairie)

Active in the early 1900's. Consisted of Hugh Coffey Gault, his wife Maggie Fidelia (nee Eiker) - played tuba, and their children George (cornet), James (euphonium), Lilian (clarinet), Hugh (cornet), Francis (trombone) and Ralph (tenor horn).

Gaylord Euphonic Band

Active in 1908

Gilson Band

Active in the 1900's

Goodland City Band

Active around 1900

Goodland Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1906, with 14 members. Still active in 1908

Grainfield Citizens Band

Active in 1908

Great Bend Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the mid-1880s. Disbanded in late 1886

Great Western Cornet Band (Emporia)

Active in 1872

Greensburg Band

Active in the 1910's

Gypsum Valley Cornet Band (Gypsum)

Active in 1874

Hanston Concert Band

Active in 1909

Haskell Institute Brass Band (Lawrence)

Active in the 1890's

Haven Band

Hedville Band

Active around 1900

Herington Citizens Band

Active in 1906

Herington Ladies' Band

Active in the 1910's

Herndon Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Hewitt Family Band

Consisted of the father and three children. They performed in at the Gaiety Theater, Abilene, Kansas in May 1904, having arrived from Oskaloosa, Iowa. In April 1906 the band, with five members (including a "little tot") were with the Huston-Franklin Orpheum Company when it visited the Davidson Theater, Fort Scott, Kansas. In April 1909 they gave a concert at the People's Theater, Leavenworth, Kansas, and joined the A.S. Lewis Big Show in a performance at the Post Gymnasium, Leavenworth on 14 May 1909

Hiattville Band

Active in 1916

Hiawatha Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868, secretary J.B. Butterfield, leader A.L. Ellis

Highland Brass Band (Highland)

Founded in spring 1861

Highland Cornet Band (Highland)

Active in 1874, leader Professor Riggs

Hill City Brass Band

Active in 1906 with 25 players of whom 6 were ladies

Hillsboro Dutch Brass Band

Active around 1910

Hoisington Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in December 1899. Disbanded in September 1901

Holyrood Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Holyrood Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1903

Humboldt Ladies' Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1884. A successor band was formed in 1889

Humboldt Ladies' Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1889. Still active in 1891. Conductor Professor Redfield in 1891. Teacher Mr Hagee in 1890. Emma Fussman was a player in 1890

Humboldt Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Hutchinson Cornet Band

Active in the late 1800s - the leader of the band had to schedule his band time around his other duties as postmaster, mayor, hardware dealer, and county treasurer

Huuse's Cornet Band (Wellington)

Active around 1900

Idana Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Iola Ladies' Cornet Band (1)

Founded in 1884 but disbanded before the end of the year. A successor band was formed in 1885. Report in December 1884 - "They met, they blew, they parted, never to meet again - in the capacity of a cornet band. It was nice, the music was, but it took too much blowing. They blew the tears into their eyes, and the blood into their heads, while their lips were unrecognisable. They even blew the lamps out every minute or two, Prof. Brasier said, until they got the hang of it. We are sorry, seriously, that the ladies did not persevere longer. They would undoubtedly have developed rapidly into a good band."

Iola Ladies' Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1885. A successor band was formed in 1890. Members included Guertie Duffy and Sara Taylor

Iola Ladies' Cornet Band (3)

Founded in July 1890. Leader Ray Duffy in 1893

Ionia Cornet Band

Active in 1891, instructor Professor M. Balston

Junction Brass Band (Emporia)

Active in 1869

Junction City High School Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Kansas Girl Band

Active around 1900

Kansas State Agricultural College Band (Manhattan)

Active in 1909

Labette County High School Band (Altamont)

Active around 1910

Larned Modern Woodmen of America Band

Active around 1900. Associated with MWA lodge 1634

Lawrence Cornet Band

Active in 1857 (with new instruments) to around 1900. In the 1860's it was supported by the Kimball family who ran the Lawrence Foundry

Lawrence Town Band

See: Lawrence Cornet Band

Lazelle Female Cornet Band

Active in 1880 - part of the Lazelle Comedy Company touring entertainment

Le Roy Military Band

Active around 1910

Leavenworth Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1866 - a 'coloured' band

Leavenworth Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1901, organised by the music department of the Ditzell Buggy Company, conductor Professor Wells

Lecompton Brass Band

Active in 1880 to 1884. The band's minute book is held at the Keith Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas

Lela Miller's Band

Active in 1890's. This was a ladies' band

Lenora Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Leon Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Leon Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Leroy Band

Active around 1900

Leroy Military Band

Active in 1909

Lincoln Cornet Band

Founded in the 1890's - S.H. Hoover played bass horn.

Linn Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Linn Country Band

Active around 1900

Lone Star Brass Band (Bison)

Active in the 1900's

Lost Springs Band

Active around 1900

Lowery Family Band (Eureka)

Active in 1875, when it challenged the Eureka Brass Band to a "trial of skill". Also known as the Star of the West Brass Band. Perry George Lowery, a boy at the time, later became one of the leading band showmen

Luray Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Lyons Concert Band

Active in 1908

Macabee Band (El Dorado)

Active in 1907

Manifold's Cornet Band (Beloit)

Founded around 1879 by Andy Manifold. Reorganised in 1890 as Manifold's Military Band, which disbanded in 1900

Marais des Cygnes Valley Brass Band (Melvern)

Active in 1883 to 1885

Marion Cornet Band

Active in 1882

Marquette Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in early 1897

Marshall's Band (Topeka)

Active in the 1900's

Marten Family Brass Band

Active in 1904. Performed at the Santa Fe Reading Room, and also the Auditorium in Newton, Kansas in January 1905. Performed; at the Girard Opera House, Kansas in March 1907. They were engaged to play for the skating rink in Galveston, Texas from February to March 1908

McCray's Concert Band (Independence)

Active in 1910

McPherson Band

Active in 1910

Melrose Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Meriden Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Meriden Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Midcontinent Band (Wellsville)

Active in the 1910's

Milford Band

Active in 1906

Miltonvale Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Missouri Pacific Railway Band (Osawatomie)

Active in the 1890's

Mount Hope Band

Active in 1910

Musgrave Family Band

Active in the 1910's. Consisted of mother, fathers, two sons and two daughters

Natoma Citizens Band

Active in 1915, with John Albert Schneider playing horn

Nauer Band (Jennings)

Active in the 1910's

Neosho Falls Band

Active in the 1890's to the 1900's

Neosho Valley Brass Band

Active in 1867

Ness City Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1901. Gave its first public performance on Friday 1st November 1901

New Almelo Concert Band

Active in 1911 to 1916

Newton Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1873

Niotaze Concert Band

Active in 1907

Norcatur Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Norcatur Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1887

North Topeka Young Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1878. Still active in 1890

Oberlin Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in early 1891. Still active in 1903

Oberlin Military Band (Oberlin College)

Active in 1908

Olathe Brass Band

Active in 1870

Olivet Band

Active in the 1890's to the 1900's

Olmitz Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in early 1894, members included: Carrie Kaiser, Minnie Nodman, Anna Juttner, Lina Kreisel, Jallie Hoffmann, Anna Brand, Lina Patterneck, Anna Zoth and Dora Nordman

Onaga Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Opolis Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Osage City Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Osborne Cornet Band

Active in 1882 to 1885

Oswego Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Oswego Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in January 1872, conductor Professor Wells. Members included: Nellie Hosley, Belle Wells, Ada Course, Jennie Marks, Emma Webb, Carol Grouse, Eva Bridgman, Miss Bolwine, Mrs Gibbons, Ella Ballurne, and Dick Waskey. Received new instruments in April 1872

Oswego Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Ottawa Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1872

Ottawa University Band

Active in 1910, with members Walter Lusk, William Lower, Chester Roberts, Maurice Hobbs, William Scheufler, Charles Rush, Leslie Patrick, Ray Lundy, Frank Jennings, William Lusk, Arthur Evans, George Collett, Carl Welsh, Glenn Brown, and Roderick Rice

Ottumwa Cornet Band

Active in 1884 to 1885

Our Boys Southwest Rosedale Improvement Association Band

Active in the 1920's

Overbrook Band

Active in 1907

Oxford Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1873

Oxford Ladies' Band

Active in the 1910's

Paola Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872 to 1874

Parallel Band

Active around 1900

Parrott Family Brass Band (Neosho)

Consisted of father, mother and five daughters - active in the 1940's

Payne's Band (Ottawa)

Active in the 1890's

Penokee Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Phillipsburg Girls' Band (1)

Active in 1890. A successor band was formed in 1902

Phillipsburg Girls' Band (2)

Founded in 19 September 1902, conductor S.C. Landis. Still active in 1905. It was originally composed of the 16 year old daughters of the most prominent citizens of Phillipsburg. Members in 1903 were: Fay Tooker (Bb bass), Belle Daggett (1st Eb cornet), Tressa Winship (solo Bb cornet), Lizzie Gebhart (2nd Bb cornet), Elsie Lowe (solo Bb cornet), Minnie Lee (2nd tenor), Gwendolin Harwood (solo alto), Mae Reinwaldt (snare drum), Mae Lee (bass drum), Burnice Stinson (piccolo), Miriam Driggs (tuba), Maude Cole (2nd alto), Susie Close (1st trombone), Josie Woods (2nd trombone), Beatrice Harwood (1st alto), and Maude Daggett (baritone)

Pilsen Band

Active around 1900

Piqua Concert Band

Active around 1900

Pittsburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1883 to 1885

Pleasanton Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Pleasanton Juvenile Band

Active in the 1890's

Prairie Home Band (Le Cygne)

Active in the 1890's

Pratt City Band

Active in the 1890's

Pratt Ladies' Band

Active in 1890. Leader Mrs A. Miller. Lela Neff was a member of the band. Conductor C. McMurray in 1891

Randall Brass Band

Founded in 1898. Still active in 1909. In 1903 it was composed of twenty members of whom six were ladies, with C.M. Connelly as president, L.M. Brigham, business manager; E.A. Bowman, leader; C.E. Kibbe, assistant leader, and Miss Lilly Kibbe, secretary and treasurer. In 1909, members were: Bertha Burger, Dr. Way, C. M. Connelly, Jim Shawl, Ed Bowman, Charles Kibbe, Will Hall, Ed Shoemaker, Jennie Way, Lola Townsdin, Edith Bowman, Lillie Kibbe, George Bruch, M. G. (Bob) Sadler, Charles Shott, Allie C. Crawford, Jesse Kibbe, Mrs. Grace Woolsey Hall, Clara Fairchild Kibbe, Monta Seaver Kibbe, and Elmore Sadler

Rebekah Oddfellows Children's Home Band

Active in the 1910's

Record Cornet Band (Russell)

Active in 1883

Register Brass Band (Enterprise)

Active in 1882 to 1885

Riley Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Riverside Cornet Band (Fall River)

Active in 1883 to 1885

Rogers Brass Band

Rolling Mill Silver Cornet Band (Rosedale)

Founded in the late 1870's by workers who had come to Rosedale from Decatur to work at the new mill

Rush Center German Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

S.F. Band

Active around 1900

Sabetha Town Band

Active around 1900

Salemsberg Star Band

Active around 1900

Salina Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1874. Musical director J.M. Blodgett, instructor A Rinquist in 1871

Salina Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in summer 1885

Santa Fe Railroad Apprentice Band (Topeka)

Founded in 1911. Disbanded in 1919. A successor band was formed in 1924 (the Topeka Santa Fe Band)

Scandia Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Scandia Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Scott City Band

Active in 1908

Scranton Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1892, giving a concert to buy new instruments

Seapo Brass Band

Active in 1883 to 1885

Sedan Kid Band

Active in 1912

Sedan Knights of Pythias Band

Active in 1883 to 1885

Sedan Ladies' Cornet Band

Held their first practice on Monday 15th June 1908, bandmaster A.G. Hockett. Initial members were Myrtle Sharp, Theresa Pattison, Viola Jameson, Lula Buckles, Nellie Cook, Nettie Huffman, Maude Stough and Mrs William Wyckoff.

Sedgwick Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Seneca Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Shawnee Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Smith Center Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1885, leader Miss Hillyer. Still active in 1902

Smith Family Cornet Band

Performed in Osage City, Kansas at the 4th July celebrations in 1879

South Western Military Band (Winfield)

Southwest Kansas Band

Active in 1929

Southwest Rosedale Improvement Association Band

Active in the 1920's

Star of the West Brass Band (Eureka)

See: Lowery Family Band

State Insane Asylum Band (Topeka)

Active in the 1910's

Stockton Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1891, with 9 players

Strode Industrial Academy Band (Oswego)

Active in the 1910's

Sunflower Girls' Brass Band (Effingham)

Active in 1902, 1903, with 20 players

Sunflower Women's Band (Cherryvale)

Active in the 1890's

Syracuse Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Tampa City Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Tilford Studios Ladies' Brass Band (Emporia)

Founded in January 1928

Tonganoxie Citizen's Band

Active in the 1880's, leader William Heynen

Tonganoxie Mirror Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Topeka Big B Girls Band

Founded in 1910, comprised primarily of African American girls and a few boys, conductor G. A. Bigbee

Topeka Brass Band

Founded in 1863. Still active in 1871

Topeka Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Topeka Santa Fe Band

Founded in 1924. Five employees, including long-time director Clarence Whitlow, started the group as a "clown band" for a company picnic. The group quickly realized they enjoyed playing together and created the "Topeka Santa Fe Apprentice Band." The group soon grew and was renamed the Topeka Shop Band due to many apprentices graduating and leaving the band. In 1931 the name of the ensemble was changed again to the Topeka Santa Fe Shop Craft Band but was again renamed to the current Topeka Santa Fe Band when many of the group no longer worked in the Shop. The band is still active today as a concert/wind band

Troy Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Twentieth Century Band (Tonganoxie)

Active in the 1900's

U.C.T. Band (Pittsburg)

Active in the 1910's. The band was associated with Council No. 77 of the Order of United Commercial Travellers of America

Udall Ladies' Band

Active around 1910, members were: Mr. Kelsey (bandmaster), Blanch Rutter Allen, Flora Miller Brewer, Blanch Hammond Johnson, Hazel Kiser Dale, Ella Hoop Gray, Marie Beebe Effner, Effie Greenland, Agnes Miller, Edna Carlton Davidson, Elinor Beebe, and Lucille Greenland Kuhn. Still active in 1914

Valley Falls Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Vesper Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Victor Band

Active in the 1900's

Vinland Band

Active in the 1900's

Von Prosky's Band (Meade)

Active in the 1900's

Wakefield Brass Band

Active around 1900

Walnut Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1891. Still active in 1895. Members in 1894 were P.E. Bonifas (cornet, leader), Glenn Swain (1st alto), Anna Curtis (2nd alto), Laura Doub (tenor), Maggie Collins (baritone), Pearl Swain (tuba), Angie Ewing (snare drum), Alma Doub (bass drum).

Waterville Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1877. Still active in 1891

Waterville Marching Band

Active in 1909

Weber Family Brass Band

Active in Atchison, Kansas in December 1879; Ottawa, Kansas in January 1880; Jay's Opera House, Empora, Kansas in March 1882

Weir City Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Wellington Cornet Band

Founded in 1874

Wellington Girls' Band

Active in 1913 to 1914

Wellsville Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1886 and 1904

Westphalia Concert Band

Active around 1900

Wetmore Girls' Brass Band

Active in 1901 to 1903

White City Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in July 1907, conductor Cordelia Thornley. Active into 1910's, with conductor Alfred Musgrave. Mamie Musgrave played tuba, Edna Irene Warneke played bass drum

White Cloud Cornet Band

Active in 1875. In 1895 it featured three lady cornet players

Whitewater Brass Band

Wichita Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1872 by Fred Schattner, members included: C.S. Caldwell, Henry Hale, Messrs Hubbard, Bromwell, and three of the Grant family. Still active in 1873

Williamsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Winchester Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Winfield Cornet Band (1)

Active in the mid 1860's. It foundered in the early 1870's and a successor band was formed in 1873

Winfield Cornet Band (2)

Founded in January 1873, leader Mr Johnson. In November 1873 it "held a meeting last week and took in enough new members to fill the heretofore vacant instruments. The band now contains twelve wide-awake members"

Winfield Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1889

Wooley's Band (St John)

Active in the 1890's

Wyandotte Brass Band

Active in 1883 to 1885

Yates Center Women's Brass Band

Active in 1890 to 1892

USA - Kentucky



Sell's Brothers Side Show Band, 1884

Advocate Brass Band (Danville)

[Current band] - Founded in 1987

Arbogast's Cornet Band (Louisville)

Active in 1855

Asbury College Band (Wilmore)

Active in 1910

Bourbon City Brass Band (Bardstown)

A historical re-enactment band active in the 2000s

Brass Band of Louisville (Louisville)

[Current band] - Founded in September 2014

Brass Band of the Tri-State (Ashland)

[Current band] - Active from 1995

Bridges Family Band (Trigg)

The band was [Ivy] Lorene (b. 1894, daughter of Ghent, flugel horn), Peyton (b. 1898, son of Ghent, cornet), Nellie (b. 1892, daughter of Dale, cornet), unknown cousin (cornet), Ben Grigsby (drums), and brothers [Mark] Dale (b. 1871, alto horn), Ghent (b. 1867, tuba), Jessie (b. 1887, euphonium), and John (b. 1874, euphonium)

Cardinal Brass (Louisville)

[Current band] - Founded in August 2019

Caseyville Brass Band

Founded in August 1869. First public concert on 7 October 1869, leader William Buck

Catlettsburg Brass Band

Centertown Cornet Band

Active in 1890, members included Scioto Hocker, Herman Render, Dick Tichenor, Tom Ford, Evert Tichenor, Charlie Carson, Angus Buskie, John Buskie,

Willie Igleheart, Cap Oglesby, and Jim Hunter

Claysville Band

Active in 1910

Columbus Brass Band

Founded in 1869

Commonwealth Brass Band (Louisville)

[Current band] - Founded in 1989

Cook's Military Band (Louisville)

Active around 1910

Danville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Derby City Brass Band (Louisville)

[Current band] - Founded in 2002

Eckstein Norton Institute Boys' Band (Cane Springs, Bullitt County)

Active around 1900. The school opened in 1890 and was merged with Lincoln Institute in 1912.

Elizabethtown Brass Band

Active in the 1870's

Exstein Norton Institute Boys' Band (Cane Springs, Bullitt County)

See: Eckstein Norton Institute Boys' Band

Frankfort Prison Band

Active in the 1900's

Glasgow Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Greendale Boys Reform School Band

Active in 1926

Greensburg Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Gregg's Imperial Band (Louisville)

Active in 1909

Hickman Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1871, leader T.L. Garrett. Still active in 1874. Also known as Hickman Star Band

Hickman Star Band

[no information]

Horse Cave Brass Band

Active in 1895

House of Refuge Juvenile Brass Band (Louisville)

Active in 1870, leader Mr Caldwell (Superintendent of the House of Refuge)

Kentucky Children's Home Brass Band (Louisville)

Active in 1928, members included Elmer Sewell, Gilbert Scales, Jim Settle, Chick Lehring, John Wyck, George Settle, Robert Rafferty, Homer Ware, Charles Haynes, and Roy Robinson. The band was located in Ormsby Village

Klub Kentucky Band (Farlington)

Landram's Sax Horn Band (Lancaster)

Active from 1853 to 1858, conductor W.J. Landram. On 10th August 1855 the band visited the Mammoth Cave in the Green River Valley, Kentucky (the world's longest known cave system). "On the 10th of last month Landram's Sax Horn Band, numbering nine performers, visited the great subterranian wonder of the world the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. This is perhaps the first Brass Band that ever explored the cave, as we were informed by one of the guides who had been in the employ of this proprietor for some twenty odd years that this is the first band of the kind he has any recollection of seeing enter the Cave since his connection with it. On our first entrance we took what is generally known at the 'short route' (6 miles). I do not believe that any man can write such a description of the Mammoth Gave, as will convey to the mind of the reader, any definite idea of its real grandeur. Quite a number of ladies, prompted by a desire to hear the music, as well as to witness the beauties of the Cave, followed us in. W.J. Landram, Lancaster, Ky., Sept. 17, 1855." A member of the band scratched the band's name and date into the rocks as a permanent memorial of their visit to the cave system. The cave was (and still is) a popular tourist destination, and the National Park mentions "For many years, the chambers of Mammoth Cave rang with the sound of music. Visiting bands such as Landram's Sax-Horn Band and Luther Ewing's String Band, along with the Mammoth Cave Hotel's own local musicians, entertained visitors underground into the early 20th century"

Lawrenceburg School Band

Active in 1914

Lewis' Cornet Band (Danville)

Founded in 1888 by leader Ed Lewis, playing 1st cornet. Other members included William Dunham, 2nd cornet; Thomas Hays, solo alto; P.C. Kincaid 1st alto; Walker Scott, 2nd alto; Isaac Fry, solo tenor; William Thomas, 1st tenor; Joe Stodghill, 2nd tenor; Sam Owsley, bass drum; and Tom Owsley, snare drum

Lexington Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1992

Lexington Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Lexington I.O.O.F. Home Band

Active in the 1900's

Louisville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1859, when it accompanied the Valetta Lodge of the "Sons of Malta" in a parade at New Albany

Madisonville Cornet Band

Active in 1896, when members included J. Wells, W.H. Shutt, T.H. Robertson, Smith Dulin, Jr., Will Daves, Walter Daves, Charlie Daves, Jim Williams, J.D. Oldham, R.L. Harned, Peyton Nance, George Wilson and Will Bailey

Marion City Band

Active in 1910

Marion Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's, members included Emmit Koltinsky; Charles A. Moore; William. Clark; Ira Sunderland; W. L. Venner; Dr. F. W. Nunn; Waston Davis; C. P. Noggle, (Director); J. C. Wallace; James. T. Travis; and Elmer Franklin

Maysville Boys' Band

Active in the 1920's

Monticello Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Mt Sterling Cornet Band

Active in 1906, leader Professor James Hathaway

New Haven Cornet Band

Active from 1867 to 1879

Normal Industrial Institute Brass Band (Frankfort)

Active in the 1910's

Oddfellows Home Band (Lexington)

Active in the 1910's

Old Henry Band (Harrison County)

Active around 1900

Olive Hill Brass Band

Active in the 1920's - cornet players included E.W. Blizzard, Hubert DeHart, and Everett Berry

Ormsby Village Brass Band (Louisville)

See: Kentucky Children's Home Brass Band

Owensboro Brass Band

Founded in 1858, leader Professor Buck. Lasted a couple of years

Owensboro Combination Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872, conductor Frank Brewer, president O.D. Read, secretary William Reinhardt

Paducah Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1872

Paris High School Band

Active around 1910

Pikeville Concert Band

Active around 1900

St Bernard Brass Band (Henderson)

Active in 1892

Saxtons Cornet Band (1) (Lexington)

Founded in the late 1850's by Henry Augustus Saxton. Active through to the 1880's. A successor (historical band) was formed in 1989

Saxtons Cornet Band (2) (Frankfort)

[Current band] - Founded in 1989. A historical re-enactment band

Sell's Brothers Side Show Band

Active in 1884

Somerset Amateur Band

See: Somerset Cornet Band

Somerset Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company Band (Louisville)

Founded in April 1923

Sturgis Concert Band

Founded in 1908

Tygarts Valley Cornet Band

Active in 1906

University of Kentucky Ladies' Band

Active in 1930

Vine Grove Young Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1912, with 16 players

William's Cornet Band (Danville) Founded by A.W. Williams in 1876

USA - Louisiana



Mathews Band, Lockport

56th U.S. Army Band (Fort Polk)

Active in 1966

Aeolian Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1871

Alexandria Amateur Brass Band

See: Alexandria Brass Band

Alexandria Brass Band

Active in 1866 to 1892

Allen's Brass Band (Algiers)

Active around 1915

Arcadia Band (New Orleans)

Active in the 1900's

Ascension Brass Band

Active in 1872

Baton Rouge Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854. Leader William J. Elderton in 1855. Still active in 1858. A successor band was formed in 1865

Baton Rouge Brass Band (2)

Founded in December 1865, leader Professor Boning. Did not survive long. A successor band was formed in 1867

Baton Rouge Brass Band (3)

Founded in July 1867, leader Professor Kingfield

Bayou Goula Brass Band

Founded in late 1872. Still active in 1873

Bayou Sara Brass Band

Active in 1868

Berlin Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1871

Breaux Bridge Brass Band

British Brass Band of Louisiana (Shreveport)

[Current band]

Christian's Brass Band (Souther Park, New Orleans)

Active in 1890

Clinton Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Collins Silver Cornet Band

Founded in August 1904

Colored Waifs Home Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1912

Creole Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1868, leader François Leon

Crescent Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1868

Donaldsonville Cornet Band

Active in 1872, leader & president Charles Gecks. Gervais Ganthreaux (coffee house owner) was a member. Still active in 1874

East Feliciana Brass Band

Founded in early 1872

East Side Concert Band (Iberia)

Active in the 1910's

Eunice Brass Band

Active in 1909

Eureka Brass Band (Lake Charles)

Active in the 1890's and 1900's In 1895 it rehearsed on Monday and Thursday nights, with leader D.C. Taylor, president Ed Eckert, secretary William B. Mayo

Fourmestraux's Brass Band (Opelousas)

Active in 1858

Franklin Amateur Brass Band (Attakapas County)

Founded in September 1870

Gessner's Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1859 to 1870

Hibernia Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1872, leader T.J. O'Sullivan. Still active in 1874

Hickman's Cornet Band (Shreveport)

Active in 1865

Insane Brass Band (Baton Rouge)

Active in 1852

Jackson Band

Active in 1912

Jaeger's Silver Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1860 to 1874, leader Charles Jaeger

Kelly's Brass Band (New Orleans)

See: Kellu's Juvenile Cornet Band

Kelly's Juvenile Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1870, 1871, with 16 players

Lehman's Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1855

Life Insurance Brass Band (Shreveport)

Founded in 1869

Many Town Band

[no information]

Marshal Brass Band (Shreveport)

Active in 1868

Matthews Band (Lockport)

Active in the 1890's

Mayer's Silver Cornet Band (Opelousas)

Founded on 30 October 1900 by Rudolph Adelbert Sebastian Mayer. Active through to his death in 1903

Monroe Brass Band

See: Monroe Silver Cornet Band

Monroe Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1869. First formal "serenade" in September 1869 under the baton of Professor Liguoski. Received a new set of German instruments in 1870, donated by J.F. Fargoud. Charles Bofenschen was secretary in 1870 and leader in 1874

Natchitoches Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Natchitoches Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader Dr. C.E. Hawley

Opelousas Brass Band

Active in 1868 to 1870

Opelousas German Brass Band

Founded in the early 1870's by Rudolph Adelbert Sebastian Mayer. Still active in 1874

Opelousas Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in April 1899, conductor Professor R. Mayer, associated with the St Landry Academy. It performed its first concert at the Sandoz Opera House on Friday, April 20, 1900. Still active in 1901. Initial members were Alice Latour (Eb cornet), Olympia Laas (cornet), Clemmy Chachere (cornet), Pearl Charchere (cornet), Heloise Charchere (cornet), Hattie Terwilliger (flugelhorn), Mrs F.L. Chachere (french horn), Emily Latour (Eb alto trombone), Mattie Shute (Eb alto trombone), Kit Mudd (Bb tenor trombone), Constance Meginley (baritone), Irene Shute (Bb bass), C. Mornhinveg (tambourine/triangle) and Mr A.C. Styles (assistant leader). Other members in April 1900 were Isola Fontenot (Bb cornet), Helen Taylor (Bb cornet), Ladia Sandoz (Eb alto), C. Dupre (Eb alto), Rosa Del Buono (Bb tenor), Nita Veltin (baritone), Lorena Mornhinveg (Eb bass), and B. Mornhinveg (snare drum). There were 18 members in June 1900

Opelousas Mutual Brass Band

Founded in 1876 by Rudolph Adelbert Sebastian Mayer. This band performed concerts in Opelousas and the area and at special events, fairs, and activities. On Saturday, April 28, 1877, the town of Opelousas celebrated the end of Reconstruction and the departure of federal troops from the area with a great festival in downtown. The Opelousas Courier reported the Opelousas Mutual Brass Band, led by Professor R. Mayer, kept the town "lively and in good humor playing fine music from dusk to dawn." And in May the celebration continued in what was call "Thanksgiving Day" with the citizens of Washington and Opelousas gathering at Woodworth Springs. Newspaper accounts of the day reported the Opelousas band made the air dreamy and melodious with the exquisite Blue Danube waltzes and other fine pieces from the repertoire of their skillful leader, Prof. R. Mayer.

Pargoud Silver Cornet Band (Monroe)

Active in 1872

Plaquemine Brass Band

Active in 1868

Portune's Silver Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1871, leader Frank Portune. Still active in 1873

Reliance Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1906

St Charles College Brass Band (Grand Coteau)

Active in 1870

St Francisville Cornet Band

Active in 1872

St Joseph's Silver Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Founded in August 1868. Leader Brother Domino in 1870. Still active in 1874. Associated with St Joseph's School. The school was located at the corner of Common and Marais Streets. Also known as the Star Cornet Band

St Landry Academy of Music Ladies' Band (Opelousas)

See: Opelousas Ladies' Brass Band

St Mary's Academy Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1865, consisting of 24 children attending the Academy

St Mary's Asylum Orphan Boys' Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1859 to 1868

St Mary's College Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1870, consisting of 20 youths aged 12 to 18 years old, leader Brother Adelard. Still active in 1872

Shreveport Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1869 with instruments purchased by Mr Kennedy of the firm of Hyams & Kennedy. Leader John Boning in 1870

Star Cornet Band (New Orleans)

See: St Joseph's Silver Cornet Band

Thibodaux Brass Band

Founded in May 1855, leader Professor Clément

Tuxedo Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1919

United States Customhouse Brass Band (New Orleans)

Founded in summer 1870, with members: Mr Keller (leader), William Wright (Eb cornet), J.F. Eckherdt (2nd Eb cornet), J. Considine (3rd Eb cornet), C. Longstreet (clarionet), F. Gleeson (1st Bb cornet), A.A. Vallas (2nd Bb cornet), C.J. Audine (solo alto), William B. Bragg (1st alto), William Brodie (1st Bb tenor), T. Frank Neice (solo baritone), J.H.H. Camp (2nd baritone), J.P. Murphy (Eb bass), Edward Lord (Eb bass), James White (bass drum), James Morrison (cymbals), and Charles Tharpe (snare drum).

Washington Artillery Brass Band (New Orleans)

Active in the 1890's

Washington Brass Band (Washington)

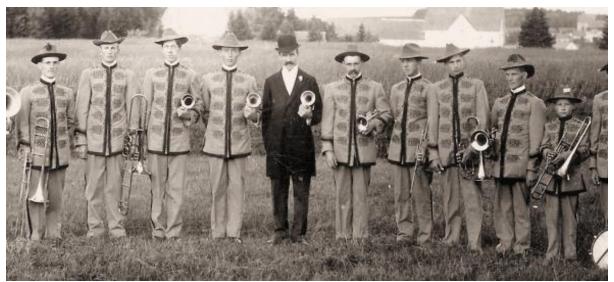
Active in 1868

Washington Cornet Band (New Orleans)

Active in 1871 to 1873

West End Military Band (New Iberia)

USA - Maine



New Sweden Band

1st Maine Heavy Artillery Band

Active in the 1860's

56 Pioneer Infantry Band

Active in 1918

American Band (Westbrook)

Active in 1892

Anson Cornet Band

Active in 1867

Athens Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Athens Ladies Band

Active around 1900

Auburn Brass Band

Active in 1871

Auburn Cadet Band

Founded in 1876, later led by George H. Glover who took it to success in various competitions

Augusta Brass Band (1)

Active in 1844

Augusta Brass Band (2)

See: Augusta Cornet Band

Augusta Cornet Band

Active in 1863 to 1872. 17 players in 1872

Baldwin Cornet Band

Active around 1900, when members included Irving Chase, Allison Wentworth, Ether Flint, Wilson Burnell, George Jewell, George Murch, Harry Burnell, Leland Boothby, Carroll Chase, Ernest Warren, and Walter Stanton (leader)

Bangor Cornet Band

Founded in 1859 under conductor William Standis. Leader A.D. Harlowe in 1861-1874. 15 players in 1861, 22 players in 1874. Advertised selling its instruments in March 1864, "prior to disbanding due to a want of sufficient patronage." In 1866, still with leader A.D. Harlow, its players were also members of the 2nd and 14th Maine Regimental Bands. Renamed Bangor Band in 1877, and is still active as a community wind band today.

Bar Mills Brass Band

Founded in November 1868, with 16 players, tutor Warren York, leader Henry Sawyer, treasurer Andrew Berry, and clerk John Meserve

Bates Band (Lewiston)

Active in the 1900's

Bath Brass Band

Active in 1871 with 17 players. Still active in 1872. Also active in the 1910's

Belfast Band

Active in the 1900's

Berwick Brass Band

Active in 1898

Bethel Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1869. Leader Mr Ripley in 1868

Bethel Cornet Band

Active in 1891

Biddeford Brass Band

See: Saco and Biddeford Cornet Band

Biddeford Cornet Band

Active in 1865. Leader & director J.P. McCrillis in 1866, when members included John Barker, Eackiel York, Joseph Gilpatrick and J. Boardman. 13 players in 1871

Biddeford Institute Brass Band (1)

Founded in 1873, leader Peter L. Painchaud. Later known as Painchaud's Band, which was active to the 1970s. A successor band was formed in 1884

Biddeford Institute Brass Band (2)

Founded in 1884. Still active in 1906

Biddeford Mechanics' Cornet Band

Active in 1868, leader Charles E. York, director Warren York. Still active in 1870

Biddeford National Band

Active in 1919 - Members included Roy Sherwood (president), Joseph Gagne, Ivan Gendron, George Gendron, Eliadore Belleros, Joseph Tardif, Daniel Hickey, Mr Lantagne, Louis Gendron, Archie Girouard (leader) Fred Bernier, Stanley Gendron, Sam Bernier, and Victor Bart

Bigelow's Boys Band (Hallowell)

Active in the 1910's

Bowdoin College Cornet Band (Brunswick)

Active in 1876

Brewer Cadet Band (Corinth)

Active in the 1900's

Bridgeton Brass Band

See: Bridgton Brass Band

Bridgton Brass Band

Founded in 1851. Still active in 1872. Some members split off to form Bridgton Cadet Band after the Civil War.

Bridgton Center Cornet Band (Bridgton)

Active in 1863

Brunswick Brass Band

Founded in summer 1867

Bryant Pond Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1872. Conductor H. Ripley in 1870. Secretary Freeland Young in 1872

Bryant's Pond Cornet Band (Bryant Pond)

See: Bryant Pond Cornet Band

Buxton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Calais Band

Active in 1912 to 1920

Camden Band

Active in 1906

Camp Berry Brass Band (Portland)

Active in 1864

Canton Cornet Band

Active around 1885

Cape Elizabeth Brass Band

Active in 1871

Castine Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Centennial Brass Band (Portland)

[Current band] - Founded in 1975 - a historical re-enactment band, recreating a town band of the 1850-1875 period

Chandler's Band (Portland)

See: Portland Brass Band

Cherryfield Cornet Band

Founded in 1869. Still active in the 1900's

Co. E Military Band (Skowhegan)

Active in the 1900's

Cornish Brass Band

See: Cornish Cornet Band

Cornish Cornet Band

Active in 1862 to 1890. Officers in 1871 were: R.G. Smith (president), E.W. Barker (treasurer & secretary), J.M. Pease (leader), C.E. Woodbury (2nd leader), E. Barker, S.B. Knight, and A.L. Boynton (directors)

Cumberland Town Band

Founded in 1854 by Enos Blanchard. Active through to 1880

Damariscotta Brass Band

Active in 1870 through to the 1900's

De Rue Brothers Minstrels and Concert Band

Active in 1906 to 1914

Dixfield Cornet Band

Active around 1890, leader G. Dana Holt

Dixmont Brass Band

Active in 1911

Donovan's Band (Houlton)

Founded in 1911. Still active in 1914

Dragon Button Corp. Band (Waldoboro)

Active in 1924

Dresden Band (Ocean Point)

Active in the 1890's

East Auburn Brass Band (Auburn)

Active in 1865

East Maine Conference Seminary Band (Bucksport)

Active in 1896, when members included T. March, E. Grindle, G. Sweet, W. Rich, E. Smith, C. Salus, P. Chandler, C. Little, John Homer, W. McKay, W. Hill, R. Homer, Mr Montgomery, Mr Page and F. Blodgett

East Millinocket Band

Active in the 1910's

Eastport Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Eliot Brass Band

Active in 1868

Ellis River Brass Band

Active in 1910, members included Charles Howe, Ed Howe, Bill Calwell, Eben Abbott, Roscoe Glines, G. Turner Silver, Harry Elliot, Albert Silver, Charles Garnet, Howard Goddard, Charles Howard, Herschel Glines and Ralph Penley

Ellsworth Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1862. Eight of its members signed up as soldiers in the Civil War, but the band continued to remain active "in good running order"

Fanfare St Cecile (Lewiston)

Active in 1917

Fanfare St Dominique (Lewiston)

Active in the 1910's

Farmington Brass Band

Founded in 1873 by Charles Wheeler. Renamed Wheeler's Band in 1887. The band continued, after the death of Wheeler in 1916, with a few hiatuses, until the 1940's

Ferry Village Union Brass Band

Active in the 1860's

Fire Department Band (Cape Elizabeth)

Active in the 1930's

Forest City Brass Band

Active in 1868

Fort Fairfield Band

Active in 1909

Freeport Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Edwin A. Soule was a member in 1868 when he died, aged 26

Fryeburg Cornet Band

Founded in early 1869, leader D.L. Lamson, with 14 players

Gardiner Band

Founded in 1884

Gardiner Brass Band

Reorganised in 1864 under its old leader Mr McDonald. Still active in 1870

Gardiner Cornet Band

Active in 1867. 16 players in 1871. A successor band was formed in 1884

Gray Cornet Band

Founded around 1870 by John T. Merrill. Still active in 1876

Great Falls Cornet Band (Windham)

Active in 1871

Hallowell Brass Band

Active in 1871, with 17 players. Still active in 1873

Hall's Band (Richmond)

Active in the 1890's

Harrison Brass Band

Active in 1868

Hebron Military Band

Founded in 1909. Active through to 1919

Hiram Brass Band

Active in 1871

Houlton Cornet Band

Active in 1882, members included Willis Hammond, Beverly Corneilson and Justin Rose

Improved Order of Red Men Band (Lubec)

Active in 1910 - the "Cobscook Tribe", members included Dan Cleaves, Harl Adams, Glen Brown, Lester Myers, Fred Morong, Will Adams, Red McCracken, Cal Clark, Will Higgins, Frank Young, Burris Leeman, John Flower, Charles Leighton, and Fred Cleaves

Improved Order of Red Men Women's Auxiliary Band (Lubec)

Active in 1910. Associated with Cobscook Tribe no. 80

Ingraham Hill Band (Rockland)

Active in the 1900's

Johnson's Cornet Band (Lewiston)

Active from 1863 to 1871, leader H.N. Johnson. 20 players in 1871

Kendall Mills Brass Band (Fairfield)

Founded in summer 1867. Still active in 1872

Kents Hill Band

Active in the 1900's

Leland and Gray Seminary Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Lewiston Cornet Band

Active in 1863 to 1867

Limestone Silver Band

Active in 1910. Members included Lee Stone, Axel Brinkman, Lee Traton, Percy Patten, Ray Hatfield, Cleve Patten, Luke Albert, Hod Patten, A.C. Leighton, Clyde Crockett, Reuben Chase, Neil Leighton, and Marshall Sharpe.

Livermore Falls Band

Active in the 1890's

Lubec Brass Band

Active in 1887, members included John Cunningham, Henry Gillise, J. W. Case, H. B. Thayer, Tom Vose, Frank Gillise, W. H. Allen (leader), John Morong, Ed Trecartin, Frank McBride, H. P. Adams, Fred Trecartin, and C. H. Clark

Machias Cornet Band

Founded in 1902

Maine Conference Seminary Band

Active in 1896

Maine State Prison Band

Maine State University Band

Active in 1915

Maine YMCA Band

Active in 1910

Mansfield's Band (Chebeague Island)

Active in the 1910's

Marion Brass Band

Active in 1868

Mayberry's Cornet Band (Westbrook)

See: Saccarappa Brass Band

Mechanic Falls Cornet Band

Founded in January 1872, leader W. Waterman, with 14 players, instruments from the Boston Musical Instrument Manufacturing Company. Still active in 1874

Millinocket Band

Active in the 1900's

Monhegan Cornet Band

Active in 1914, when members included Ellsworth Wallace, Earl Field, Linwood Davis, Charles Field, Walter Brackett, George Smith, Eddie Brackett, Dexter Richards, Dick Stanley, George Bellows, Ulysses "UTE" Wallace (founder of the band), Will Stanley, George Green, and Otis Thompson

Monroe Club Band (Pittsfield)

Active in the 1900's

Monson Cornet Band

Founded in 1887

Mount Hope Brass Band

Active in 1910

Mount Vernon Cornet Band

Active in 1862

Munro's Cornet Band (Round Pond)

Active in the 1900's

National Home Band (Togus)

Active in the 1900's

New Gloucester Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's. Originally organised by John T. Merrill

New Sweden Band

Active in the 1900's

Newport Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's, leader R.H. Dyer

Newport Ladies Band

Active in the 1910's

Norridgewock Cadet Band

Active in 1908

Norridgewock Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

North Bridgton Brass Band

North Turner Cadet Band

Active in 1895, leader George Merrill. Other members included Sewell Spencer, Eugene Thomas, Ed Parker, Forest Young, Ed Richardson, Bert Kilbreth, Andrew Johnson, Elmer Timberlake, William Morris, Uzza Thomas, Clif Starbird, Forest Humphrey, Fred Richardson, George Merrill, Harry Brown and Frank Kilbreth

Norway Brass Band

Active in 1854, members included A.B. Glines, S.S. Hall, and G.L. Beal

Norway Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1870 with members from Norway and South Paris. Also known as Norway Military Brass Band. Secretary Horace Cole in 1871, with 16 players. Still active in 1872.

Painchaud's Band (Biddeford)

See: Biddeford Institute Brass Band (1)

Paragon Button Corp. Band (Waldoboro)

Active in 1924

Penobscot Indian Band (Old Town)

Active in 1907

Piscataquis Brass Band

Active in 1856

Portland Brass Band

Founded in 1827. Moved to all brass instruments in 1840. It served as the First Regimental Band during the early Civil War, then returned to civilian status in summer 1862. Still active in 1912. Cyrus Libby Curtis played trombone in the band in 1859. At a concert for the Mercantile Library Association in January 1872, their programme included: Deutscher Muth March (Gung'l), The Adieu Waltzes (H.G. Snelling), and La Velocipede Galop (C. Faust). The band was renamed Chandler's Band in January 1872, under the baton of W.E. Chandler (though it was known by that name earlier in 1867). Members in 1898 included Philip Robinson (conductor), John Melia, flute and piccolo; Clarence Merriman, oboe; clarinets, David Willard, John Leighton, Charles Hurd, A.W. Whittier, and Horace E. Mills; Edward Webb, baritone; cornets Fred Chipman, Ira W. Davis, Howard Babb, Charles Brooks, and Edward Blanchard; B flat basses, Harry Green, Samuel Guimond, and Woodbury Harrington; horns, A.W. Cole, James Bain, and Charles Richards; trombones F. O. Welcome, Nathaniel Blanchard, and Bernard Greely; Fred Bradford, bass drum; and George Felt and Edward Beals, tenor drums. A concert in Forest City Park in May 1886 was: Overture Barber of Seville (Rossini), Skyrocket Quickstep (Downing), Teutonia Polka (Freising), Edinburg Medley (Downing), Core di Zinyare from Il Trovatore (Verdi), Forest City March, How Fair Art Thou (Weidt), Scheiden Waltzes (Weissenborn), Song and Gallop (Graffula), National Airs (Downing)

Portland Cornet Band

See: Portland Brass Band

Portland Police Band

Active in the 1900's

Pumpkinville Brass Band

Active in 1870

Rumford Band

Active in 1908 and into the 1910's, conductor Frank J. Rigby

Rumford Cornet Band

Active in 1860, leader Henry M. Colby

Saccarappa Brass Band (Westbrook)

Founded in early 1865

Saco and Biddeford Cornet Band

Active in 1854, as Biddeford Brass Band, rehearsing in Calef Hall. Later known as Saco and Biddeford Cornet Band. Conductor R.M. Hobbs in 1854-1861

Saco Cornet Band

Active in 1867. Leader and director P.J. McCrillis in 1868

St Joseph's Band (Oldtown)

Active in 1910

Salem Bay State Brass Band (Saco)

Active in 1857, leader R.M. Hobbs. A concert in December 1857 included Overture from L'Elisir d'Amour (Donizetti), Variations on Last Waltz (Weber) (soloist Mr Kehrhahn - musical director), and Twilight Dews with variations, by leader R.M. Hobbs on Eb cornet

Salmon Falls Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Sanford Cornet Band

Founded in 1860. Officers in 1868 included William Bennett and C.W. Burbank. Still active in 1906

Sanford Mills Band (Sanford)

Active around 1900

Searsport Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1874, leader William M. Lawrence, 15 players, and instruments costing \$600. Still active in the 1890's

Sebec Cornet Band

Founded by Hinchliffe Taylor (originally from Bradford, England) in 1868. Still active in 1879

Skowhegan Cornet Band

Active in 1870, 1871

Smith's Vinalhaven Band

See: Vinalhaven Band

South Berwick Cadet Band

Active in 1886

South Paris Cornet Band

Active in 1859, 1860

South Portland Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Springvale Cornet Band

Active around 1890, leader R. A. Kempton

Stonington Band

Active around 1900

Thomaston Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1872

Thomaston Military Band

Active in 1880

Turner Brass Band

Union Brass Band (Ferry Village, Cape Elizabeth)

Active in 1872. Members in 1873 were John Emery, leader of the band; Alec Campbell, Edward Boltenhouse, C.A. Tilton, Fred Russell, John Melia, Fred Brooks, Charles Eveleth, William Willey, and Bill Jones Dyer

Vanceboro Band

Active in the 1910's

Veazie Band

Active around 1900

Venerable Cunner Association and Propeller Club Band (Cape Elizabeth)

Active in 1895. The Club was founded in 1845 and was a social association

Vinalhaven Band

Active in 1905, leader Mr Smith

Waldoboro Town Band

Active in 1900 to 1915

Warren Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Waterville Cornet Band

Active in 1863 to 1867

West Jonesport Band

Active in 1916

West Rockport Band

Active in 1910

Westbrook Cornet Band (Cumberland Mills)

Active in 1885, conductor Howard S. Babb

Wheeler's Cornet Band (Farmington)

See: Farmington Brass Band

Wilton Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1872

Winthrop Brass Band

Active in 1864

Winthrop Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Yarmouth Cornet Band

Active in 1868, leader William L. Loring, director E.A. Blanchard. Still active in 1871. Also active in the 1890's

USA - Maryland



Newboro Masonic Brass Band, 1912

26th North Carolina Regimental Band (Baltimore)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Federal City Brass Band

Aberdeen Band

Active in the 1910's

Alberton Cornet Band (Catonsville)

Founded in 1879 by mill workers. The site of Alberton is now Patapsco Valley State Park. Still active as the Daniels Community Band

Alesia Brass Band

Founded in 1898. The original members were: Harry Blocher, W. Danner, George Everhart, G. Frank, Joseph Frank, Charles Frederick, George Hoffacker, Harry Hoffacker, Samuel Hoffacker, Spencer Keller, Levi Laur, Charles Landis, William Landis, E. V. McCullough, William Miller, Ira Painter and Howard Wentz. Still active today as a community wind band

Athena Brass Band (Montgomery Village)

[Current band] - Formed in 2003, by Laura Lineberger, to to perform at the International Women's Brass Conference. An all-female brass band

Bachman Valley Cornet Band

Baltimore City Cornet Band

Active in 1855, leader Professor Barrett, with new instruments from Cerveny, which had "spiral spring valves, which answer to the most delicate touch, and are also furnished with a cut-off valve by which the tone can be instantly changed to another key". Leader D. Feldmann in 1859. In August 1860 the band joined the Maryland Guard Battalion and became known as Maryland Guard Band

Baltimore House of Refuge Brass Band

Founded in 1859, teacher Professor Deems - consisted of boys in the Refuge, which had 12 brass instruments. Still active in 1865, with 25 performers aged 10-14. The Refuge was established in 1855 and in 1860 housed 285 boys and 27 girls, "all occupied in some useful employment, thus avoiding the evils of idleness"

Baltimore Ladies' Brass Band

Founded on 14th March 1902, following an idea from Elizabeth Davis of South Baltimore. In the band were twelve young colored women, tutored by Alfred Williams and C.L. Harris. It rehearsed on Tuesday evenings.

Bartonsville Cornet Band

Active in 1915

Benfield Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1998

Betterton Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1903, conductor Professor Godwin

Bolivar Brass Band (Middletown, Frederick County)

Active in 1867

Bond's Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1857

Brightside Boy's Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Brooklyn Ladies' Band (Baltimore)

Founded in June 1914, with 26 players, conductor John P. Helmer. Minnie Schatz played cornet in the band. Still active in 1915

Browningsville Cornet Band

Founded in 1884 by William Walker. Still active today in a concert band format. The original membership consisted of 20 young men between the ages of 11 and 29 who came to weekly rehearsals on horseback, by carriage, and on foot. During the first four or five months of every year they rehearsed in Jacob's Paint and Machine Shop in Browningsville. Sometime after the turn of the century rehearsals were moved to Kemptown church where there was a potbellied stove to keep them warm. After sixty years of serving the community, the band admitted its first woman. In 1944 Maxine Browning, a resident of Kemptown, was allowed to practice with the band. However, it was 1950 before three women were officially admitted to the band and allowed to perform in public.

Cambridge Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Cardinal Athletics Club Band (Cumberland)

Active in the 1910's

Carlos Band

Carroll Brass Band (Westminster)

Active in 1867 to 1869. Leader Professor J. Mortimer Hurley in 1867

Catoctin Furnace Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Chesapeake City Brass Band

Founded in summer 1860, instructor Professor J.L. Beggs. Still active in 1866. Leader William T. Cain in 1861

Clarksburg Cornet Band

Active in 1866

Clear Spring Brass Band

Founded in early 1866

Colora Band

Active in the 1900's

Copperville Cornet Band

Active in 1873 to 1885. Leader John N. Mark in 1874, with 18 members

Cost's Cornet Band (Keedysville)

Active in 1859

Cowentown Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1870, leader S.T. Timble, rehearing in Scott's mills twice a week

Crisfield Band

Active in 1916

Cumberland Boys' Band

Active in the 1910's

Cumberland Brass Band

Active in 1859, leader Godfrey G. Snyder, secretary Gustavus Rizer. Still active in 1861

Cumberland German Cornet Band

Active in 1874, leader Joseph Lloyd

Deems' Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1866, performing at Patterson Park, Baltimore with a concert of: Hail Columbia, Premier Amour Redowa (Wallerstein), Greenway March (Deems), Fading Away (Fricker), Russian Hymn (L'Voff), Marrion Schottisch (Deems), Potpourri from La Gazza Ladra (Rossini), March (Deems), Mother Kissed Me in My Dreams (Thomas), Rose de Mai Waltz (Koenig), Martha Quickstep (Flotow), Star Spangled Banner

Denton Municipal Brass Band

Active in the 1910's. Members included Dukes Roe, John Emerson, Robert Fleetwood, Alda Whitby, Zack Wilson, William Bradley, Professor Moore (conductor), Emory Kimmey, Chris Holsinger, and Clarence Roe

Dickinson Excelsior Band (Baltimore)

Active in the 1900's

Easton Brass Band

Active in 1870

Elkton Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1860. Still active in 1872. In 1871 they sold their instruments to "a new colored band in this town, for \$140" - and acquired new instruments costing \$450. A successor band was formed in the 1880's

Elkton Cornet Band (2)

Founded in the 1880's by the Dunbar brothers, John, Rube and Jess, who were all Elkton blacksmiths. The band became associated with the newly-founded Singerly Fire Company soon after its inception. Practices were held in a back room of the Elkton Opera House. After the Opera House was torn down, The Elkton Cornet Band moved to the fire hall. Through the years, the band and the fire company marched together as one unit and appeared in many parades, conventions and festivals across Maryland. Sometimes the group would parade at night with the way being lighted by torch-carrying firefighters. It disbanded in 1966

Ellicott's Mills Brass Band (Ellicott City)

Active in 1866

Emmitsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1874, conductor Clinton Danner

F. Votta & Bro's Band (Baltimore)

Active around 1900

Feagaville Band

Active in 1905

Federal City Brass Band (Baltimore)

[Current band] - Founded in 2002 by Jari Villanueva. A historical re-enactment band. It also takes on the guise of the 26th North Carolina Regimental Band (which was originally established in Salem, NC in 1862)

Feldmann City Park Band (Baltimore)

Active in the 1900's

Feldtman's Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1858

First Regiment Maryland National Guard Band

Active in the 1900's

Frederick City Brass Band

Active in 1868

Frederick Cornet Band

Active in 1859

Frizzellburg Silver Cornet Band (Westminster)

Active in 1873, 1874

Frostburg Arion Band

Active in the 1900's

Frostburg Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader Professor Hocking. Still active in 1874

Frostburg Independent Cornet Band

Founded in January 1874, leader Adam Rupp, contemporary with the Frostburg Cornet Band. Initial members were William Kirby (Eb cornet), George Nelson (Bb cornet), C. McC. Taylor (Bb cornet), William S. Hoblitzell (Eb alto), C.W. McCulloh (Eb alto), Alex Paul (Eb tenor), Howard Porter (baritone), G.W. McCulloh, jnr. (bass)

Gardenville Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1890

Graceham Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Still active in 1895

Hagerstown Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1869. Leader Mr Moxley in 1869

Havre de Grace Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1890

Hereford Brass Band

Founded in July 1866, with members: Martin Gamble (leader), John Knight, Lemuel Gamble, Henry S. Conn, Henry Reinecker, William Algire, William Foster, Jonathan Sheppard, D.Z. Craumer, William Conn, John Sater, James Stiltz, Edwin Stiltz, Emory Stiltz, J. Emory Mayes, John Mayes, William Ruhl, and Joshua Price

Heyser's Silver Cornet Band (Hagerstown)

Active in 1858

Hillsboro Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Hoffman's Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1876, with 16 players

Hoffman's Hollow Cornet Band (Frostburg)

Active in 1871

Independence Cornet Band (Fair Hill)

Active in 1870

Independent Blues' Brass Band

Active in 1865, leader Professor Holland

Keedysville Brass Band

Founded in 1849, leader Mr McCoy. Still active in 1851

Kempton Boys' Band

Active in the 1910's

Kimble Cornet Band (Elkton)

Active in 1871

Leinhart's Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1858

Leslie Cornet Band

Founded 18 May 1897. Members included Murray Cameron, L. Deibert, J.L. Weaver, Abel Cameron, Harvey Benjamin, and Victor Benjamin

Lincoln Brass Band (Westminster)

Active in 1885

Long Green Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Manchester Brass Band

Active in 1866

Maryland Guard Band

See: Baltimore City Cornet Band

Mechancistown Boys' Band (Thurmont)

Active in 1893, with 16 players

Mechanicstown Brass Band (Thurmont)

Active in 1855, leader T.S. Wireman. Still active in 1872

Mechanicstown Cornet Band (Thurmont)

Founded in 1873, leader George Smith. Other members included: John F.D. Miller, E.J. Root, (E flats), H.H. Radcliff (tenor), N. Albaugh (alto), J.T. Weller, N. Gaugh (basses), A.E. Webb (baritone), M.E. Leatherman (clarinet), C.E. Cassell (piccolo), W.H. Damuth (trombone), J.E. Martin, George Crouse(drums), and John Sefton, T.C. Stocksdale, and A.P. Beatty

Midland Boys' Band

Millington Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Monkton Brass Band

Active in 1874

Morgan Chapel Cornet Band

Active around 1900, Tyson E. Gosnell played alto horn

Mount Pleasant Brass Band

Active in 1856, 1857, leader Professor Biggs

Mount Pleasant Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader Michael Snyder. Still active in 1874

Myersville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Of the 15 bandsmen, three were named Bisser, three Stottlemeyer, two Flook, and four Moser

New Market Band

Active in the 1880's

Newboro Masonic Brass Band

Active in 1912

Newton Lodge I.O.O.F. Band (Salisbury)

Active in the 1910's

North East Brass Band (North East)

Active in 1857 to 1859

Oella Cornet Band

Founded in November 1896. Incorporated in March 1898 by Nicholas Jones, Jr., John R. Davidson, John Hobson, Samuel Tracey and John W. Hogan. Still active in 1918

Park Hill Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Pick's Maryland Cornet Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1860

Pikesville Cornet Band

Active in 1883

Pleasant Valley Concert Band

Active around 1900

Pocomoke Band

Active in 1895

Pocomoke High School Band

Active in 1925

Port Deposit Cornet Band

Founded in April 1869, with 16 players. Still active in 1874

Princess Anne Brass Band (Princess Anne)

Founded in autumn 1870, leader Mr Beggs

Queen City Cornet Band (Cumberland)

Active in 1874, leader Professor Hayden

Red Men's Cornet Band (North East)

Active in 1910, when members included: Henry Minker, Aldridge Craig, Benjamin N. Logan, Omar Minker, Thomas Alexander, John Harvey Logan, Walter Preston, George Bouchelle (bandmaster), William Wyre, Andrew Ferguson, Oscar Goodnow, William J. Logan, Phineas Craig, Milford Gatchell, James Reynolds, John Alexander, Frank Bryan, Benjamin Bryan, David Wyre, Joseph Clendaniel, Evan T. Logan, Thomas Ferguson, Raymond Goodnow and Oscar Goodnow.

Regimental Band (Camp Meade)

Active in the 1910s

Riordan Cornet Band (Lonaconing)

Active in 1874, leader John O'Hanly

Rising Sun Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1873. Secretary E. Haines in 1873

Rockville Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1976

Rockville Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1874

Rohrersville Cornet Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1837 by G. Washington McCoy

St Mary's Industrial School Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1920

St Timothy's College Cornet Band (Catonsville)

Active in 1860, composed of students at the college

Sharpsburg Brass Band (1)

Active in 1856

Sharpsburg Brass Band (2)

See: Sharpsburg Cornet Band

Sharpsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Leader Captain Delauney in 1870. Still active in 1874

South Cumberland Band

Active in the 1890's

Spires Brass Band (Frederick)

[Current band] - Founded in 1993

Strahorn Brass Band (near Elkton)

Active in 1871, at which time they had a band wagon drawn by six horses dressed in "regalia"

Textile Band (Havre de Grace)

Active around 1900

Towson Brass Band

See: Towsontown Brass Band

Towsontown Brass Band

Active in 1871, leader Professor Holland

Union Cornet Band (Elkton)

A "colored" band active in 1871 when they bought the old instruments of the Elkton Cornet Band. Still active in 1874

Uniontown Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Volandt's Brass Band (Baltimore)

Active in 1860, leader C. Volandt. Still active in 1861

Wacker's Brass Band (Towsontown)

Active in 1866

Westminster Cornet Band

Active in 1858 to 1867

Winfield Cornet Band

Active in 1892, when S.M. Stambaugh played cornet in the band

Woodberry Cornet Band (Baltimore)

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Oak Grove Girls' Band

10th C.A.C. Band (Fort Warren)

Active in the 1910's

10th Prov. Regiment Band (Boxford)

Active in 1915

1st Regiment Uniformed Rank Knights of Pythias Band (Worcester)

Active in the 1900's

2nd Regiment Uniformed Rank Knights of Pythias Band (Boston)

Active in the 1910's

Abington Brass Band

Active in 1858

Adams Union Cornet Band

Active in 1885, leader Adolph Fryer

Agawam Brass Band (Ipswich)

Active in the 1890's

ALRU Band (Fitchburg)

Active in the 1900's

American Brass Band (Lowell)

Active in 1872

Andover Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Ashburnham Brass Band

Active in 1870, with 15 players

Ashby Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Ashby Cornet Band

Founded in 1887

Athol Cornet Band

Active in 1873, with 18 players

Attleboro Brass Band (Heywood)

Active in the 1900's

Avila's Concert Band (New Bedford)

Active in the 1910's

Ayer Military Band

Active in 1906

Baldwinville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Barre Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Battery B Light Artillery Military Band (Worcester)

Active in 1906

Bay State Brass Band (Lynne)

Active in 1871, with 20 members

Bernardston Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Beverly Farms Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Blackinton Cornet Band (Williamstown)

Active in 1885, leader Daniel Eddy, with 18 players

Blackstone Cadet Band

Active in the 1910's

Blackwell's Brass Band (Mattapoisett)

Active around 1900

Bluefalls Band

Active in the 1910's

Boston Blind School Brass Band

Active in 1884

Boston Brass Band

Active in 1851. Leader J. Rice in 1858. Still active in 1873.

Boston Cornet Band

See: Boston Brass Band

Boston Farm and Trade School Band

Active in 1857

Boston Ladies' Military Band

Founded in 1890, conductor D.W. Howard. Still active in 1901

Boston Newspapermen's Band

Active in the 1920's, associated with the Boston Newspapermen's Post 305 of the American Legion

Boston School Cadets Band

Active in the 1910's at the High School of Commerce

Boston Symphony Brass Choir

Active in the 1920's

Bridgewater Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Brockton Brass Band

Active in 1875

Brookline Cornet Band

Active in 1871, with 18 players. Still active in 1872

Brown's Cornet Band (Fisherville)

Active in the 1870's

Chesterfield Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Chicopee Falls Brass Band

Active in 1903

Cobb's Cornet Band (Mansfield)

Founded around 1873, leader Pliny Cobb. Their uniforms in 1874 were navy blue with a generous amount of gold, gold braid in a stripe down the trousers' legs, gold epaulets, rows of gold buttons, and white belts. The drum major was Ethan Cobb, who wore a bear-skin busby. Still active in the 1890's

Commercial Marching Band (Middlesboro)

Active around 1910

Cottage City Band (Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard)

Active in the 1890's

Creatore's Italian Band (Boston)

Active in 1913

Dalton Center Brass Band

Active in 1885, leader H.F. Shaw, with 14 players

Danvers Brass Band

Active in 1866

Dedham Brass Band

Active in 1854 to 1875

Dedham Cadet Band

Active in the 1890's

Dennison Manufacturing Company Band (South Framlingham)

Active in the 1910's

Dorchester Second Church Boys' Brass Band (Boston)

Active in 1917 to 1920

Douglas Cornet Band

Active in 1855

Dunstable Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Conductor Mr Spaulding in 1898

East Templeton Cornet Band

Active in 1870 with 19 players

East Templeton Mechanics Band

Active in the 1890's

Edgartown Cornet Band

Active in the late 1890's, leader Richard G. Shute

Elmwood Band (East Bridgewater)

Active in the 1900's

Emmanuel's Concert Band (Cambridge)

Active in the 1900's

Essex Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Exchange Band (New Bedford)

Active in the 1900's

F. Chopin's Polish Band (Holyoke)

Active in the 1910's

Fairman's Band (Cottage City)

Active in the 1900's

Fall River Brass Band

Active in 1875 and into the 1890's

Falmouth Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, with 23 members

Fanfare St Anne (Fall River)

Active in the 1900's

Finn Band Huuhkaja (Quincy)

Active in the 1890's

Finnish National Band (Quincy)

Active in the 1900's

First Corps Massachusetts Volunteer Militia Band

Active in 1892

Fiske's Cornet Band (Worcester)

Founded by Isaac Fiske and Matthew Arbuckle in 1857. Fiske made brass instruments in Worcester from 1842 to 1887

Fitchburg 6th Regiment Band (Oak Bluffs)

Active in 1908

Fitchburg Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1873. Leader George Rich in 1868. 15 players in 1870. Leader in the 1880's was Aron K. Litch

Fitchburg Military Band

Founded in March 1868

Florence Rangers Broadcasting Band (Gardner)

Active in the 1930's

Fort Andrew Band

Active around 1900

Gardner Band

Active in 1913

Gardner Cornet Band

Active in 1870 with 18 players. Still active in 1871

Germania Brass Band (Pittsfield)

Active in 1885, leader Edward Clapp, with 25 players

Gloucester Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Greenfield Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Gremio Lusitano Band (Ludlow)

Active in 1929

Greylock Mills Brass Band (North Adams)

Active in the 1910's

Hanson American Band

Active in 1908

Harvard Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Haverhill Cornet Band

Active in 1867 to 1883

Havdenville Brass Band (Williamsburg)

Active in 1870 with 16 players

Helen May Butler and her Ladies' Brass Band (Boston)

Founded in 1898 as Talma Ladies' Military Band, by conductor Helen May Butler, it was renamed Helen May Butler's Ladies Brass Band in 1901. The band

toured extensively throughout the eastern and southern states, becoming based in Cincinnati later in the 1900's. Disbanded around 1913, when it was no longer economical to keep the band on the road. A concert in Philadelphia in April 1901 was: March - The Billboard (Klohr), Overture - The Wonderful Melody (Mackie), Cornet solo [Emma Wollerscheid] - The Palms (Faure), Selection - A Romance of Athlone (Olcott), Waltz - Moonlight and Starlight (Dubrowski), Trombone solo [Lillian Graves] - Hello Central, March - Blaze Away (Holzmann), March - Under the Double Eagle (Wagner), Overture - The Ideal (Daniels), Cornet solo - The Holy City (Adams), Selection - Go Where the Mists are Sleeping, Waltz - When the Harvest Days are Over (Von Tilzer), Duo for cornet and trombone - Alice, March - The Old Warrior (Barnard).

Highlandville Cornet Band

Active in 1875

Hills Novelty Band (Worcester)

Active in the 1920's

Hingham National Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Hodge's Cornet Band (North Adams)

Active in 1855

Holyoke Cornet Band

Founded in the late 1870's by John W. Doran

Housatonic Brass Band (Great Barrington)

Active in 1885

House of the Angel Guardian Orphan Boys' Brass Band (Boston)

Active in 1868, 1869

Howard's Ladies' Band (Boston)

Active in 1892

Hudson Brass Band

Active in 1877, members were: Edwin A. Jones (leader), Eben Dickson, Wilbert Robinson, Silas Sawyer, Dick Boulay, Charles P. Jackson, Henry Butler, James S. Tulloch, John H. Trull, John Bissonnette, Edward Moulton, Lucien Bissonnett, Frank E. Brown, John Smith, George E. Bryant, Charles Getchell, Felix Houle, James P. Clare, Moses Bissonnett, Adelbert M. Mossman, and Thomas Boulay

Imatra Band (Maynard)

Active in the 1910's

Independence Band of Onset (Wareham)

Active around 1910

Indian Orchard Band

Active in the 1920's

Ipswich Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Members in 1891 included Walter Kimball, Joseph Malefant, Tom Brown, Albert Mallard, Fred Charles Rollins, Charles Dodge, Frank Page, Charles Glazier, Chester Bamford, Henry Stevens, Josep De la Haye, Oscar Littlefield, Frank Howe, Warren Dodge, Charles Spiller, and Dick Greenleaf

Jessie Alton Ladies Band (Hanson)

Active in 1886

Kingston Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Kopkoteatralne A Mickiewicza (Webster)

Active in the 1890's

Laurence Cornet Band (Lawrence)

See: Lawrence Brass Band

Lawrence Brass Band

Active in 1868 to 1872

Lee Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Leominster Brass Band

Active in 1870 with 19 players

Leominster Cadet Band

Active around 1900

Leominster City Band

Active in the 1910's

Longmeadow Brass Band

Active in 1900

Lowell Brass Band

Active in 1850, leader D.H. Hall. Still active in 1854

Lowell Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1871

Lumley Castle Band (Newton)

Founded in 1910

Lunenburg Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Lynn Brass Band

Active in the 1870's to the 1890's. Leader J.C. Norton in 1875, with 20 players

Lynn Cadet Band, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia

Active in 1891

Lynn Cornet Band

Active in 1860 to 1871

M.D.A. Band (Readville)

Active in the 1900's

Mahaiwe Cornet Band (Great Barrington)

Active in 1856

Malden Cornet Band

Active in 1875, leader A. Moore, with 20 players

Malden High School Band

Active in 1926

Mannings Band (Easton)

Active around 1900

Mansfield Brass Band (1)

Founded around 1865. Lasted until 1871

Mansfield Brass Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1872, leader Frank Drake, with 23 players, it rehearsed in the Central Hall, Mansfield. One of the players was nicknamed "Yankee Doodle" Prentiss

Marlboro Band (Marlborough)

Active around 1900

Marlborough Cornet Band

Active in 1870, with 21 players. Still active in 1873

Marshfield Band

Active in the 1920's

Martland's Band (Brockton)

Active in 1879 to 1905. Conductor Mace Gay in 1903

Massachusetts 8th Regiment Band

Active in the 1870's

Maynard Brass Band

Founded in spring 1875. Re-organised in 1884 as Maynard Military Band, in which guise it continued until the early 1920's

Methuen Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Metropolitan Brass Band (Boston)

Active in 1873

Middleboro Cornet Band (Middleborough)

Founded in 1865. Still active in 1868

Middlesboro Commercial Band

Active around 1900

Milford Boys' Band

Active in the 1920's

Milford Brass Band

Active in 1872

Monson Cornet Band

Active in 1876, leader A.D. Norcross, with 24 players

Monterey Cornet Band

Active in 1885, leader William S. Bidwell, with 15 players

Mystic Brass Band (Boston)

Founded in autumn 1870. Still active in 1871

Nantucket Brass Band

Formed on August 6, 1856 for the purpose of supplying commissioned musical entertainment on Nantucket Island and in nearby mainland communities, the group was disbanded on November 17, 1860 by unanimous decision and then reactivated circa 1893

Natick Cornet Band

Active in 1874 with 20 players. Still active in 1875

New Bedford Brass Band

Active in 1848. Still active in 1855

New Bedford Brass Band

Active in 1872

New England Brass Band (Wilmington)

[Current band] - Founded in 1988

Newton City Brass Band

Active in 1875, leader C.P. Eaton, with 25 players

North Attleborough Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

North Bridgewater Brass Band

Active in 1872

North Brookfield Band

Active in the 1890's

North Woburn Brass Band

Active in 1875, leader C.L. Stetson, with 25 players

Norwood Band

Active in 1907

Oak Grove Girls' Band

Active in the 1910's

Oakham Cornet Band

Founded on August 22nd, 1883, under the leadership of N.W. Packard. Still active in 1918. Six days later 15 members met for their first practice. The 15 were all men with the following surnames: Packard (2), Allen, Sargeant (2), Fuller, Avres, Davis, Parmenter, Perkins, Mullet, Cochran, Spear, Barr, and Trowbridge. The Band met at fairly regular 1-week intervals to practice, and it appears many of their instruments were rented from a firm named Leland & Sons, with quarterly payments leading to eventual ownership of the horns. On February 20th, 1884, the Oakham Cornet Band held their first fund-raiser, or levee as they referred to it, to help pay the instrument rental. At the levee they sold oysters and candy. On July 4th 1884, the Band hosted a Strawberry festival, with strawberries, ice cream, and cake for refreshments. Entertainment was provided by the Band and the "Skating Rink". In December the group held a "Fare" to raise money for the group, and ice cream and oysters were served. In 1884 the Oakham Cornet Band also performed at various functions, often receiving payments. On Memorial Day they played at several of the "yards", or cemeteries, for the Soldier's Union, and in September provided entertainment for the Cattle Show Day in Oakham. And throughout 1884 the Band played at the Rink. The first mention of the Rink in the Band's meeting minutes occurs on May 10, 1884, where it is stated that "The Band played at the Skating Rink, by invitation of the members of the Rink". The following week the Band played at the Rink again. In September the members of the Skating Rink again asked the Oakham Cornet Band to perform, and so they did, the evening of the 13th, and again on the 27th, receiving payments for each performance. The Band played at the Rink in October and November as well. Then on December 10th the notes say the "Band went to Barre Plains to play at the Rink two hours." Notes for December 20th, 1884 say "Band played to the Rink at Barre Plains, 12 members went down." Conducted by William Sanford Crawford for 33 years. Moses O. Ayres was a member of the band in the 1880's.

Ocean Cornet Band (Lane's Cove, Lanesville)

Founded in 1864, leader Joseph H. Andrews. Amaziah Andrews played Eb bass. Disbanded in 1876

Orange Mechanics Brass Band

Active in 1870 with 18 players

Packard's Brass Band (Oakham)

Active in the 1870's

Petersham Brass Band

Founded in 1914

Pulaski Band (Chicopee)

Active around 1900

Pulaski Brass Band (Webster)

Active around 1900

Red Men's Band (Winchendon)

Active in 1907

Revere Brass Band

Active in 1875, leader S.B. Janvrin, with 18 players

Rimback's Boston Cornet Band (Boston)

Active in 1873. Contemporary with the Boston Cornet Band

Ripley's Brass Band (Wakefield)

Active in 1875 and into the 1890's. Leader W.S. Ripley

Rockdale Mills Band (Northbridge)

Active in the 1910's

Sacred Heart Temperance Band (Springfield)

Founded in 1892

Saima Band (Fitchburg)

Active in the 1920's

St Augustine's Cadet Band (South Boston)

Active around 1900

St Charles Brass Band (North Adams)

Active in 1885, leader Patrick Bordleau, with 20 players

St Joseph Band (Salem)

Active around 1900

St Joseph's Brass Band (Pittsfield)

Active in 1885, leader Clement R. St James, with 21 players

St Joseph's Junior Band (Medford)

Active in the 1920's

St Mary's Band (Fall River)

Active in the late 1890's

Salem Brass Band (Boston)

Active in 1858, leader Mr Gilmore. 18 players and leader E.J. Faxon in 1871

Salem Cadet Band (Salem Willows)

Active in the 1890's to 1912

Salem National Guard Band

Active around 1900

Saugus Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Saunder's Cornet Band (Peabody)

Active in 1875

Saxonville Brass Band

Active in 1875

Schein Family Band

Active around 1910, consisting of eight family members including Grandma, Grandpa, Everett, Vera, Leo, and Art

Shawmut Brass Band (Boston)

Active in 1872

Shelburne Falls Military Band

Active around 1900

Shepard Family Band

Active in the late 1880's and 1890's. As well as performing on brass instruments, they also provided string, banjo and vocal ensembles, and may also have performed various sketches. The family consisted of: Mr. J. M. Shepard - First Violin, Bb Bass Horn & Basso Soloist. Mrs. J.M. Shepard - Second Bb Cornet, Organist & Soprano. Miss Kittie Shepard - Cornet Soloist, Leader of Brass Band, Banjo Artist and Ballad Songstress. Miss Laura Shepard, Bb Tenor Horn, Baritone Soloist, Solo Violinist, Banjo and Character Sketch Artist. Miss Lessie Shepard - Eb Alto Horn, Second Violin, Irish & Dutch

Specialty Artist. Miss Georgie Shepard - Little Bass Drummer, Bb Tenor Horn. And Master Burtin Shepard - Violin and Triangle, Vocal Artist and Bass Drum

Sodalist Cornet Band (Lawrence)

Founded in the late 1850's by Father James H.D. Taafe, president of the Catholic Friends Society

Solomon Flagg's Band (Newton and Wellesley)

Active around 1870

South Egremont Brass Band (Egremont)

Active in 1885, leader W.L. Bliss

South Hanson Brass Band (Whitman)

Founded in 1880 by leader Seth Miller Briggs. Members included: Elliott Thrasher, Isaac Bourne (clarinet), Albert Josselyn (cornet), Charles Selon (snare drum), Everett Josselyn (drums), Oscar Johnson (flute), Frank Goff (cornet), Walter Calder (cornet), Elmer Johnson (cornet), Edgar Josselyn (alto horn), George Albert Hammond (cornet), Otis Hood (piccolo), Joshua Bowles Hammond (alto horn), Joshua Wilson Hammond (tuba), Dr. Samuel Howland (trombone), Frank Hammond (baritone horn). The band rehearsed at Seth Miller's house on Pleasant Street until the crowd gathering to listen grew too large, then they met in Calder's store, later in the South Hanson "South" waiting room at the depot.

Springfield Brass Band

Active around 1900

Springfield Odd Fellows Band

Active around 1900

Stevens Band (Chicopee Falls)

Active in 1907

Stevens Firearms Company Band (Chicopee Falls)

Active in 1907

Stocksbridge Cornet Band

Active in 1885, leader Henry M. Van Deusen, with 16 players

Stoneham Brass Band

Active in 1875, leader E. Gilbert, with 20 players

Swansea Brass Band

Active around 1900

T. Kosciuszko Band (Northbridge & Fisherville)

Active in the 1920's

Talma's Ladies' Brass Band (Boston)

See: Helen May Butler and her Ladies' Brass Band

Thompson Academy Brass Band (Boston)

Active in 1857. Styled as "the first school band in America"

Topsfield Brass Band

Active in 1892

Tremont Brass Band (Wareham)

Active in 1872

Union Brass Band (Springfield)

Active in 1858, with 16 players

United Shoe Machine Co. Band (Beverly)

Active in 1909 to 1930

Vineyard Haven Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1868. Still active in the 1880's

Waino Band (Lanesville)

Active in the 1900's

Wakefield Brass Band

See: Ripley's Brass Band

Walk Over Shoe Band (Brockton)

Active in the 1900's

Ware Board of Trade Band

Active around 1910

Ware Boys' Band

Active in the 1900's

Wareham Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Warren Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Members were: Charles Sherman, William E. Patrick, George Martin, Lyman A. Powers, Edward Nye, Herbert Chaffee, Herbert Messeuger, Warren Butterworth, Thomas Flannery, William H. Blake, Warren D. Hosley, George Chandler, Charles Tripp, Louis Gendron, Dwight Graves, Albert B. Patrick, and Daniel Hartnett

Warwick Brass Band

Active in 1870 with 14 players

Watertown Brass Band

Active in 1875, leader Willard Sheldon, with 25 players

Wellesley Juvenile Band

Active in the 1910's

Wendell Cornet Band

Active in 1894

West Barnstable Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's when members included Howard N. Parker, Wm. F. Makepeace, Henry Crocker, Elisha B. Fish, Calvin H. Fuller, Joseph H. Holway, Charles Gardner, James T. Jones, Fred L. Jones, Ellsworth Howland, S. Freemont Crocker, Frank P. Wright, Ansel Fuller, Charles H. FIsh, William H. Crocker, John W. B. Parker, Harry W. Jenkins, Thomas Fuller, and Josiah E Whitman

West Medway Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Weymouth Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Whately Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Willamete University Band

Active around 1900

Woburn Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Wollaston Brass Band

Active in the 1920's

Worcester Battery B Light Artillery Band

Active in 1906

Worcester Brass Band (1)

See: Worcester Cornet Band (1)

Worcester Brass Band (2)

Founded by Nathum P. Goddard after the Civil War. Still active in the 1930's. Conductor Thomas C. Richardson in 1870-1881. 15 players in 1870, 24 players in 1878. At a band festival at Rocky Point, Rhode Island in August 1878 their contribution to the music was a march, a selection from Norma (Bellini), waltz Leitartikel (Strauss), and selection from William Tell (Rossini). The other bands involved were Dodworth's Band (New York), American Band (Providence), Germania Band (Boston), Medford 5th Regiment Band, and the Leominster Band. In February 1883 it performed at a Costume and Skating Carnival in Worcester. Leader L.D. Waters in 1887-1895, F.W. Clement in 1900-1932. Charles G. Marcy was a member in the 1890's

Worcester City Band

Active in 1892 to 1916

Worcester Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1852, disbanding during the civil war when most of the band signed up with the 15th Regiment Band for the duration of the hostilities. Nathum P. Goddard was leader

Worcester Cornet Band (2)

See: Worcester Brass Band (2)

Worcester Light Artillery Battery B Band

Active in the 1890's

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Armada Cornet Band

12th Michigan Christian Crusaders Band

Active in the 1890's. A small brass band of christian missionaries, possibly based around Mason

2nd Michigan Infantry Band

Active in 1910

3rd Michigan Crusaders Band

Active in the 1890's. A small brass band of christian missionaries, possibly based around Saranac

3rd Regiment Band (Menominee)

Active in 1908

5th Michigan Regiment Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1973

6th Michigan Christian Crusaders Band

Active in the 1890's. A small brass band of christian missionaries

Addison Giants Band

Active in 1908

Adrian Brass Band

Active in 1854

Adrian Imperial Band

Active in the 1900's

Alamo Band (Hillsdale)

Active in 1912

Albion Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1883. The bass drummeress was a widow with nine children

Alden Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

Algonquin Band

Active in 1911

Allegan Brass Band

Founded in February 1857, leader Edward Olmstead

Almont Municipal Band

Active in the 1910's

Alpena Cornet Band

Active in 1871, leader E.G. Howard. Lew Howard was also a member in 1871

Ann Arbor Brass Band

Active in 1856

Ann Arbor City Band

Active in the 1890's, members included Jonas Otto (aged 15, baritone) and Henry Otto (tuba and musical director)

Arion Gesang Verein (Grand Rapids)

Founded in 1873, leader H. Baroth

Armada Cornet Band

Active from the early 1870's to 1899

Armstrong's Cornet Band (Flint)

See: Flint Brass Band

Augusta Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Bad Axe Band

Active in 1915

Bancroft Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890, conductor Henry Williams

Bangor Cornet Band

Active in 1875

Barbour Hall Band (Nazareth Academy)

A boys' band active around 1903. Barbour Hall was a school for boys that was founded in 1902 by Monsignor Francis O'Brien

Barryton Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Battle Creek Brass Band

Founded around 1848 with five musicians, rising to 13 by the mid-1850s. Keyed bugle player Lewis B. Clapp was the band's first leader. Still active in 1868

Beal City Band

Active in the 1910's

Becker's Band (Dexter)

Active in the 1910's

Bellevue Band

Active in the 1920's

Blaine Band

Active in the 1890's

Boos Band (Jackson)

Active from the mid-1870s to around 1920. Leader Louis F. Boos, a leading cornet player who had performed with Patrick Gilmore's 22nd Infantry Regiment Band. He then joined a traveling circus band that landed in Jackson in 1876 because of bad weather. The rest of the band moved on, but Boos remained in Jackson. He he toured for a season with the Berger Family. Then in 1878 Boos became leader of the Central City Band in Jackson, renaming it the Boos Band. Members in 1877 included: Henry Teal (drum major), Charles Sautter (bass), Jay Barrett (baritone), John Hanna (solo baritone), George Barnard (bass), Henry Dyer (trombone), Henry Wilkins (trombone), Charles Stark (alto), Frank Gibbs (alto), Addie Wilson (alto), Cy Van Etten (alto), Charles Aniba (cornet), John Weeks (cornet), Lew Hoffman (cornet), Charles

White (bass drum), Billy Luce (snare drum), Louis F. Boos (solo cornet and director)

Boyne City Band

Active in the 1910's

Boyne Falls Band

Active around 1900

Braman's Boys Military Band (Reese)

Active in 1908

Brass Band of Battle Creek

[Current band] - Founded in 1991

Brick Makers' Band (Lansing)

Active around 1925

Brighton Cornet Band

Founded around 1876 and active for "many years"

Bronson Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Brown City Band

Active in 1909

Brown City Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1889, instructor Professor Casey. Still active in 1890

Buchanan Band

Active in 1912

Buchanan Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1871

Buick Motor Co. Band (Flint)

Active in 1916

Cadillac Boys' Band

Active in the 1920's

Calumet and Hecla Band (Calumet)

Active in the 1880's and 1890's. The band consisted of miners from the Calumet & Helca copper mines

Calumet Brass Band

Active in 1909

Calumet Cornet Band

Active in 1893, leader J.J. Ansell

Calumet Miners' Band

See: Calumet and Hecla Band

Camden Cornet Band

Active in 1891

Capital City Brass Band (Jackson)

[Current band] - Founded in 2001

Caro Young Ladies Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1882. However, a newspaper report states there was a ladies' cornet band in the town in July 1879, and it was also active in 1881, with 13 players, and through the 1880's

Casco Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Cassopolis Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1860

Castellos Band (Iron Mountain)

Active around 1900

Centerville Saxhorn Band

Active in 1856-1857, instructor Charles P. Hubbard

Central City Band (Jackson)

See: Boos Band Central Lake Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Central Michigan University Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2001

Charlevoix Cigar Company Band

Active in the 1890's

Charlevoix City Brass Band

Active in the 1900's, members included Meyer Levinson, William Johnson, William Bellinger, Archie Carey, Harker Kirby, Bert Bennett, Charles Jones, Doc Wicks, Harry Dodge, Ralph Smith, G. Fink, Frank Kenyon, Jack Rugbie, Bob Stafford, William van der Made, Carl Johnson, Meyer Cohen, Harry Bowen, Mila Miller, Dar Burk and Ike Levinson

Charlevoix Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1883

Charlotte Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1860, leader Charles T. Hall. Members were: Charles T. Hall (Eb cornet), Egbert G. Williams (Eb cornet), Clark Titus (Bb cornet), George Munson (Bb cornet), Homer Cornell (Eb alto), Henry Dunton (Eb alto), George Granger (Bb baritone), John Ranney (Bb bass), James Baughman (Eb tuba), and Brad Rose (bass drum). Disbanded at some point prior to 1864

Charlotte City Band

See: Charlotte Cornet Band (2)

Charlotte Cornet Band (1)

Founded in spring 1864, with members: R.C Jones (leader), Piit M. Higby (Bb cornet), A.H. Kesler (Eb alto), Charles Cook (Bb baritone), L.O. Smith (Bb bass), Charles T. Hall (Eb bass), and James Baughman (bass drum). In July 1865 they raised \$412 for new instruments, with each member paying \$20. The band folded around 1873

Charlotte Cornet Band (2)

Founded in July 1874, using the instruments of the earlier Charlotte Cornet Band together with six new instruments. Officers included Rollin C. Jones (leader), David P. Whitmore (president), and H.A. Blackmer (secretary). Initial members were R.C. Jones (Eb cornet), E.L. Harmon (Eb cornet), D.P. Whitmore (Eb cornet), D.W. Shuler (Bb cornet), H.A. Blackmer (Bb cornet), Charles W. Sherman (Eb alto), W.C. Harmon (Eb alto), J. Willie Saunders (Eb alto), H.L. Shepherd (Bb tenor), Joe W. Musgrave (Bb tenor), George W. Fowler (Bb baritone), W.H. Marple (Bb bass), Frank Spaulding (Eb tuba), Andy H. Sleater (Eb tuba), Charles Scofield (snare drum), and Gon L. Stewart (bass drum). The band changed its name to Charlotte City Band in July 1880

Charlotte Saxhorn Band

Founded in autumn 1855. Original members were: John C. Tillotson (leader & Eb bugle), Pitt M. Higby (Eb soprano saxhorn), Cyrus Cummings (Bb cornopean), Nathan Johnson (Eb alto saxhorn), J.M. Haslett (Bb bass), G.W. Sherwood (Bb baritone), John Russell (Eb tuba), and Thomas Roller (bass drum). When John Tillotson, a "stiff Democrat", refused to play for a Republican meeting in 1859, the band disbanded. Members at the time of break up were: Pitt M. Higby (Eb bugle), A.H. Kesler (Eb cornet), E.S. Lacey (Bb

cornopean), Egbert G. Williams (Bb cornopean), John Ray (Eb alto), Nathan Johnson (Eb alto), George W. Sherwood (Bb baritone), Charles T. Hall (Bb bass), F.E. Leiter (Eb tuba), Thomas Roller (bass drum), and Charles Shaffer (snare drum)

Chicago & Alton Railroad Band

Active in 1915

Children's Industrial Brass Band (Hillsdale)

Active in 1860

Christian Crusaders Band (Crystal)

Active in the 1890's

Christian Crusaders Band (Evart)

Active in the 1890's. A small brass band of christian missionaries

Clare Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Claro Young Ladies Cornet Band

Active in 1880

Clay's Cornet Band (Flint)

See: Flint Brass Band

Clayton Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Clinton Band

Active around 1900

Clio Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Clown Band (Elsie)

Active in 1907

Clyde Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Coldwater Brass Band

Active in 1849 - possibly a temperance band

Coldwater City Band

Active in 1893 to 1900

Coloma Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Coloma German Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Colon Band

Active around 1900

Concordia Christian Band (Grand Rapids)

Active around 1900

Constantine Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1871. Still active in 1874

Coopersville Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1893 to 1895

Copper Range Band (Painesdale)

Active in 1911

Crossette's Silver Cornet Band

Founded by F.M. Crossette in 1871, consisting of sixteen instruments: comets, clarinets, trombones, a drum, cymbals, and piccolos. It played for community events, and parades and honored citizens with serenades throughout the state. In 1874 they were selected to "attend the Governor ... at the laying of the cornerstone of the statehouse.

Crystal Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Decker's Band (Rockford)

Active in 1906

Deerfield Band

Active in the 1910's

Denman Family Band (Wyandotte)

In the 1880's, this featured their five children: Charles, Belle, William, Bertha and John. Charles grew up to become an accomplished cornetist and the leader of the Belleville Citizens Band. In November 1892 the band gave a concert at the Arbeiter Society hall in Wyandotte, when Charles performed an excellent cornet solo

Detroit Evening News Newsboys' Band

Active around 1900

Detroit Michigan Reserve Band

Active around 1900

Detroit Police Department German Band

Active in the 1920's

Detroit Steel & Spring Co. Band

Active in 1891

Detroit Women's Cornet Band

Active in 1904

DeWitt Cornet Band

Active in 1895 with members George Mann, George Myers, Charles Cole, Henry Webb, Bert Mann, Arthur Moses, Charles Webb, Charles Sipley, William Linn, William Mack, George Gross, George Pike, George Moots, Elmer Mann and Eddie Lederman

Dodworth Saxhorn Band (Ann Arbor)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band formed in 1985 by musical instrument collector Alexander Pollock, modeled after the Dodworth Band of New York City, which was the premier brass band in the United States from the 1840's to the 1880's

Dowagiac Brass Band

Active in 1858

Dunbar's Municipal Band (Flint)

Active in 1915

Dundee Community Band

Active in 1909

East Jordan Cornet Band

Active in 1892 when it won a band competition at Charlevoix, beating Eastport Cornet Band by "one point in harmony and expression".

East Saginaw Cornet Band

Active in 1862 to 1866. Leader S.G. Clay in 1863-1864

Eastport Cornet Band

Active in 1892 when it entered a band competition at Charlevoix, losing to East Jordan Cornet Band by "one point in harmony and expression".

Eckford Cornet Band

Its rules had solemn strictures against "dancing, wrestling and scuffling in the bandroom"

Eden Springs Ladies Band (Benton Harbor)

Active in 1913

Edwardsburg Band

Active in 1907

Ellis Brooks Band (Kalamazoo)

Active in the 1910's and 1920's. Members in 1915 included: Bert Hage, Arnold Herb, Carl Hulkman, Ellis Brooks, Mark Leach, George Dunham, Oscar Born, Clovis Salisbury, Arthur Robinson, John Vleiben, Michael Richter, George Balcom, Claud Lewis, George Espey, John Jarasch, Clarence Jaeger, Robert Jaeger, Ed Heald, and Ralph Herrick

Emmanuel Missionary College Band (Berrien Springs)

Active in the 1920's

Engadine Lumber Company Band (Gould City)

Active in the 1890's

Escanaba City Band

Active in the 1910's

Escanaba Ladies' Band

Active in the early 1920's

Escanaba Marine Band

Active in the 1890's

Escanaba Silver Trombone Band

Active in the 1900's

Evening Press Newsboys' Band (Grand Rapids)

Founded in April 1894 by Willis H. Turner

Ewen Cornet Band

Active in the 1920's

Falmouth Concert Band

Active in 1909

Fargo Brass Band

Active around 1900, with members including Dr. Fitzgerald, Bill Lohr, Chris Lepin, Phillip Zuelch, Joe Martin, Henry Zuelch Jr., Art Nye, Herman Lepin, Lu Lohr, Charles Fussee, and Billy O'Brien

Farwell Band

Active in the 1900's

Faux Girls' Band (Frankfort)

Active in 1917

Fenton Knights Templar Band

Founded in 1871, leader Charles H. Turner, with 16 players

Fenton Ladies' Cornet Band

Active from 1885 to 1889, performing in Chicago and Toronto. Members included Grace Colwall, Ada Rudolf, Nell Pipur, Sara Rudolph, Hattie Imlet, Mamy Hasslov, Cora Lewis, Etta Regson, Nell Kellogg, Nattie Johnson, May Jennings, Vera Dalgen, Mary Joyce, and Nell Jennings

First Presbyterian Church Band (Flint)

Active in the 1920's

First Romanian Baptist Church Band (Detroit)

Active in 1908 into the 1920's

Five Lakes Silver Band (Royal Oak)

[Current band] - Founded in 2006 as Oakland Brass Band

Flat Rock Cornet Band

Active in 1903, leader Sol DeLong

Flint Band

Active in 1905

Flint Brass Band

Founded in summer of 1848, with members: E.F. Frary (leader, Eb saxhorn), Leonard Wesson (Bb clarionet), William Hamilton (cornopean), Franz Barnhart (cornopean), Ira F. Payson (slide trombone), G.H. Hazelton (slide trombone), Homer Hazelton (french horn), Charles D. Little (ophicleide), George W. Hill (trumpet), and Willard Pettee (drum). The instruments were purchased from Adam Couse, the only music dealer in Detroit at that time. In 1860 it was known as Clay's Cornet Band, with members S.G. Clay (leader), C.J. Dewstoem A.P. Conant, William Stewart, Allen S. Stewart, George W. Hill, D.E. Smith, Thomas Symons, William Charles, W.C. Cummings, and George Andrews. It was re-organised in 1865, becoming Armstrong's Cornet Band, finally becoming Gardner's Flint City Band (leader J. Henry Gardner) in 1876. Still active in 1879

Flint Cornet Band

See: Flint Brass Band

Flushing Cornet Band

Founded around 1849, leader William Reed, with nine members including Henry French, with no drummer. A few members kept it going through the Civil War, and it restarted thereafter. Leader U.L. Smith in 1879, with 16 players. Still active in 1893

Flushing Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Forbes Family Band

The family included at least three girls (two of whom were called Edith and Elsie) and a boy. They performed a concert in the Opera House, Paw Paw, Michigan on 20 April 1883. The band received their brass instruments on 20 July 1883, and gave a concert with them in Cheboygan, Michigan on 28 September 1883 (Miss Edith showing especially fine talent), then Perrysburg, Ohio on 15 December 1883, Marysville, Ohio on 31 December 1883, and the Opera House, Logan, Ohio, in January 1884. Also known as Forbes Family Juvenile Orchestra and Brass Band

Ford's Cornet Band (Paw Paw)

Active in 1874

Fostoria High School Band

Active in 1924

Fowler Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Fowlerville Cornet Band

Active in 1893 and into the 1900's

Frankfort Girls' Band

Active in the 1920's. This band played on "kazoo" type instruments

Franklin Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Fulton Brass Band

Active around 1900, members included: Abraham Kindy (trombone), William Kindy (cornet)

Furniture City Band (Grand Rapids)

Active in 1910

Gaines Cornet Band (Corinth)

Active in 1893

Gardner's Flint City Band (Flint)

See: Flint Brass Band

Germania Brass Band (Grand Rapids)

Founded in 1878, leader S. Turner

Gierk's Ladies Band (Richmond)

Active in 1913

Grand Haven Brass Band

Founded in September 1860, with ten players

Grand Haven City Band

Active in 1910

Grand Haven Cornet Band

Founded in 1868 and was later largely comprised of members from Grand Haven Co. F., which was the 126th Infantry of the Michigan National Guard. Due to being called to duty in WWI, the band disbanded and never reformed.

Grand Ledge Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Grand Rapids Brass Band

Founded in 1845 by Mr Marston, from Detroit, giving its first grand concert on 26 January 1846 in the Congregational Church.

Grand Rapids Cornet Band

Active in 1874 when it won a \$100 prize competing in the fire companies' tournament at Kalamazoo. Also active in 1907

Grand Rapids German Brass Band

Founded in 1857, leader Franz Blasle

Grand Rapids Volunteers of America Brass Band

Active in 1898

Grand Traverse Auto Company Band (Traverse City)

Active in the 1910's

Hart Crusaders Band

Active in the 1890's. A small brass band of christian missionaries, possibly based around Hart

Hart Ladies Band (Oceana County)

Active in 1893

Hastings Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1859

Hastings City Band

Active in 1911

Henrietta Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1884

Hersey Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Hesperia Band

Active around 1910

Hillsdale Brass Band

Active in 1853 to 1860. Conductor Charles Hatton in 1858. Mr S. Smith got up a new Band Omnibus in September 1858 to transport the band

House of David Band (Eden Springs, Benton Harbour)

Active from 1908 to the 1920's. The members of the House of David were followers of the Christian Israelite faith. They believed in the teachings of a succession of prophets. Almost every Israelite was involved in some form of musical expression

House of David Boys' Band (Eden Springs, Benton Harbour)

Active in 1910

House of David Girls' Band (Eden Springs, Benton Harbour)

See: House of David Ladies' Band

House of David Ladies' Band (Eden Springs, Benton Harbour)

Active from 1908 to the 1920's

Howard City Band

Founded in 1908

Howell Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Hubbardston Band

Active in the 1900's

Hudson Cornet Band

Active in 1858 to 1864

Hurtt Family Band (Kalamazoo)

Active in the 1900's

Imperial Girls' Band (Reading)

See: Reading Ladies' Imperial Band

Indian School Band (Mount Pleasant)

Active in 1913

Ionia Brass Band

Active in 1860

Ionia Cornet Band

Reorganised in 1866 with C.H. Axtell as leader. In 1874, because of increasing interest in the community, the band pledged to play publicly once or twice a week if the citizens would build them a stand. Throughout this period several exchanges appeared in the press. It was noted that "we feel we have been considerably duped and victimized by not having public concerts from the new band". The band responded in kind: "If they want open air concerts, let them crack open their coconut wallets and give 'the boys' a lift of a dime or two. Let them prepare a suitable bandstand on the public square, 'Neath the shade of the monument there, and the boys will be found willing and anxious to elevate the morals of the community sky-high, if exceeding great wind and blowing will accomplish it." Eventually, 200-300 persons subscribed and the band shell was built.

Iosco Band (Au Sable & Oscoda)

Active in the 1900's

Ishpeming City Band

Active in the 1900's

Ishpeming Finnish Band

Active in the 1910's

Ispeming Eureka Band

Active in the 1890's

Israelite Ladies' Band (Eden Springs, Benton Harbour)

See: House of David Ladies' Band

Jackson Brass Band

Active in 1849, when they bought a carriage for their use. Still active in 1856

Johnson's Band (Arcadia)

Active in 1912

Johnsons Travelling Men's Band (Detroit)

Active in 1899

Jonesville Brass Band

Active in 1857

Joyfield Band

Active in the 1890's

Kalamazoo Band

Active in 1904

Kalamazoo Brass Band

Active in 1859

Kalbitzer's Band (Arcadia)

Active in 1915

Kalkaska Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Kalkaska Ladies Cornet Band

Active in 1906, conductor Frances F. Getty

Keeler Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Kindy Family Band (Fulton)

Active in the 1900's - nine members of the family, mainly male (possibly one female)

Knights of the Maccabees Band (Empire)

Active in the 1900's

Knights of the Modern Maccabees Band (Brant)

Active in the 1900's

Knights of the Modern Maccabees Band (White Pigeon)

Active in 1908

Knights Templar Band (Big Rapids)

Active in the 1910's

Knights Templar Brass Band (Grand Rapids)

Founded in 1876, leader W. Babcock

Lacota Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Lake City Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Lake Linden Band

Active in 1908

Lakeside Ladies' Band (Detroit)

Active in 1884

Lansing Brass Band (1)

See: Lansing Sax Horn Band

Lansing Brass Band (2)

Founded in June 1865 by players who had returned from the Civil War. Still active in 1866

Lansing Brass Band (3)

Active in the 1920's. Many of the players were members of the family of the conductor Alfred Isaacson

Lansing Cornet Band

Active in 1861

Lansing Sax Horn Band

Active in 1855 to 1860

Lexington Brass Band

Active around 1900

Lowell City Band

Active in 1908

Lum Band

Active in the 1910's

Lyons Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mackinaw City Band

Active in the 1900's

Mancelona High School Cadet Band

Active in 1909

Manchester Military Band (Livonia)

Active in 1911

Manistee Children's Band

Active in the 1910's

Manistee Ironworks Band

Active in the 1920's/1930's

Manistee Zouaves Band

Active in 1910

Marine Band (Boyne City)

Active in the 1900's

Marine City Community Band

Active in the 1900's

Marquette City Band

Active in the 1900's

Marquette Cornet Band

Founded in the late 1840's as the German Silver Cornet Band and continued performing through the 1860's as the Marquette Cornet Band. 12 Calumet band musicians were persuaded, through financial assistance for relocation and jobs, to move to Marquette permanently. The reorganised and reformed several times over the succeeding decades. It added woodwind instruments in the 1920's becoming the Marquette City Band which is still active today as a community band.

Marquette Finnish Brass Band

Founded in 1909

Marquette German Silver Cornet Band

See: Marquette Cornet Band

Marshall Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1859

Mason Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Mass City Band

Active in the 1890's

McBain Citizens Band

Active in 1906 to 1910

Mechanics Band (Niles)

Active in 1888

Mendon Imperial Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Mid Michigan Brass Band (Midland)

[Current band] - Founded in 2014

Middleville Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Milford Brass Band (1)

Founded in 1845. Disbanded in 1848. Original members were: Philip Wells, E flat clarionette; Sardis F. Hubbell, 1st B flat clarionette; Harry C. Andrews, 2nd B flat clarionette; Egbert F. Albright, 1st B cornopean; Chester Thompson, 2nd B cornopean; John Van Alstine, 1st French horn; Willard Hubbard, B flat tenor trombone; Albert Hubbard, E flat bass trombone; Horace B. Hubbard, E flat bass orphecleide; Calvin Eaton, bass drum.

Milford Brass Band (2)

Founded in 1862. Disbanded around 1874. Members included J.C. Kinsman, John Stevens, Edward Bennett, Dr. Booth, H.D. Tenny, Thomas Thornhill, Robert

Potts, Dell Stephens, Thomas Birdsall, Deck Tower, Charles Andrews, Lester St. John, George Giddings and John Goite.

Milford Brass Band (3)

Founded in 1876. Disbanded around 1880. Members included J.C. Kinsman, J.O. Goite, Alf. Kinney, George Dickerson, George Pettinger, Charles Pettinger, John Osborn, Elisha Osborn, James Osborn, Ben Ingalls, George Ingalls, and Edward Chapell

Millard and Thyles Band (Sainte Marie)

Active in the 1890's

Minden Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1895

Miners City Band (Iron Mountain)

Active in the 1910's

Monroe City Band

Active in 1840, 1841

Motor City Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1996

Mountain Town Brass

[Current band] - Founded in 2016

Muldoon Band (Barbour Hall, Nazareth, Kalamazoo County)

Active in the 1900's

Napoleon Band

Active in 1902, when the members were Edmond A. Harrington (conductor), Clyde Lester, Lona Carpenter Griffin, Bessie Andrews Hayes, Merrell Russell, Forrest Hay, Marcus Graham, Leonard Watkins, Willie Watson, Leland Andrews, Warren Graham, Claude Cole, Ward Andrews, Herbert Andrews, Narman J. Nichols, Frank Baker, and Herbert Hastings

Negaunee Star Band

Active in the 1910's

New Era Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Niles Brass Band

Founded in July 1842, with 15 members, instruments costing \$200, teacher Mr Pierson. Still active in 1860

Norrie Cornet Band (Ironwood)

Active in 1911

North Branch Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Northern Michigan Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1999

Northville Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Oak Grove Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Oak Grove Ladies Independent Band

Active in 1910

Oakland Brass Band (Royal Oak)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Five Lakes Silver Band

Oakland University Brass Band (Rochester)

[Current band] - Founded in 2009

Oakley Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Ohlsen's Cornet Band (Iron Mountain)

Active in the 1910's

Old Mission Cornet Band (Old Mission)

Active in 1893

Olds Motor Works Band (Lansing)

Active in the 1920's

Olivet Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Onaway Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Osmond's Cornet Band (East Saginaw)

Active in 1859, leader A.M. Osmond. Still active in 1862, with 14 players

Otsego Cornet Band

Active in 1873 to 1882

Ovid Junior Band

Active in the 1900's

Owosso Brass Band

Active in 1864

Palmer and Snelbaker's Female Cornet Band

Active in 1882. A professional touring band with 16 players - part of the Palmer and Snelbaker "Celebrities" troupe, which also included a male band of 12 players

Paradise Cornet Band (Kingsley)

Active in 1893

Paris Band

Active in 1906

Partello Band

Active in 1901

Paw Paw Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1872

Paw Paw High School Band

Active in the 1900's

Peace Jubilee Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded by Alexander Pollock in 1994. A historical reenactment band

Peerless Band (Brighton)

Active in the 1900's

Pellston City Band

Active in the 1900's

Pequaming Band

Active in the 1910's

Pinckney Cornet Band

Active in 1883

Pioneer Brass Band (Grand Rapids)

Founded in 1872, leader A. Siegel

Plainwell Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Plymouth Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Pontiac Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Port Huron Brass Band

Active in 1864

Port Huron City Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Portland City Band

Active in the 1890's

Portland Cornet Band

See: Portland City Band

Postum Cereal Band (Battle Creek)

Active in the 1910's

Prince's Military Band (Lansing)

Active in the 1900's

Queen City Band (Traverse City)

Active in 1907

R.N. Cornet Band (Fruitland)

Founded in 1886

Rapela Seminaryum Polskiego (Detroit)

Active in the 1910's

Reading Ladies' Imperial Band

Active in 1911 to 1915. Conductor Simeon J. Whaley. His daughter Rae Whaley played tuba

Redridge City Band

Active in 1912

Richmond Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1888 to 1893, conducted by Theodore Miller and included his daughters Nellie and Anna

Rockford Cornet Band

Active in 1881, leader Mitchell M. Lockerby

Rodney Band

Active in 1911

Roumanian Baptist Church Band (Detroit)

Active in the 1920's

Round Oak Band (Dowagiac)

Active in the 1890's

Ruth Band

Active in the 1900's

Saginaw Cornet Band

Active in 1913

St Anthony's Military Band (Fisherville)

Active in the 1900's

St Charles Juvenile Band

Active in the 1900's

St Francis Home Band (Detroit)

Active in the 1920's

St Johns Bicycle Band (St Johns)

Active in 1886 and into the 1890's. The band members played their instruments (including the bass drum) whilst riding penny farthing bicycles. Also known as St John's High Wheel Bike Band

St Johns Brass Band (St Johns)

Active in 1861 (when the town also supported a juvenile martial [fife & drum] band)

St John's High Wheel Bike Band

See: St Johns Bicycle Band

Saranac Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Schleisingerville Cornet Band (Milwaukee)

Active in 1889

Schureman Band (Detroit)

Active in the 1920's

Scottville SHS Band

Founded in 1913

Shadukiam Grotto Band (Detroit)

Active in the 1910's

Silk Girls Band (Belding)

Active in 1908

Snover Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Southwestern Michigan College Brass Band (Dowagiac)

[Current band] - Founded in 1992

Spruce Band

Active in the 1910's

Standish Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Stanton Marine Band

Active in 1908

Star Cornet Band (Ishpeming)

Active in the 1900's, conductor E.W. Lewis

Steiner Corner Band

Active in 1905, with members: Henry Fiedler, William Kohler, Herman Kohler, Rudolph Fiedler, Andrew Fiedler, Ben Reinhardt, Charles Kohler, Ed Weiner, Gus Finzel, Theo Kohler, and J. Kohler

Stockbridge Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Strasburgh Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Sturgis Juvenile Band

Active in 1908

Sturgis YMCA Band

Active in 1911

Sunfield Brass Band

Active in 1893

Suttons Bay Young Guards Brigade Band

Active in the 1900's

Tabernacle Concert Band (Pontiac)

Active in the 1910's

Tawas City Band

Active in 1893

Tecumseh Brass Band

Active in 1856

Tecumseh City Band

Active in the 1910's

Tenny's Brass Band

Active in 1850 to 1852

Thompsonville City Band

Active in the 1900's

Three Rivers Brass Band

Active in 1856-1857

Tipton Cornet Band

Founded in 1892

Traverse City Boys' Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Traverse City Cornet Band

Active in 1878. The band benefited from the building of a bandstand on the courthouse square. In addition to the typical public performances, the band often played on propeller excursions in Grand Traverse Bay and up into Lake Michigan

Turner's Silver Cornet Band (Fenton)

Founded in 1857, leader Charles H. Turner. Did not survive the Civil War, as most of its members entered the army - some joining Custer's Brigade and others being stationed at Knoxville, Tennessee

Ubly Band

Active in 1910

Unadilla Cornet Band

Active in 1861

Union Cornet Band (Cass Co. Michigan)

Active in the 1900's

Valley City Cornet Band (Grand Rapids)

Founded in 1855 by W.H. Barnhart. Still active in 1861. They rehearsed in a room over the Engine House on Monroe Street in 1857. Its second leader was Joseph W. Weller

Vandervest's Zouave Band (Manistee)

A boys' band active around 1910

Vermontville Band

Active in the 1900's

Vermontville Brass Band

Active in 1860

Vicksburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Leader Charles E. Dorrance 1885-1888

Volinia Cornet Band

Founded on November 13, 1877 and the following officers elected on the 24th November: William W. Patrick, Pres; Edward Goodenough, VP, Edgar C. Everett, Sec; Milton J. Gard, Treas. After practicing faithfully they were able to produce quality music that their families and friends took pleasure in listeining to. In 1882 the officers and members were M. W. Welcher, Pres; Charles Warner, VP; E. C. Everett Warner, Sec; E J. Gard, Treas; other members being G. W. Gard, E. Thompson, A. C. Kirby, A. Hathaway, William Wright, William Hart, L. P. Gard, Clark Finch and Abram Cary. The band was still in existance in 1911

Waldron Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Walkerville Band

Active in the 1900's

Walled Lake Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's, when Oscar Kelsey was a member

Walpole Native American Brass Band

Active around 1900

Waterloo Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

West Branch Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Western Michigan Brass Band

[Current band] - Active in 2008

White Cloud Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Whitehall Cornet Band

Active in 1905, leader John Andrus Walker

Whitehall Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1887

White's 2nd Infantry Band (Kalamazoo)

Active in the 1880's

Williamston Girls' Band

Active in 1909 to 1912

Wixom Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's, when Oscar Kelsey was a member

Wolverine Harmony Players Band (Jackson)

A comic band active in the 1910's

Wolverine People's Band

Active in 1909

Wright's Brass Band (Detroit)

Active in 1856

Yerington's College Band (St Louis)

Active in the 1900's

Ypsilanti Cornet Band

Founded in the 1870's - members included Fred Cutler, Al Stuck, O. F. Berdan, Fred Emerick, Oscar Rogers, Gabriel Muir, Robt Young, James Lowden, Wm Lowden, Tom VanRiper, Jim Eaton, and Jim Davis

Zenith Brass (Troy)

[Current band] - Founded in 1995 by musical director Mark Petty in 1995. Technically a symphonic brass band of 30 players

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Rushmore Cornet Band

2nd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Band

Active in 1864

A.C. Band (Morris)

See: Morris Cadet Band

Albert Lea Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Alexandria Cornet Band

Active in 1883 to 1910

Almelund Brass Band

Active around 1900

Andrews Family Cornet Band

The Andrews started as a vocal troupe in 1875, quickly adding the cornet band and swiss bells. There were ten Andrews children of John Redding Andrews and his wife Delilah, who arrived in Minnesota from Illinois in 1856. The group eventually became an opera company in 1884

Annandale Girls' Cornet Band

Founded on 1st May 1906. Initial membership was 13 girls and 3 boys, conductor M.P. Satterlee, editor of the Annandale Advocate

Anoka Brass Band

Active in 1863

Arlington Junior Prize Band

Active in 1907

Artichoke Lake Band

Active around 1912, conductor Harry Anderson

Askov Band

Active around 1914, members included John Sorensen, Thorkild Ravnholdt, William C. Jensen, Hans Mosbaek, Alfred Jacobsen, Thorvald Jensen, Hjalmar Petersen, Herluf Rasmussen, Valdemar Højberg, Henry Andersen, Charles Krantz, Einar Dixen, Arnold C. Sorensen, Jørgen Petersen, Albert Johnson, Martin Sorensen, Carl E. Sorensen, Folmer Sorensen, and Albert Sorensen

Austin Boys' Band

Active in the 1910's

Austin Cornet Band (Austin)

Active in 1871. Still active in 1874. "Curt" Austin was appointed leader in June 1872

Babcock and Elmer Brass Band (Winona)

Active in 1888

Bagley Cornet Band

Active in 1903, president M.B. Gavelstad, director H. Huseby, treasurer H. Petterson, secretary C.A. Wagner. Members in 1910 included Wilbur Covey, Harry Courtney, and Ted Welander

Balaton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Barnesville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Bastien's Band (Little Falls)

Active from the 1890's to the 1920's

Beaver Creek Band

Active in the 1900's

Belle Plaine Cornet Band

Active in 1906, members included John Leuwer, Rienhard Engfer, Oliver Hillstrom, Emil Affolter, Fred Bohland, and Walter Kahle

Belvedere Mills Band

Active in the 1910's

Belview Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Belview Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Bemidji City Band

Active around 1905, conductor Thomas Symington

Bemidji Cornet Band

Active in 1901

Berne Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Bertha High Band

Active in the 1930's

Bismark Cornet Band (Winthrop)

Active in 1906

Blair Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Blooming Prairie Band

Active in the 1900's

Bohemian Brass Band (New Prague)

Active in 1906, with members Rudolph Kamis, Thomas Cecka, Joseph Komarek, Peter Posel, Matin Janda, Albert Kopet, Mike Kallal, John Vacek, Franie Topka, Jacob W. Komniper, Albert Cecks, and Alex Jeliner

Brainerd City Band

Active in the 1900's

Brainerd Cornet Band

Active from the early 1880's. Conductor William M. Dresskell in 1882, together with players: E flat cornet - P. Mertz, Clint. C. Neal, T. R. Congdon, Fred Clark, W. W. Havens, and D. M. Dermelya, B flat cornet - Fred Davenport, S. Foster, Fred Seriver, John Vennam, A. C. Benham and Archie Babcock, Solo alto - N. McFadden, First alto - R. H. Hartley, Second alto - John Osborne, B flat tenor - Charles Sumner, First Baritone - W. E. Martin, Second baritone - S. E. Harmon, Tenor trombone - L. Hendricks and F. L. Mattason, Tuba - James Dewar and Henry Leland, Tenor drum - James Clark and F. Foley, Bass drum - George Perley, Cymbals - Bert Harmon. Still active in 1907, conductor William P. Bartsch. Members in 1905 included Elmer Helting, Torval Anderson, Wayne Bakkila, Chris Elvig (leader), C. Stanley, Al Swanson, Art Johnson, Earl Long, Lloyd Long, Ernie Lind, Ray McPherson, Sylvester Long, Carl Anderson, Charlie, Falkenreck, Andrew Hill, Martin Anderson, Victor Osterlund, Gus Lind, George Erickson, Jim Peterson

Brainerd Ladies' Band

Founded in November 1924 by conductor Winifred B. Cronk Ziebell. Still active in 1930. Members in 1928 were Dixie Thompson, Minnie Larson, Alma Brown, Gladys Rardin Kampmann, Gladys Senn, Ethel Fitzsimmons Fox, Esther Nelson Tollefson, Hazel Rardin Irwin, Gladys Peterson Mraz, Augusta Welch, Edna Davis, Winifred Cronk, Ziebell (director), Georgia Brown, Shirley Peterson Rhodes, Irene Turcott Sweet, Mamie Nelson, Bernice Murphy Roberts, Alfreda Zawadski, Jessie Evans, Irene Englund, Dorothy Schrader, Gladys Smith, Marcella Kampmann Skauge, Emily Mraz, Irene Hoerner, Mrs Louie Johnson, Laura Zirke, Ernie Roth, Lillian Irwin, and Lucille Gray

Brandon Band (Alexandria)

Active in 1910

Bratsberg Viking Band

Active around 1915

Breckenridge Band

Active in the 1910's

Bricelyn Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Brio Brass (Richfield)

[Current band] - Founded in 1999

Brooten Silver Band

Active in the 1900's

Browerville Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Brownton Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Burkhardt's Brass Band (Reads Landing)

See: Reads Landina Brass Band

Burschville Concert Band

Active in the 1920's

Buzza's Artist Orchestra

A ladies' band active in the 1920's

C.M.Y.A. Band (St Cloud)

Active in the 1910's

Cadet Band (Le Roy)

Active in 1910

Caledonia High School Band

Active in 1909

Cambridge Band

Active around 1910

Canby Band

Active in the 1900's

Cannon Falls Cornet Band

Active in 1872. Known as Cannon Falls Town Band in 1938. Samuel Bancroft had been playing in the band for 66 years in 1938. In 1886 the band purchased a number of nickel-plated lights to wear in their caps while playing nights.

Cannonville Band

Active in the 1900's

Canton M.W.A. Band

Active in 1907

Cap'n Kidd's Band

Active in the 1930's

Carleton College Band (Northfield)

Active around 1910

Carlisle Brass Band

Founded in 1894. Amalgamated with the Oscar Temperance Band in the 1900's. Still active today as a concert/wind band [Carlisle Band]

Carver Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Center City Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Chaska Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Chatfield Brass Band (1)

Active in the 1900's

Chatfield Brass Band (2)

[Current band] - Founded in 1969

Chisholm High School Band

Active in 1914

Choice Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Clarissa Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Clear Lake Band

Active around 1900

Clearwater Cornet Band

Active in 1868, leader Professor Shotwell

Cold Spring Cadet Band

Active in 1910

Coleraine City Band

Active in the 1890's to 1900's

Concordia Band

Active in the 1890's

Concordia College Band (Moorhead)

Active around 1900

Corona Band (Minneapolis)

Active around 1900

Cream Band (Waseca County)

Founded in 1907

Crookston City Band

Active in the 1890's

Cyrus Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

D.M.L.C. Band (New Ulm)

Active in 1913

Danz Band

Active in the 1910's

Democratic Band (New Pierz (Genola))

Active around 1900

Dodge Center Band

Active in 1908

Dryden Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Duluth City Band

Active in the 1890's

Duluth Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Dunnell Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Eagle Bend Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

East Side Cornet Band (Minneapolis)

Active in 1883

East Side Station Band (Twin City Lines) (Minneapolis)

Active around 1915

Elbow Lake Concert Band

Active in 1915

Erskine Cornet Band

Active around 1915

Evansville Cornet Band

Active in 1896

Fairfax Citizens Band

Active in the 1890's to 1900's

Fairfax Ladies' Band

Active in 1910

Faribault Cornet Band

Active in 1896

Farwell Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Fergus Falls City Band

Active around 1908

Fernando Band

Active in the 1910's

Fertile Cornet Band

Active in 1902

Fisher's Cornet Band (St Cloud)

Active in 1868, 1869

Fountain Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Freeborn Band

Active in the 1890's

Freedom Township Band

Active in 1910

Frontenac Band

Active around 1920, with 10 players - Ben Strupe (alto horn, aged 21), George Strupe (slide tenor trombone, 24), George Westervelt (Bb trumpet, 27), Ray Carlson (Eb cornet, 24), Ted Steffenhagen Jnr. (Bb cornet, 30), Henry Strupe (baritone, 46), Ed [Percy] Brunner (alto horn, 23), Winnie Carlson (snare drum, 21), Harry Scherf (bass drum, 32), John Carsten (bass, 48)

Frontenac Cornet Band

Active in 1885, members included Frank Wegrich (Bb valve trombone, b. 1861 in Ohio), Tarvel Carstenson (Bb tenor horn, stone cutter b. 1869 in Norway), John B. Sauter (bass drum, b. 1857 in Württemberg - twin of Joseph Sauter), Bill Savage (snare drum, a farmer b. 1864 in Florence Township, MN), Louis Savage (Eb cornet, a farmer b. 1855 in Florence Township, MN), Fred Keye (Eb tuba, b. 1863 in Minnesota), Charles Gohrke (Bb tenor horn, b. 1863 in Pomerania), Frank Schloer (Eb alto horn, b. 1852 in Wisconsin), Fidelis Koch (Eb alto horn, farmer b. 1846 in Württemberg), Joseph W. Sauter (Bb cornet, farmer b. 1857 in Württemberg), and John Schenach (leader of the band, Bb cornet, labourer b. 1864 in Frontenac)

Germania Cornet Band

[no information]

Gilby Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Glenwood Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Grandview Brass Band (Blue Mounds Township)

Active around 1915

Granite Falls Town Band

Active in 1906, members included: Ira Nelson, Peter Wille, Carroll Nelson, George Duernberger, Oliver Kruger, Knute Homone, Tom Schimo, Tom Allen, Ed Torgerson, Paul Soelberg, Tolley Hartwich, Ole Neste, Gunnar Nordlye, Alfred Emerson, Percy McElrath, Albert Olsen, Clarence Nelson, Ted Sorbien and George W.Duernberger

Grasston Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Great Western Cornet Band (Minneapolis)

Founded in 1880, based on the success of the St Paul Great Western Band. Conductor Frank Danz in 1880

Great Western Cornet Band (St Paul)

Founded in 1860, disbanding in the 1890's. Conductor Russell C. Munger 1860-1867, George Seibert 1867 onwards. Members in 1868 included M. Esch, Joe Olrenshaw, H. Haub, C. Trowbridge, R. Schroer, William Bircher, H. Macklett, George Seibert, H. Herr, and Theodore Henninger

Green Lake Concert Band (Chisago City)

Active in 1912

Grove City Band

Active in the 1900's

Grove Lake Cornet Band

Active around 1917

Grygla Brass Band

Active in 1910

Gustavus Adolphus College Band (St Peter)

Active in 1883. Still active in 1904

Hallock City Band

Active in the 1890's

Halstad Band

Active in 1908

Hamburg Band

Active in the 1900's

Hammond Cornet Band

Active in 1913

Hanley Falls Band

Active around 1910

Hardwick Band

Active in the 1900's

Hartland Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Henderson Junior Prize Band

Active in 1909

Hendricks Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Henrytown Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Hibbing Brass Band

Active in 1906

Hill City Band

Active in the 1890's

Holy Cross Brass Band (Minneapolis)

Formed in 1888

Hudson Cornet Band

Reorganised under the baton of E.W. Bunce in June 1906

Ihlen Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

International Falls Brass Band

Active around 1910

Janesville City Band

Active in 1918

Janesville Concert Band

Active around 1910

Jasper Cornet Band

Active in the 1920's

Kasson Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Kenyon Brass Band

Active around 1900, with members including Michael Dalbotten, Andrew Ellingson, Adolph Lucke (director), Edmund Johnson, Marcus Charlson, Foe Flom, Halvor Amundson, Nels Dalbotten, Joseph Hegseth, Marcus Bjerva, Iver Flom, Sivert Charlson, Marten Lillesvie, Henry Lillesvie, and John Underdahl

Kyes Family Brass Band

Provided musical entertainment at the George N. Morgan Post and Corps in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in January 1896

Lagerstrom's Cornet Band (St Peter)

See: St Peter Cornet Band

Lake Benton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, members included Grant Matthews and Charles W. Stites

Lake Nokomis Band

Active around 1910

Lake Park Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Lake Shore Band (Hanska)

Active around 1900

Lake Wilson Band

Active in 1909

Lake Wobegon Brass Band (Anoka)

[Current band] - Founded in 1992

Lakeside Ladies' Cornet Band (Detroit Lakes)

Active in 1884. Still active in 1890

Lakeville Cornet Band

Active in 1907 to 1915

Lanesboro Cornet Band

Active in 1887 to 1907

LeRoy Cadet Band

Active in 1916

Lester Prairie Band

Active around 1915

Lexington Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Lindstrom Band

Active in the 1910's

Little Falls City Band

Active in 1914

Little Falls Harmonia Band

Active in the 1890's

Little German Band (New Pierz)

Active in 1890

Little German Brass Band (Reads Landing)

See: Reads Landing Brass Band

Loch's City Band (Maple Grove Park)

Active in 1908

Loftness Family Band (Kroschel)

Active in 1925. The band was father Peder Loftness (euphonium) and children Mamertus Gorgonius "Mert" (b. 1905, cornet), Sylverton Jomen (b. 1907, trombone), Alice Violet (b. 1909, tenor horn), and Iris Kordula (b. 1912, cornet)

Lura Town Band

Active in the 1890's

Luverne Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1891, conductor Professor Stone

Lyle Concert Band

Active in 1906

M.W.A. Band (Canton)

Active in 1907

M.W.A. Band (St Paul)

Active around 1910

Macalester Cornet Band (St Paul)

Based at the Macalester College in the 1890's. Members in 1900 included Harry W. Vincent, Hugh S. Alexander, Lester D. Brown (leader), R.E. Clark, Roy W. Smits, Charles W. Hansen, Arthur A. Palmer, William O. Pederson, Carleton Koons, John M. Guise, and David W. Morgan. Also known as Snyder's Band

Madison Lake Brass Band

Active around 1900

Mankato Boys' Band

Active in the 1910's

Mankato Cornet Band

Founded in February 1862. Still active in 1868

Mankato Municipal Band

Active in the 1910's, conductor Hugo Frey

Mantorville Cornet Band

Active in 1897, when members included Balz Blumer (Bb bass), John Naegeli (tenor drum), Walt Curtiss (Eb tuba), Frank Wilson (euphonium), Albert Roth (2nd tenor), Sam Truax (1st alto), William Greeney (solo alto), Bob Andrist (Bb clarinet), Peter Vadd (Bb clarinet), Arthur Cox (Bb clarinet), L.R. Vanorum (Bb cornet), J. Frank Morris (solo Bb cornet), Fred E. Joslyn (Eb cornet)

Mapleton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mapleton Ladies' Military Band

Active in 1917

Marine Cornet Band (Marine on Saint Croix)

Active in 1910 to 1915 [its minute book and financial reports are held the Minnesota Historical Society - ref: 142.G.1.5B-2]

Marion Cornet Band

Active in 1887, members included Louis E. Bragg (band leader), Len Kinney, Earl Beach, Bill Haney, Will Nickum, Herman Bach, Ed Bach, Howard Lull, George Newell, George Skeels, Frank Lowrie, Will Skeels, Jim Heaney, Jake Haney, Len Kinney, and Charles Bolwine. When the band could no longer practice in the Town Hall, they practiced in "Bragg's Barn"

Mazeppa Brass Band

Active in 1880. Members around 1900 included John Gregoire, Cyrus Helgerson, A.R. Hawkinson, Frank Hodge, John McCabe, and Leo Whaley

Meeker County Band (Dassel)

Active around 1910

Melby Phoenix Band

Active around 1900

Merry Farmer Boys Band (Langhei Township)

Active from 1909 to 1921

Millerville Brass Band

Active in 1899

Minneapolis Band

Active in 1870

Minneapolis Cornet Band

Active in 1866

Minnesota National Guard First Artillery Battery B Band (Minneapolis)

Active in the 1900's. Conductor Herbert T. Park, secretary F.W. Hayden, treasurer N.B. Ganyaw

Minnesota State Band

Founded in 1898. Conductor Christian Selling 1898-1905, J. Selling in 1910. Still active today as a community wind band

Minnesota State Prison Band

Active in 1910

Minnesota State Training School Band (Red Wing)

Active in the 1900's

Minnesota Valley Band (Carver)

Active in the 1900's

Mitchell's Family Concert Band (Lanesboro)

Active in 1895

Model City Tam O'Shanter Band (Tracy)

See: Tracy Ladies' Tam O'Shanter Band

Moe Brass Band (Moe Township)

Active in 1894, when Ole Berg was a member

Monitcello Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Monitor Drill Concert Band (St Louis Park)

Founded in 1891, the members worked at the Monitor Drill Company, which manufactured seed drills. Conductor C.J. Bradley in 1914

Monticello Brass Band

Founded in February 1872

Morgan Cornet Band

Active around 1908

Morris Cadet Band

Founded in 1896, conductor H.B. Lund, with members including Lawrence Thomasson, Otto Jacobson, George Flynn, James O'Malley, Arthur Flatner, Oscar Flatner, Hilfred Thomasson, Gus Amborn, Ludwig Danielson, Will Haight, Louie Larson, Vincent Caswell, and Orrin Flynn

Morris City Band

Active around 1910, members included Art Lund, Harry Peterson, Robert Krueger, Arthur "Gob" Anderson, Elmor Ryhn, Paul Betters, George Hollinitsch, Ed Peterson, Ed Norton, Harold Vinje, H.E. Stensland, Art Carlson, Harold "Slim" Myers, William Knupple, John Lentz, Mr Roth, Leo Rudnicki, Sam Grosland (leader), William A. Ross, Harold Lund, Harry Nelson, and Henry Watzke

Morris Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Morristown Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Music House Band (Alexandria)

Active in 1908

N.L.W. Band (New Ulm)

Active in 1913

New England Boys' Band (Minneapolis)

Active around 1900

New Prague Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

New Richland Band

Active in the 1890's to 1909

Newfolden Militia Band

Active in 1910

Nicollet Germania Band

Founded in the late 1880's by Frank Hackbarth, lasted until the early 1920's

Noras Harpe Cornet Band (Red Wing)

Active in 1874 to 1876, associated with the Noras Harpe Society

Norcross Cornet Band

Active around 1905

Normana Brass Band (Bearcreek)

Active in the 1890's. Sever Ellevson played cornet in the band

Normania Cornet Band

Active around 1900

North Echo Brass Band (Little Falls)

Active in the 1890's

North St Paul Band

Active in 1885

Obrecht Family Brass Band

The Christy Obrecht family vaudeville act was founded in 1896, first known as "The Obrecht Musical Family: a Musical Organization without Peer" by Christy Obrecht Sr. The show was mainly based in Minnesota, but traveled to Wisconsin and Iowa. By 1913 Christy Obrecht Sr. was joined by his son Christy Obrecht II (born 1894). Catherine "Kate" McCool was acting in the Obrecht show before her marriage to Christy Obrecht II in 1915; after their nuptials she took on some managerial responsibilities while continuing to act. Christy Obrecht Jr. (born 1919) joined his father Christy Obrecht II in the family act in the early 1940's. Over the years the Obrecht act had various name changes: "The Christy Obrecht Company," "Obrecht's Swiss Opera Company", "The Obrecht Stock Company," and "The Christy Obrecht Road Show."

Odessa Community Band

Active in 1908

Ogahmah Band (Thief River Falls)

Active in the 1890's

Okabena Band

Active in 1915

Oklee Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Old Trinity Evangelical Norwegian Lutheran Church Brass Band (Red

Wing)

Active in 1898

Olivia Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Orpheus Band (Springfield)

Active around 1900

Ortonville Boys' Band

Active around 1900

Ortonville Cornet Band

Active around 1900, members included Messrs Luff, Hausauer, Schoen, and French

Ortonville Marine Band

Active around 1900, members included Jake Hausauer, Bob Scheibe, John Hausauer, Bert Dono, John J. Youngdahl, and Ted Engdahl

Oscar Temperance Band (Oscar Township)

Active in the late 1890's. Amalgamated with the Carlisle Brass Band in the early 1900's

Otisco Band

Active around 1900

Otisco Union Brass Band

Active around 1900

Owatonna Brass Band

Active in 1868

Owatonna Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Owatonna Imperial Band

Active around 1910

Owatonna National Band

Active around 1900

Park Region Cornet Band (Alexandria)

Active in 1887 to 1908

Park Region Luther College Band (Fegus Falls)

Active in 1909

Patten Family Brass Band

Based in Hubbard, Minnesota and consisted of Denton Simpson Calvin Patten (b. 1861) and his seven children, Squire (b. 1883), Otto H. (b. 1884), Benjamin Liston (b. 1886), Donna Odessa (b. 1889), Jesse James (b. 1891), John Carey (b. 1893) and Mary Serilda (b. 1893). The band was active in the late 1890's and early 1900's. Denton's wife, Samantha, died in 1898

Pelican Rapids City Band

Active in the 1910's

Petersen's Imperial Band (Pipestone)

Active in 1908

Petersen's Imperial Ladies Band (Pipestone)

Active in 1908

Pfingsten Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's. A report states "Wilmont was having a civic celebration. People were gathered here and there along main street and side streets. All was largely silent. There were no recordings, no loud speakers. Frtiz Oberloh, Pfingsten's band chauffeur, rumbled into Wilmont with his team pulling a large wagon loaded with drums, brass instruments and a dozen bandsmen, all of whom spoke German. They stopped near Joe Scholtes' store. They didn't have uniforms but they had caps. Red wool service caps. White shirts and ties. At Wilmont they went from from one saloon to another. They wouldn't all go in, but they would be right in front. They would play awhile at one place and then at another."

Phalen Cornet Band (St Paul)

Active around 1900

Phenix Band (Melby)

See: Melby Phoenix Band

Pine Island City Band

Active in the 1920's, when members included George Tomes, Fred Stoffel, Floyd Baumgartner, Harry Lohman, Gar Joslyn, George Baumgartner, Guy Collins, George Spriesterbach, Fred Dietz, Ma La Rock, H.H. Billings, Tom VanDola, Harry Stoffel (bandmaster), Ralph Holmes, Merrill Spriesterbach, Lindsey (Patch), Bunn, Bert Bunn, and Gottlieb Stucky

Pine Island Concert Band

Active in 1895

Pine Island Cornet Band

Founded in 1885, with members: C.L.Parham, leader, solo E flat cornet; T. C. Perkins, E flat cornet; W. E.Parham, 1st B flat cornet; J. E. Clark, 2nd B flat cornet; Wm. Holvenstot, 3rd B flat cornet; Roy Newton, solo alto; C.Holvenstot, 2nd alto; Wm. Spriestersbach, 1st tenor; W.S. Newton, 2nd tenor; D. W. Davenport, euphonium; Louis Cornwell, tuba; S. Bell, snare drum; U.Burlingame, bass drum and cymbals

Pipestone Indian School Girls' Band

Active around 1900

Pisik Brass Band

Active around 1910

Plainview Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Pomroy's Juvenile Band (Ortonville)

Active in 1905

Prairie Lawns Band (Walnut Grove)

Active around 1900

Preston Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Prison Band (Stillwater)

Active in 1909

Ravenswood Cornet Band

Founded September 24, 1886 by director George H. Bruns. Members in 1890 included Charles H. Todd, snare drummer; William Barker, bass drummer; William Reynolds, tuba; John F. Bruns, baritone; Melvin E. Todd, tenor; Fred E. Bruns, alto; John Watt, 2nd tenor; George H. Bruns, cornet; Frank O. Gear, cornet

Reads Landing Brass Band

Active in 1876 with 9 members, who included: Rudy Burkhardt, August Brunner, Godfried Burkhardt, Henry Burkhardt, Gottlieb Burkhardt, Mr Hanneman, and Samuel Burkhardt. Also known as Burkhardt's Brass Band and the Little German Brass Band

Red Wing Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1863

Red Wing Concert Band

Active in 1918

Red Wing Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Redwood Falls Cornet Band

Active in 1874 and 1908

Reeds Brass Band

Active in the 1870's

Rice Creek Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Robbinsdale City Band

Founded in 1906. Members of the Grenell and Swift families were instrumental in starting a band consisting of a dozen or so members of all ages known as the Robbinsdale Civic Club Band. Over the years the name was changed to the Robbinsdale City Band (RCB), the name in use today by the current concert and marching band

Rochester Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Rosen Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Rosser Family Cornet Band (Hutchinson)

They provided music at the Good Templars' Convention, in Minneapolis, in June 1894; and performed at the Good Templars' Hall, Princeton, Minnesota, in August 1897 - "the manner in which the little girls handled their horns pleased the audience". The band was active throughout the state of Minnesota, supporting the temperance movement, until January 1901, when they moved to California. George W. Rosser was born in Canada in 1856. His children, who formed the band, were: Watkin (b. 1878), Roscoe (b. 1879), Anabel (b. 1881), Bessie (b. 1883), William (b. 1885), Matt (b. 1892) and Albert (b. 1894)

Rothsay Band

Active in 1912

Rough Rider Band (Oscar Lake, Farwell)

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Round Lake Cornet Band

Founded in 1910

Royalton Cornet Band

Founded on January 15, 1886. Professsor J. M. Van Camp was hired as the paid director. Officers of the band were: J. W. Bell, H. C. Wilson, J. H. Russell, C. M. Phillips and C. A. Johnson

Royalton Fire Department Band

Founded in 1895, leader Professor Van Camp. Still active in 1905 with leader Fred McGonagle

Rush City Cornet Band

Rushford Military Band

Active in 1908

Rushmore Cornet Band

Active in 1900, when members included E. G. Edwards, Chris Fagerness, Steven Fagerness, Charles Morton, Chris Hanson, Albene Dahlberg, Henry Thompson (leader), Clayton Bedford, Arthur Thompson and George Thompson

Russell Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Sacred Heart Cornet Band (Marshall)

Active in 1908

St Anthony Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

St Bernard's Catholic Church Band (St Paul)

Active around 1900

St Cloud Brass Band

Active in the mid-1860's. The St Cloud Silver Cornet Band purchased the instruments of the St Cloud Brass Band in January 1869 (actually bought by Rev. Stukenkemper - who owned the instruments of both bands)

St Cloud Military Band

Active around 1900

St Cloud Silver Cornet Band

Founded in early 1861 with 9 players, tutor Mr Siebert and leaders Mr Martec and Mr Grandelmyer. The band owed \$180 for the instruments in June 1862, with the players each having paid \$30 for instruction. Still active in 1874

St James Fire Department Band

Active in 1913 to 1915. Members in 1915 included J. Elmer Setrum, Pete Larson, Bill Steinback, Frank Wermers Kershen, Roy Steele; Lea Meyer Wermers; Dr. Earl Bratrude Engelman

St John's University's Band (Collegeville)

Active in 1887

St Louis Park Village Band

Made its debut in May 1900, led by Bandmaster Zeph E. Wood. It disbanded in the 1930's. Members of the band in 1904 included Bud Haskell, John Dryer, Nels Neilson, Bert Williamson, Adolph Jensen, Harry Blackton, Carl Nelson, Zeph Wood, Charles Bradley, Bill Lewis, Henry Jensen, Frank Bradley, Oscar Nelson, Erick Liljenfors, Joe Williams, and Walt Moore. An story concerns a 4th of July engagement in Chanhassen. "The band caught the train in St. Louis Park and rode straight to Chanhassen. One member couldn't make the train that morning, so he walked the railroad tracks all the way. He couldn't locate the band, so he inquired as to where they might be. The people of Chanhassen wanted to know why he wanted to find the band, and once they found out he was a member, they ran him out of town without so much as an explanation. He soon learned that the band had arrived early, got drunk, and raised particular hell so they were all run out of town. And then this poor guy arrives late after walking from St. Louis Park and asks, 'Where's the St. Louis Park Band?'"

St Mary's College Band (Winona)

St Michael Band

Active in 1936 when members included Normie Steffens, Ermie Schumacher, Leon Weber, Alvin Eicher, Edward Lenz, Oliver Schumacher, Neil Zachman, Linus Schumacher, Allen Jaeb, Victor Korte, Roman Eicher, Meiny Daleiden, J.B. Korte, Richard Korte, Bill Kessler, Herman Schumacher, George Kessler, Gene Kessler, and Dave Haberman

St Olaf College Band (Northfield)

Founded in 1891 at St Olaf College. Fourteen young men met four times a week to practice with the help of Prof. John Dahle and student directors from within the band. The "Boys in White" (referring to their military-style uniforms) gave their first concert at the Northfield City Park on June 17,1893. In 1899, Andrew Onstad, became leader of the St. Olaf Band. F. Melius Christiansen took over direction of the St. Olaf Band in 1903. He took the group on its first tour in 1904, with concerts in 15 cities in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. In 1906, he took the Band on an even more ambitious tour - to Norway, his homeland - thus making it the first American college musical organization to conduct a concert tour abroad. The band performed for King Haakon and played to capacity crowds at 30 separate concerts.

St Olaf Cornet Band (Northfield)

See: St Olaf College Band

St Paul Female Brass Band

Active in 1858

St Peter Cornet Band

Active in 1896, conductor Reinhold Lagerstrom

St Peter Redmen Band

Active around 1900. Associated with the Improved Order of Red Men

St Thomas Military College Band (St Paul)

Active in the 1910's

Sauk Centre Band

Active in the 1910's

Sauk Rapids City Band

Active in the 1890's

Seaforth Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Sheldon Theatre Brass Band (Red Wing)

[Current band] - Founded in 1989

Shevlin Cornet Band

Active in 1907, leader G.B. Upton

Silver Lake Band

Active in the 1910's

Snyder's Band (St Paul)

See: Macalester Cornet Band

Southeast Brainerd Band

Active in 1891

Staples Band

Active around 1900

Starbuck Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's, conductor C.A. Townsend

Stillwater Cornet Band

Active in 1874 and around 1900

Swanville Cornet Band

Active in 1909 to 1915

Swedish Cornet Band (Bear Park)

Active in 1898

Symphonia Band (Kongsvinger Ev. Luth. Congregation) (Donnelly)

Active around 1900

Tansem Brass Band

Active in 1910

Taylor's Falls

Reorganised in May 1898, with 15 players, leader Edward H. Gibbs, secretary R.E. Sevey

Third Ward Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1891, 1892. Possibly located in Austin, MN

Tintah M.W.A. Band

Active in 1907

Tintah Town Band

Active around 1900

Tower Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Tracy Ladies' Tam O'Shanter Band

A ladies' band active in 1921, when it left Tracy to undertake a five week tour of the East

Triumph Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Twin City Lines East Side Station Band (Minneapolis)

Active in the 1920's

Twin Valley Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Two Harbors Marine Band

Active around 1900

Tyler Band

Active in 1915, conductor Mr Siverson

Ulen Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Union Band of Young America

Active around 1900

Union Cornet Band (Annandale)

Active around 1890

University of Minneapolis Training Detachment Band

Active in the 1910's

University of Minnesota Cadet Band

Active in 1878

Vasa Concert Band

Active in 1915, with members including Paul Johnson, Erhard Anderson, Elmer Velander, John Wilbur, Arthur Velander, Wallace Woods, Lawrence Johnson, Delmer Brynelson, Clarence Risberg, Willie Johnson, William Anderson, Milton Bodelson, Victor Larson (director), Raymond Johnson, Carl Peterson, Clarence Lundell, Victor Lundberg, Milton Johnson, Milton Edstrom, Elmer Anderson, Ever Nelson, Nels Risberg, and Albert Risberg

Viking Cornet Band (Clitherall)

Active in the 1910's

Vining Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Virginia Workers Band

Active in 1910

Voss Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Wabasso Band

Active in 1912

Wanamingo Cornet Band

Active in 1915. Still active in 1925

Warren City Band

Active in the 1910's

Waseca Band

Active in the 1900's. Contemporary with the Waseca Concert Band

Waseca Concert Band

Active in 1908. Contemporary with the Waseca Band

Water Town Ladies' Band

Active around 1910

Watertown Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1908, with 28 players. Members included Hattie Heck, Emma Schwartz, Ethel St. John, Agnes Barth, Ada Halgren, Lillian Teas, Viola Hohman, Lorena Pierson, Mrs. Winterquist, Isabelle Crowlly, Zadie St. John, Lizzie Schwartz, Mrs. Wallace, Deloris Boylan, Anna Schwerta, Julia Holmberg, Mabel Barber, Marie Gavin, Mae Schwartz, Ethel Bader, Gladys Swanson, Mabel Pierson, Justine Gunberg Pierson, Beatrice Barth, Gertrude Burke, Eileen Boylan, Ruth Van Krevlan and Myrtle Millford. Still active in 1917

Watertown Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Waterville Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Watkins Band

Active in the 1900's

Welcome Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Wells Maroon Band

Active in the 1900's

Westby Band

Active around 1900

Wheaton Band

Active in the 1910's

White Earth Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Wilcox Cornet Band (Red Wing)

Active in the 1890's

Willmar Municipal Band

Active in the 1900's

Windom Boys Brass Band

Active in 1907

Windom Cornet Band

Active in 1884, with 16 members, including "the only lady cornetist in Southwestern Minnesota"

Winnebago Cornet Band

Active in 1884

Winona Brass Band (1)

Active in 1864

Winona Brass Band (2)

[Current band] - Founded in 1993

Winona Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Winona YMCA Band

Active in the 1890's

Woodville Band

Active in the 1910's

Worthington Brass Band

Active in 1891

Worthington Cornet Band (1)

Founded in September 1873, with initial members Dr. J. Craft, Prof. R.D. Bagley (leaders), W.H. Humiston, Charley Humiston, Will Langdon, J. Goodnew, C. Skinner, C.E. Tourtelotte, and W. Stockdale. A short time afterwards G.M. Plumb and Byron Plumb were added. In winter 1873 the officers were bandmaster Bagley, director Craft, secretary G.M. Plumb and treasurer John Humiston. It accepted some pieces of music composed by William S. Langdon of Worthington, in 1874

Worthington Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1906 by Professor Wilson Abbott. Members in 1909 included Little Lawrence Abbott, Darrel Phillips, Peter G. Nystrom, Harry Williams, Emil Nelson, Louis Moeller, Roland Peterson, James KcKay, Arthur Turner, Leo Kraft, George Gessem, Allen Abbott, Othwaite Kumler, Ray Wolven, Arthur Sather, Blonr A. Relsem, George Myers, Ernest Foelchow, Wilson Abbott, Henry Nokke, Allen McKay, Vincent Abbott, Henry Buchard, Victor Moeller, George Myrom, Ernest Oliver, Edward Maher, Lawrence Kraft, and Edward Swanberg

Worthington Independent Band

Founded in August 1874, when the leader of the Worthington Cornet Band, and several other members, left. It consisted of Will Langdon (leader), C.E. Tourtelotte, George Plumb, J.C. Goodnow, W.S. Stockdale, Will Humiston, George Ames, and Charley Humiston

Zumbro Falls Band

Founded in 1910, when members were: Frank Sugg, Henry Gray, C. Ellis, Hubert Rose, Polly Theisin, Ed Starz, Leonard Disney, Hugh R. Smith, Sy Helgerson, Lou Roberson, Ernie Disney, Henry Roberson, Bert Disney, Bill Greer, Artie Disney, Clarence Siewert, Chet Claffin, and George Lemke

Zurah Temple Band (Minneapolis)

Active in 1914 - associated with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America

USA - Mississippi



Canton Home Star Brass Band

Baldwyn Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Booneville Star Band

Active in 1909

Canton Brass Band (1)

Founded in August 1867. Did not last long. A successor band was formed in 1869

Canton Brass Band (2)

Founded in June 1869 with 8 or 10 players. Leader Mr Hartwell, with 16 players, in 1870, 1871

Canton Home Star Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Clack Valves & Cornets Steam Band

Active in the 1990s and early 2000s - a historical re-enactment band

Columbus Brass Band

Active in 1868 with 13 players, including Messrs Gass, Peterson, and Teasdale **Eagle Band** (Laurel)

Active around 1900

Gilbert Sisters' Silver Cornet Band

Active in January 1873, performing at Angelo's Hall, Jackson, Mississippi. Members included Misses Katie Gilbert, Bettie Gilbert, Jennie Gilbert, Belle Reynolds, Lotta Rainford, Mamie Pearl Reese; Mrs M. Rainford, James M. Gilbert, Frank Saunders (leader)

Greenville Concert Band

Active in the 1910's, conductor Felix Sanchez

Jackson Brass Band

Founded in summer 1868. Still active in 1871. Leader Professor Rivinac in 1870

Jones Family Brass Band

Orville Milford Jones was born in Sparta, Wisconsin, in 1842, becoming a farmer in De Kalb, Mississipi after the Civil War. He married Ella Louvenia "Venie" Nethery and had 13 children who formed the band. The children were Gertrude S. (b. 1867), Ella Maud (b. 1868), John Milford (b. 1871), Guy Percy (b. 1872), Wallace Walter (b. 1874), Orville Milford jnr. (b. 1876), Arthur Benjamin (b. 1878), Thaddeus Milo (b. 1880), Ina Louvenia (b. 1882), Eddie Grey (b. 1883), Bonnie Elizabeth (b. 1886), Claudius Vivienne (b. 1888) and Herbert B. (b. 1892). The band was hired to accompany the Congress nominee Captain J.H. Jameson on his tour round counties in Mississippi during August and September 1894

Kosciusko Brass Band

Active in 1871

Kosciusko Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Lehmann Family Brass Band

Performed as part of Harry Heike's Dime Museum when it visited Vicksburg, Mississippi, in May 1885. The Museum had just arrived from the World's Exposition and also featured Professor Ryland's dog and monkey circus, Thespia the wonderful London \$25,000 half lady illusionist (a living swinging bust), and Mademoiselle Salvina, the feminine Samson

Lexington Brass Band

Active in 1850, leader Mr Kendall

Lexington Cornet Band

Founded in late 1869 by T. Potter. Still active in 1870

Macon Cornet Band

Active in 1871, 1872

Meridian Brass Band

Active in 1871

Normal College Band

Active in 1923

Ocean Springs Brass Band

Active in the 1890's through to 1912

Oxford Brass Band (1)

Active in 1850

Oxford Brass Band (2)

Founded in spring 1868, business manager W.L. Lyles, tutor Professor Stewart. In October 1871 the band was returning from Winona, where they had been performing at the grand barbecue there, when the train they were on was derailed. Most of the band were injured, though not too seriously - these included W.W. Stewart (leader), William Worley, N.F. Worley, G.C. Weber, W.H. Wohlleben, and M.J. McGuire

Raymond Brass Band

Active in 1851

Ripley Brass Band

Founded in 1870

Ripley Cornet Band

Founded in 1882, with initial members: J. L. Buchanan (president), F. S. McKnight (treasurer), C. L. Hovis (secretary), Lee Alvis, John C. Wallace, Walter L. Smith, Henry W. Barnett, Willie Alvis, Willie Read, Willie Smith, and W. B. Baker

Southern Paper Company Band (Moss Point)

Active around 1910

State Teachers College Girls Band (Jackson)

Active in 1924

Verona Brass Band

Active in 1870

Vicksburg Brass Band

Active in 1855, leader MacNab Lindsay

Vicksburg Cornet Band

Founded in April 1869. Still active in 1872

Water Valley Brass Band

Active in 1868

Weir Brass Band

Active in 1908

Wilkinson Brass Band

Active in 1871

Yazoo Brass Band (Yazoo City)

Active in 1855, 1856

Yazoo City Brass Band

USA - Missouri



Bolivar Brass Band

6th Regiment Band (Cape Girardeau)

Active in 1901 to 1910, conductor G.E. Schuchert. Also known as Schuchert's Silver Cornet Band

AFM Brass Band (Springfield)

Active around 1900

Allendale Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Alley's Band (Eagleville)

Active in the 1890's

Altenburg Town Band

Active in 1915 - members included Arthur Buck, Arnold Meyr, Henry (Butch) Schmidt, John Bellman, Paul Lungwitz, Ed Militzer, William Kermse, Reinhold Poppitz, Martin Seibel, Arthur Koestering, Henry Fiehler (instructor), Leo Lottes, Albert Hellmuth, Martin Bellman (bass drum) and Theodore "Peterson" Mueller (snare drum)

Altheim Brass Band

Active in 1893

Alton Brass Band

Active around 1900, members included Lucas Bates, Posey (Bill) Booker, Glen Wilson, Oglesby Floyd, Wesley Floyd, Felix L. McClellan, Don Wilson, Cloyd Brewer, Clyde Royal, Charley Brewer, Conley Wilson, Will McClellan, Leslie McClellan, and George Crews.

Amazonia Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Anderson Concert Band

Apple Creek Brass Band

Active in 1915, members included: Hugo Wucher, Benny Ponder, Theodore Meyer, Bill Trapp, Willie Wucher, Joseph Buchheit, Bill Ponder, Sr., Ignatius Meyer, Hugo Buchheit, Hugo Ponder, Ignatius Trapp, William Schloss, Louis Wibbenmeyer and Bernard Meyer. Associated with St Joseph's Catholic Church

Appleton City Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Arcadia Valley Baptist Boys Band

Active around 1900

Ash Grove Citizens Band

Active in 1934

Ash Grove Concert Band

Active in 1910

Ava Cornet Band

Active in 1891 to 1896. Purchased new uniforms in 1894. Leader J.W. Pettit in 1896

Barlow Show Band (St Joseph)

Active in 1910

Barnard Cornet Band

Founded in the early 1890's

Bectrow's Band (Windsor)

Active in the 1900's

Bethel Cornet Band

Took first prize in the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Members in 1902 included Wesley A. Bower, drum; W.A. (Burt) Steinbach, bass; Dias F. Bower, baritone; William F. Ziegler, baritone; J.D. Taylor, trombone; C.E. Steinbach, alto; Frank Noll, alto saxophone; M.D. Bower, alto saxophone; H.C. Blair, cornet; I.R. Will, cornet; W.T. Ziegler, Jr., cornet; John Q. Steinbach, cornet and band leader; Carl F. Ziegler, cornet

Bluff City Band

See: Hannibal Brass Band

Bolivar Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Bon Terre Brass Band

Founded in November 1899 with Ed Aubuchon as president, Louis Marchand as manager, George Gibler as instructor, Frank Marchand (euphonium), Jules Paul Boyer (snare drum)

Bonne Terre Brass Band

Active around 1900 - Frank Emil Marchand (b.1881) played euphonium in the band. The band met and held their practices in the Marchand Saloon in Bonne Terre in 1899

Bonnot's Mill Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Boonville Brass Band

Active in 1857

Bopp Brass Band (Kirkwood)

Founded in 1884 by Henry Bopp with his brothers Peter and Theodore [another report gives the name of the third brother as Valentine], together with other members of their families. It existed for over 50 years

Brownsville Cornet Band (Sweet Springs)

Active in 1873, leader Professor Storandt

Burchfield's Music House Band (Warrensburg)

Active around 1900

Butler Cornet Band

Active in 1905 to 1908

Cainsville Brass Band

Active around 1900

California Cornet Band

Active in 1871, when it gained first prize at the Kansas City Industrial Exposition and Agricultural Fair in October

Cameron Military Band

Active in 1907 to 1910

Cameron Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1866. It would travel widely, journeying 2,000 miles in 1884, including time spent on stagecoaches and steamboats. Later evolved into Cameron Military Band and was still active as that around 1900. Became Cameron Municipal Band in 1929 and still active today as a community wind band

Camp Branch Brass Band

Active around 1900. Eugene B. Helman was the band's conductor for 12 years

Carondelet Brass Band (St Louis)

Active in 1867, with members Paul Mummert; Frank Poupeney; Mr Harrington; Professor Frank Gecks; Adam Mummert; Edward Gamache; Mr Griswold; Thomas Holden; Alphonse Perrier; Charles Poureillie; Julien Gamache; James Earl Gamache; and William Gamache

Carterville Band

Active in the 1880's

Carthage Silver Cornet Band

Active in the early 1870's, when W. H. Gilbert was a member. Still active in 1875 - president Joseph Hall, secretary W.H. Weir

Cassville Brass Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Charleston Cornet Band

Active in 1869, leader Edward Wittig

Charleston Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1907, with 14 players

Charlevtown Cornet Band

Active in 1913, members included Frank Otto, George Kemna, Al Schell, John Schwieterman (director), Alphonse Bax, Clem Bax, Henry Oligschlaeger, John Worms, George Worms, Herman Luecke, Bill Oligschlaeger, and Frank Lueckenhoff

Chillicothe Business College Band

Active in the 1910's

Clark Concert Band (Clark)

Active in 1909

Clinton Seminary Band

Active in 1920

Columbia Christian College Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1913

Concordia Band

Corsicana Cornet Band

Founded in 1877 with members A.D. Hunter (leader), W. Morrow, H.R. Williams, James Stephens, George Smith, P.L. Evans, Thomas J. Smith, W.M. Thomas, B.L. Evans, M. Hanlon, Charles Brown, Wilson Tidwell, O.P. Smith and M. H. Ricketts

Covell's City Band (Rich Hill)

Active in the 1880's

Cowgill Band

Active in the 1900's

Cuba Band

Active in the 1900's

Delta City Cornet Band

Active in 1873, 1874

Deutschmeister Brass Band (St Louis)

[Current band]

Dillinger Family Band (Union)

Active around 1890. John Jackson Dillinger and his family members. John Jackson played clarinet, his wife Nancy Jane, the drums. Other family members included his sons John William, James Marion, Thomas Jefferson and Francis Jackson "Bud", and daughters Mary and Rosetta

Douglas County Normal Band

Active in 1897, with members: J.M. Miller (leader and 2nd Eb cornet), J.W. Pettit (1st Eb cornet), Claud Pearcy (solo Bb cornet), John Wilson (1st Bb cornet), Elmer Pearcy (solo alto), C. Miller (1st alto), Howard Wilson (2nd alto), H.S. Wilson (1st tenor), Aaron Kennedy (2nd tenor), J.C. Curnutt (baritone), J.T. Hailey (Bb bass), J.C. Byrd (Eb bass), Philip Abel (snare drum), and C.W. Meeker (bass drum)

Dugan's Cornet Band (Savannah)

Founded in early 1873. Still active in 1874

Edina Ladies Band

Active in 1908

Eldon Brass Band

Active in the 1890's, members included Ario Decker, Jim Salisbury, Charley O'Brian, Etham Gunn, Sumpter Gunn, Charley Barklow, Pete Barklow, John Shepherd, John Howard, Bill Kiesley, William Duncan and Clyde Gunter

Emma Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's. Members included Albert Heaper, Lorenz Meyer, Otto Bodenstab, Ed Deke, Theodore Dierking, Henry Rotenberg, Hugo Schelp, Henry Dankenbrink, William A. Tieman, Amos (Tom) Meyer, Julius Hemme, Martin Wehrs, William Wehrs, and Amos Dierking

Enterprise Military Band (Hermann)

Active in 1913

Ethel Brass Band

Active in 1910

Fairport Cornet Band

Active in 1897

Farmington Brass Band

Active in 1885, when it acquired "new suits resplendent with brass buttons and gold lace"

Florence Cornet Band

Forney's Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Fountain City Brass Band (Kansas City)

[Current band] - Founded in 2002

Fredericksburg Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Frohna Cornet Band

Active in 1915 - members included Oscar Schroeter, Martin Fischer, Theodore Bachmann, Fred Seibel, Robert Gemeinhardt, Theodore (Bud) Fischer, Theodore Goehring, Roland Schuessler, Arthur Weinhold, Gottfried Bergt, Paul Lueders, Chris Goller, Charles Vogel (bass drum) and August Oberndorfer (snare drum)

Frostburg German Arion Band

Active in the 1890's

Fulton Brass Band

Active in 1859

Gainesville Brass Band

Active around 1910, with members including George Boone, Charley Burk, Averill Harrison, Frank Walker, Will Burk, Everett Luna, Harry Force, John C. Harlin, Roy Tate, Guy Wood and Harry Walker

Garden Prairie Cornet Band (Cameron)

Active in the 1890's

Gateway City Band (St Louis)

[Current band]

Gerald Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Glasgow American Brass Band

Active in 1869

Glasgow Brass Band

Founded in early 1859, leader Professor Kuemmel

Golden City Brass Band

Active in May 1884 when "the band were returning from Lockwood, they attempted to cross the bridge over the creek just east of Golden. In the darkness of the night, the driver, Mr. Anderson, drove off the approach to the bridge, throwing J. T. Clark out of the buggy in which he suffered such injuries as to cause his death in a few moments."

Goldsberry Brass Band

Active in 1893

Graham Cornet Band (Graham)

Active in 1874, leader A.C. Snyder (who was a painter). Still active in 1893

Grandby Brass Band

Active in 1893

Greenfield Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Greenville Star Band

Active in the 1900's

Gunter's Band (New Cambria)

Active in the 1900's

Hannibal Brass Band

Founded in 1848. By 1857, it was called the Silver Cornet Band. In 1885, it was known as the Bluff City Band, and in 1895 it became the First Regimental Band. Until 1875, the band practiced in a room upstairs over a store on Broadway. The band's leaders from 1849 to 1923 included Professor Holtzerman, Mr. Buck, Mortimer Hurley, Nick Smith, Joe McAtee (under whose leadership the first band uniforms appeared), Edgar Johnson, John Lambert, Ernest Hall, Professor Gray, Charles Warner and Wilbur Thompson

Hannibal Regimental Band

Active in 1910

Hannibal Wagon Company Band

Active in 1914, members included Clarence Rost, Snare Drum; George Digel, Baritone Saxophone; John Kreamer Jr., Clarinet; Roy Kreamer, Clarinet; John Kreamer, Clarinet; Rolla Stewart, Cornet; Angelo Martino, Cornet; Frank Franz, Alto Horn; C. F. Parker, Alto Horn;Russell Matson, Trombone; Herman Krueger, Trombone; Dick Riney, Baritone; "Red" Walker, tuba; Les Jackson, Bass Drum; James T. Rose, Cornet; Norbie Hays, Piccolo

Harrisonville Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Higginsville Band

Active in 1909

High Ridge Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Holden Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Hoover and his Band (Springfield)

Active in the 1910's

Houston Band

Active in the 1900's

Huckstep Concert Band (Bowling Green)

Active in the 1900's

Humansville Brass Band

Founded around 1880, with members including Mr Sloat, Fred Lisburn, John England, James H. Mashburn, Ott Rains, Sam Massey, Tom Garrison, "Doc" Lawson, and Will Irick

Humansville Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1884 [separate or successor to the Humansville Brass Band]

Hume IOGT Band

Active in 1906

Huntsville Knights of Honor Band

Active in the 1890's

I.O.O.F. Home Band of Missouri

Active in 1907

Iberia Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Immanuel Lutheran Church Band (St Louis)

Active in 1898

Independence Brass Band (Independence)

Active in 1855

Independence Cornet Band (Independence)

Independence Young American Band (Independence)

Founded on 1st January 1892

Independent Oregon Cornet Band

See: Oregon Cornet Band

Jackson Young America Band

Active in the 1890's

Jefferson City Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Jeffries Band (Maryville)

Active in 1909

Johnny's Island Cimfony Band

A comic band in the 1900's

Kahoka Band

Active in 1909

Kansas City Young America Band

Active in the 1890's

Kate Baker's Ladies' Silver Cornet Band (Gallatin)

Active in 1887 to 1892. Performing at the Kansas State Fair in Topeka in August 1888, they were billed as giving "a fine Street Parade and Drill, dressed in gorgeous costumes, headed by the only lady drum major in the world in her lightning drum exercise." Leonore Boyd played with the band in 1888 when it accompanied Dr Diamond Dick (George B. McClellan) with his medicine show in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Members of the band in January 1889 included Kate Baker (drum major), Mina Hallett (solo cornet), Alice Baker (trombone), Lillie Baker (alto), Anna Burroughs (cornet), Lenora Boyd (baritone), Lotta de Rose (alto), Alice Richolson (cornet), Nellie Richolson (tuba), Bertha Boyd (tuba), and Dan Baker ("smallest boy musician in the world"). Kate Baker died in August 1892, and the Comedy Company, which had included the Ladies' Cornet Band, was subsequently renamed by her husband Al M. Baker after her seven year old son, Dan Baker

King City Cearcian Band

Active in 1914

Kingston Band

Active in the 1920's

Knob Noster Brass Band

Active in the 1890's. Harry Vest was a charter member

La Plata Band

Active in the 1900's

Labaddie Band

Active around 1900

Lafayette Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1872. Leader George Zeiler, secretary J.D. Chambers in 1872

Lead Belt Brass Band (Bon Terre)

Active in the early 1900's, with Marcel Boyer, Fidelis Boyer, Walter Griffard, Joe Griffard, John Griffard and Frank Griffard as members. Also reported as being from Desloge

Lebanon Concert Band

Leopold Brass Band

Founded in 1906. Still active in 1911. Members included Martin Van Doren jnr., Herman Landewee snr., Martin Tenholder, John Herman Elfrink, B. L. Hoetze (bandmaster), Joe Van de Ven, Martin Van Doren snr., Henry Tenholder, John Van Doren, Frank A Nenninger, M. G. Hinkebein, and John Tenholder

Lexington Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872, leader Mr West. Still active in 1873

Liberal Brass Band

Active in 1907

Liberty Cornet Band

Active in 1866, Mr Sandusky (leader), Lee Worthing (second leader), with 16 players

Liberty Oddfellow Home Band

Active around 1900

Linneus Brass Band (Linn County)

Active in 1871

Lucerne Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Lutesville Band

Active in 1911

Macon City Brass Band

Active in 1865

Marble Hill Cornet Band

Founded in May 1876, August Sander was elected president, and J. M. Welch leader. In 1887, August Sander was secretary, Robert W. Fisher, leader, and Charles A. Sander, president. Still active in 1902. Records of the band (1875-1902) are held by the State Historical Society of Missouri

Marceline Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Marsh Family Band (St Louis)

Active in the 1900's, consisting of Isaac M. Marsh (b. 1859, cornet), children Junie (b. 1884, cornet), John (b. 1891, cornet), Angelina (b. 1889, trombone), and Isaac's wife Sarah (née Smith, b. 1864, trombone). Performed at the St Louis World's Fair in 1904

Marshfield Band

Active in the 1910's

Matthews Band

Active in the 1910's

Mexico Cornet Band

Active in 1867

Missouri School for the Blind Brass Band (St Louis)

Active in 1958, when they were taught to march by Harry Sprunk

Missouri Wesleyan College Band

Active around 1900

Monett Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Monroe City Brass Band

Founded in 1896. Early members included Ed Fink, Oney Fink, Edmund Jaeger, Cecil Forsythe, W. Emmett Howell, Alfred Jaeger, Elmer E. Evans, J. Shelby Rutledge, Clyde Fink, Harry D. Jarman, Henry J. Kendrick, and Thomas M. Boulware

Monticello Citizens Band

Active in 1907

Mount Grove Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Mountain View Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Mt Hope Silver Cornet Band (Odessa)

Active in 1874

Nesslein Cornet Band (Perry)

Active in 1897

New Bloomfield Cornet Band

Active in 1899

New Cambria Cornet Band (Kansas)

Active in the 1890's. Clarence Arthur Darling played trombone in the band c. 1905

Nixa Band

Active in 1905

Novelty Concert Band

Active around 1900

Nubia Brass Band (Rocky Comfort)

See: Utter Family Brass Band

Oregon Brass Band

See: Oregon Cornet Band

Oregon Cornet Band

Founded in early 1869 as Oregon Brass Band. Officers in April 1869 were E. Van Buskirk, William Kaucher, Samuel Hershberger (chairman), R.P. Ruley, N.J. Kyger, W.A. Mackoy, Levi Zook, and A.N Ruley (secretary). Members included S.W. Morrison, Moses Bennett, Daniel Kunkel junior, A.J. Martin, Jack Masters, George B. Bowman, F.S. Rostock, James H. Nies, George Seeman, and John A. Price. Still active in 1873

Oregon Ladies' Cornet Band (Oregon)

Active in 1874

Oregon Philharmonic Cornet Band

See: Oregon Cornet Band

Ozark Cornet Band (Winona)

Active around 1910

Palmyra Town Band

Active in 1915, members included Jacob G. Berghofer, director; Russell Weyand, snare drum; Edward Stuhlmann, clarinet; Frank Heinze, clarinet; Charles Retti, Eb clarinet; Glenn Todd, flute; Paul Pollman, bass drum; Leo Smith, cornet; Frank Smith, cornet; John Smith cornet; Dave Smith, cornet; Edward Schaefer, baritone; Harold Todd, alto horn; Howrd Kelly, alto horn; Jesse Freese, trombone; Arnold Quest, tuba; Milton Cary, baritone; Harold Heinze, tuba; and Paul Kelly, tuba

Paris Cornet Band (Columbia)

Active in 1873

Park College Band (Parkville)

Pickaninny Cornet Band (Kansas City)

Active in 1899, with one first and two second B-flat clarinets, one E-flat cornet, four B-flat cornets, one alto horn in E-flat, one tenor and one bass trombone, one baritone, one B-flat bass, one E-flat bass, one bass drum, one side drum

Pioneer Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Pleasant Gap Band

Active in 1916

Pleasant Hill Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Poplar Bluff Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Potosi Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Powersville Brass Band

Active in 1893

Prairie Hill Brass Band

Active in 1893

Progressive Cornet Band (Ste. Genevieve)

Active in 1883, leader Edward Seyssler, when it was reported they were "as busy as bees, getting ready for their Grand Picnic in Grobe's Grove on the 4th. New pieces are rehearsed, a band wagon is being painted in fine style, their new and tasty parade uniforms are receiving the finishing touches, and mammoth posters are scattered all over the country"

Puxico Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Queen City Cornet Band (Sedalia)

Active in 1893. Scott Joplin was a member, playing 2nd cornet, in the late 1890's

Rackett Family Cornet Band (Quincy)

Consisted of six members. Performed at the Palmyra, Missouri, 4th July celebrations in 1883; the Palmyra Fair in October 1883 - the band charged \$150 for their appearance at the five days of the fair; Hanley's Opera House, Palmyra in January 1884; the Opera House, Palmyra, in February 1915

Ray Cornet Band (Rayville, Ray County)

Active in 1873, 1874

Roanoke Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Rock Port Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890, when the members included Mamie Harrington, Cora Erb, May Sly, Minnie Laney, Cora Lee, Julia Newell and Lou Hunter. Still active in 1898, with 15 players

Rockport Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Leader D.C. Smith in 1870

Rockport Ladies' Brass Band

See: Rock Port Ladies' Cornet Band

Rosenblatt's Silver Cornet Band (Savannah)

Active in 1871, 1872

St Charles Cornet Band

Active in 1870 as St Charles Brass Band, leader Joseph Decker. Became St Charles Cornet Band in the mid-1880s. In 1887, Harry Rummel came to St Charles to work at the Car Shops and began playing with the Cornet Band and quickly became leader. In 1897, the Cornet Band began presenting open-air concerts on Office Clerk's Hill. In 1900, Harry Rummel changed the name to Rummel's Military Band. The Military Band performed under his leadership until 1912 when Harry and his wife left for California. Rummel's musicians hired a new director in 1913 and changed the name to the St. Charles Military Band. It is still active as a community wind band [St Charles Municipal Band]

St Joseph's Brass Band (Apple Creek)

See: Apple Creek Brass Band

St Louis Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1998

St Vincent's College Brass Band (Cape Girardeau)

Active in 1869, 1870, leader F. Blanchez

Ste Genevieve Brass Band

See: Progressive Cornet Band

Ste Genevieve Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Saline Silver Cornet Band (Saline City)

Active in 1874

Salisbury Brass Band

Founded in October 1869. Still active in 1870

Savannah Brass Band

Active in 1866

Schuchert's Silver Cornet Band (Cape Girardeau)

See: 6th Regiment Band

Senath Concert Band

Active in 1909

Sheridan Cornet Band

Active around 1900

ShowMe Brass Band (Columbia)

[Current band] - Founded in the late 1990s

Skidmore Band

Active in the 1910's

South West City Band

Active in 1909

State Normal Military School Band (Cape Girardeau)

Active in the 1900's

Stone Hill Band

Active in 1900

T.B.H. Band (Morehouse)

Active in the 1910's

Tarkio Band

Active in the 1920's

Troy Brass Band

Founded in February 1868

Tuscumbia Band

Active around 1910

Unionville Band

Active in 1906

United States Depot Band (Jefferson Barracks)

Active around 1900, conductor Frank J. Weber

Utter Cornet Band (Cassville)

Active in 1893, leader Mr. Queminger

Utter Family Brass Band (Rocky Comfort)

Active in the 1890's. The band were all members of the family of David Jefferson Utter. It was also known as the Nubia Brass Band

Vobach's Cornet Band (Kansas City)

Active in 1871, when it gained second prize at the Kansas City Industrial Exposition and Agricultural Fair in October

Warrenton Band

Active around 1910

Wavnesville Cornet Band

Active in the late 1890's

Webb City Silver Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1882 with eleven players, its uniforms consisted of red plush jackets, blue flannel pants, patent leather leggings, and white duck caps. Still active in the 1890's

Webster Groves Band

Active in the 1890's

Western Missouri Brass Band (Independence)

[Current band] - Founded in 1985

Westphalia Cornet Band

Active in 1886 with members William Henke, Gerhard Strathaus, John Sonnen, John Horstdaniel, Henry Horstdaniel, Henry Schlueter, Casper Horstdaniel, Henry Brune, Peter Radmacher, Bernard Schaefer, Frank Horstdaniel, William Kolkmeyer, Henry Henke, & Joseph Meyerpeter

Westport Brass Band (Kansas City)

Active in 1855

West's Silver Band (Lexington)

See: Lexington Silver Cornet Band

Wittenberg Town Band

Active in 1915 - members included Pete Mueller, Joe Richter, Walter Weinhold, Ebs Wienhold, Martin Grebing, Theodore Militzer, Otto Petzoldt, Otto Richter, Arnold Mueller, Arthur Mueller, Otto (Nick) Lungwitz (snare drum), Otto Hemmann, and Otto Leuders

Worth Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Wright City Band

USA - Montana



Dunkirk Dryland Band

14th Infantry Band (Helena)

Active in 1916

24th U.S. Infantry Band (Fort Harrison)

Active in the 1910's

Aldridge Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1895 by the miners of the Montana Coal and Coke Company. Disbanded around 1906

Anaconda Copper Mines Band (Butte)

See: Boston and Montana Band

Belgrade Girls' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1914, conductor Olive Selin

Belt Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Billings Brass Band

Founded in the late 1880's - it has to practice in a vacant house in the extreme east of the city because the townspeople objected to the noise. It was welcomed back into the town when it could play in unison. Members included George M. Hays, Doc H.F. McFarlin, Charles Sawyer and E.W. Szftnick

Boston and Montana Band (Butte)

Founded in 1887, with six players, by Sam H. Treloar with miners from the Boston and Montana Copper Mining Company. 23 members by 1889. By 1917, still active, it had been rename the Anaconda Copper Mines Band

Boulder Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1893

Bozeman Silver Cornet Band

Founded in December 1874, instructor Professor Charpie, with 12 players

Butte High School Band

Active in 1929

Cottonwood Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Crow Agency Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's, conductor Elmer Dove. It consisted of Crow native americans and white employees of the administration

Crow Indian Boys Band (St Peter's Mission)

Active in the 1880's

Deer Lodge Cornet Band

Founded in February 1874, instructor A.B. Sharpie (of the Helena Cornet Band)

Dillon Cornet Band

Active in 1899

Drumlummon Brass Band (Maryville)

Active around 1890 - associated with the Drumlummon Mine

Dunkirk Dryland Band

Active in 1915

Ekalaka Band

Active in the 1900's

Fort Peck Indian Band (Miles City)

Active in 1915

Fort William Henry Harrison Band

Active in 1908

Frenchtown Brass Band

Active in 1871

Gateway City Band (Livingston)

Active in 1911

Glacier Park Girls' Brass Band (Kalispell)

Founded in spring 1918, conductor M.B. Riffo

Glendive Ensemble

Active in 1900

Granite Mountain Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Great Mountain Silver Cornet Band (Granite)

See: Granite Mountain Silver Cornet Band

H.S. Cornet Band (Ravalli)

Active around 1900

Helena Brass Band

Active in 1871 to 1873. Contemporary with the Helena Citizens Cornet Band

Helena Citizens Cornet Band

Founded in December 1872 by leader Al B. Charpie, with 12 players and instruments costing \$800. Members were: Al B. Charpie (leader, 1st Eb cornet), John E. Pyle (2nd Eb cornet), G.F. Marsh (1st Bb cornet), L. Duncan (2nd Bb cornet), Albert Clark (3rd Bb cornet), P.B. Thomas (1st Eb alto), F. Borstadt (2nd Eb alto), F.P. Roach (Bb tenor), D.M. Gillette (baritone), Frank Abt (Bb bass), Homer Hewins (tuba), Henry Stephens (bass drum), Eugene Lippencott (tenor drum), Fred Miles (cymbals). Contemporary with the Helena Brass Band

Helena Cowboy Band

Active in the 1900's

Holy Family Mission Brass Band (Helena)

Active around 1905 - a boys' band

Hot Springs Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ladies' Imperial Band (Bozeman)

Active in 1907 to 1911

Lewistown Cornet Band

Founded in August 1887. Members included Frank Moshner, B flat bass; Bart Noble, baritone; Joe Norman, second, tenor; Billy Kelly, first alto; J. T. Douglass, solo alto, Dick Dickensheit, first tenor; Guy Norman, second B flat cornet; Mr. Neff, E flat cornet; Camille Hogue, snare drum; Ed, Wright, bass drum; Mr. Porter, cornet, and William Culver, leader and solo B flat cornet

Maiden Cornet Band

Founded in 1884. Members in March 1885 were W.H. Culver, captain & Eb cornet, Jed Groesback, instructor, clarinet; C.M. Culbertson, Bb cornet; A.M. Thompson, solo alto; J.H. Snell, second alto; E.N. Wentworth, first tenor; W.T. Nelson, baritone; H.C. Campbell, snare drum; and R. M. Dryden, bass drum and cymballs

Manhattan Band

Active in the 1890's

Miles City Band

Active in the 1900's

Military Band (Helena)

Active in 1914

Missoula Cornet Band

Founded in 1874, instructor A.B. Charpie, with 8 players

Missoula Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1902, 1903

Montana Belles Cowboy Band (Helena)

Active in 1918

Montana State Band (Alberton)

Active in the 1910's

Montana State Prison Band (Deer Lodge)

Active in the 1910's

Park City Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Philipsburg Band

Active in the 1900's

Polson Cowboy Band

Active in the 1920's

Prairie Band (Fairview)

Active in 1919

Red Lodge Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1907

St Ignatius Mission Brass Band (St Ignatius)

Possibly founded around 1885, tutor Mr O'Reilly. However there is evidence of a band at the mission as early as the 1860's. Still active in the 1890's, formed of the Indian boys from this Catholic mission, some under 12 years of age. 24 players in 1890

Twin Bridges Cornet Band

Active in 1891, when members included Charles Cline, Mort H. Miller, Van Gould, James Seyler, Gardner Pease, Mert Gould, Hart Pease, Ham Cooper, Professor William Mills, Nat Stark, Gilbert Whert, W.D. Heller, and William Rhodes

Virginia City Brass Band

Active in 1864, director D.W.C. Waugh. New instruments obtained in January 1871. Members in 1888 included George Lowman, Fred Baher, Con Hurley, Frank Searl, Bob Smallhausen, Gus Rivers, George Reif, and Will Vanderbeck

Waugh's Brass Band (Virginia City)

See: Virginia City Brass Band

Whitefish Brass Band

Active in 1909

Wibaux Band (Miles City)

Active in the 1910's

Winifred School Band

Active in the 1920's

USA - Nebraska



Platte City Band

1st Nebraska Volunteers Brass Band (Omaha)

[Current band] - The band provides living history, education and musical entertainment in Nebraska and surrounding areas. It portrays the band of the original 1st Nebraska Volunteer Infantry Regiment of 1861-1862, wearing Union infantry uniforms and playing authentic musical arrangements from Civil War band books

5th Nebraska Infantry Band

Active in 1915

Adams Band

Active in the 1900's

Albion Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Allen Brass Band

Active in 1903, when members included: Paul Woodworth, Ray Friend, Ant Brunell, Harry Reed, Ray Stinger, Sterling Stewart, Carl Anderson, Vern McDonald, Oliver Grant (bandmaster), Bob Tussey, Roy Heliker, Billy Pomeroy (snare drum), and Billy Lyle

Alma Modern Woodmen Concert Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with Camp 1775 of the Modern Woodmen of America

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America, American Federation of Labor, District Council no. 5 Band (Omaha) Active in 1919

Ansley Band

Active in 1907

Arago Brass Band

Active in 1870

Arapahoe Band

Active around 1910

Aurora Concert Band

Active in 1909

Battle Creek Boys Band

Active in the 1900's

Battle Creek Cornet Band

Active in 1899. Louis Rodekohr was a member

Bayard Band

Active in 1910

Beatrice Brass Band

Founded in March 1869

Beatrice Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Beaver City Ladies' Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Benson Brass Band

Founded in 1909. Active through to 1928

Blair Military Band

Active in the 1890's

Blue Springs Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Blue Springs Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1894, with 13 members, uniforms of short skirts, white waists and blue visor caps with white bands

Bridgeport Band

Active in 1910

Bristow Military Band

Active in 1909

Brownville Brass Band (1)

See: Brownville Union Brass Band

Brownville Brass Band (2)

Founded in May 1871, leader D.C. Smith, buying the instruments of the old Brownville Union Brass Band for \$210 (which cost \$317 originally)

Brownville Metropolitan Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Still active in 1874. Members in 1869 included D.C. Smith (leader), Jacob Berkley, Henry M. Hart (president), Billy Shellenberger (cornet & treasurer), J.C. McNaughton (Eb alto & cor. secretary), A.J. McFall (secretary), Mr Hacker, George Neeley, Mr Bryant (tuba - he was 6'7" in height), Tom Shurts (snare drum), John Henderson (bass drum, cymbalist)

Brownville Union Brass Band

Active in 1861. Still active in 1868, went into decline thereafter. Made its public debut in May 1861, with members: J.R. Dye (leader), O.F. Lake, A. Schoenheit, Samuel Bauserman, H.M. Atkinson, J.C. Dueser, Buck McDaniel, and George P. Belden. A successor band was formed in May 1871.

Burton's Ladies' Concert Band (Franklin)

See: Franklin Ladies' Cornet Band

Callaway Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Campbell Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Central City Boys' Band

Active in the 1900's, conductor F. Delfosse

Chadron Band

Active in 1912

Chadron Boosters Band

Active in the 1900's

Chadron Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Chambers Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Childs Family Brass Band (Stanton)

Active in the late 1880's. It performed at the G.A.R. reunion at Norfolk, Nebraska, in August 1888, and in the Masonic Hall, Worthington, Minnesota in August 1892. The band in 1888 consisted of father F.J. Childs (cornet), Mrs F.J. Childs (baritone horn), Murray (aged 9, bass tuba), Bessie (aged 6, alto horn), Jessie (aged 4, alto horn), and Maud (aged 2, cymbals). Also billed as Childs Family Brass Band and Juvenile Comedy Company

Clarkson Band

Active in the 1910's

Clarkson Bohemian Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's. Players were: Emma Storek Hughs, Bessie Odvarka, Spika Dech, Emma Tomes, Rose Severa O'Brien, Emma Vitek Novotny, Vlasta Kastanek Travnicek, Bessie Polansky Spangler, Ida Dusatko Turek, Anna Bos Kareland, Anna Jirovec Jubik. Leader was C. Vyskocil

Clatonia Band

Active in 1910

Clatonia Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Clearwater Cornet Band

Active in 1887. Had 40 members in 1915

Clearwater Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Coleridge Band

Active in 1909

Columbus Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Concord Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Cook Band

Active around 1900

Craig Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Crete Band

Active in the 1890's

Crete Ladies' Cornet Band

Culbertson Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

David City Cornet Band

Founded in 1875 by Louis Smith

Dawson Cornet Band

Active in 1908

De Witt Excelsior Brass Band

Active in the 1890's, members included: Ralph Young, F.W. Kiburz (bandmaster), F.D. Wild, Roy Wild, Earl Cobel, Bert Kent, Charles Green, Leonard Huber, Harry Ellis, Harry Stout, Bert Bivens, T.W. Moore, Frank Schumacher, C.H. Buck

Decatur Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1895, members were: Frank Rohde, Will Langley, Ernest William Rohde, Harry Langley, Edgar Sears, Max Rohde, Ernest Rohde (snr.), George Langley, Martha Rohde-Brandon, Id Meeks-Rohde, and Guy Maryott

Dewitt Excelsior Band

Active in the 1890's

Dorhman's Band (Ewing)

Active in the 1910's

Dr Stockfeld's Boys Band (Fremont)

Active in the 1900's

Eichie's Boys' Band (Lincoln)

Active in the 1910's

Elwin Strong Band (Bloomfield)

Active around 1900

Fairmont Town Band

Active in 1908

Falls City Brass Band

Founded in 1869, leader D.C. Smith. Still active in 1871

Farlow Family Band (Beatrice)

William Farlow, a farmer and schoolteacher, and his wife, Paulina, both originally from Illinois, arrived with their eight children in Beatrice, Nebraska, sometime in the 1870's. It was a time of severe financial difficulties for the family. To help out, the two oldest sons, Will and Alfred, started a broommanufacturing business. All eight sons and daughters joined together into a family band (Sarah, tenor horn; George, cornet; Stella, tenor horn; Mary, baritone horn; Emma, baritone horn; Will, cornet; Margaret ("Maggie"), drum; and Alfred, tuba). They went on tour, performing widely around the Midwest during the 1880's. Each child showcased his or her individual talents. Alfred played the tuba and was the onstage comedian; Will played the cornet, as well as the guitar and harmonica. Little Maggie played the drum and sold photographs of herself and the family during intermissions. The family later became Christian Scientists, and toured providing Christian Science instruction

Father Flanagan's Boys Home Band (Boys Town)

Active in the 1910's

Franklin Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1903 to 1905, with 25 players

Fremont College Band

Active in the 1910's

Fullerton Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in October 1888. Still active in 1890

Gate City Cornet Band (Crawford)

Active in 1897, conductor Augustus Moyer

Geneva All-Girl Band

Active around 1900, bandmaster Silas B. Camp. Members included Ollie Tilzey, Besse Stultz, Tillie Voigtlander, Millie Scott, Blanche Woodworth, Laura Mozee, Martha Putlitz, Carrie Mozee, Addie Allen, Ora Kelly, Martha Sisler, and Mrs Ben Woodworth.

Geneva Brotherhood Band

Active around 1900

Geneva Brotherhood Band

Founded in 1907.

Geneva Cornet Band

Founded in 1875, by Silas B. Camp. Still active in 1896

Genoa Concert Band

Active in 1908, with new uniforms dark red or maroon in colour, trimmed with black braid. Contemporary with the Genoa Indian Concert Band

Genoa Indian Concert Band

Active in 1904

Gladstone Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Gordon Silver Cornet Band (North Platte)

Founded in 1883, conductor Nicholas Klein. Still active in 1896. Its uniforms were provided, at a cost of \$1,000, by Buffalo Bill - consisting of white broadcloth with gold braid, boots, gloves and helmet. The band subsequently toured with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show

Grand Island Cornet Band (1)

Active in the early 1870's

Grand Island Cornet Band (2)

Founded in June 1876, with J. W. West, president; J. W. Rogers, treasurer; Jay E. White, secretary, and C. B. Lewis, H. O. Brown, James Lewis, F. M. Claflin, Frank Nuss, and H. S. Elkins, unofficial members, rendered effective service for some years

Grand Island Union Cornet Band

Founded in June 1874, with S. S. Naylor, director; S. P. Mobley, Joseph Fox and George E. Wilson, trustees, and N. P. Kelley, secretary. This organization was the result of the old Grand Island band refusing to play on July 4. D. G. Phimister was director in September, 1874. The organization continued in existence for over a year

Guide Rock Concert Band

Active in 1928

Hagenow's Band (Lincoln)

Active from 1888 to 1906

Harnack's Band (Falls City)

Active in 1908

Hartington Citizens Concert Band

Active around 1900, conductor M.L. Stetson

Hastings Ladies' Concert Band

Founded in February 1889. First public performance at the opera house on 1 February 1890

Hatch Family Brass Band

Led by Dr Hatch and performed at St Paul's Church, Lincoln, Nebraska in April 1889. The band also played swiss bells, saxophones, and banjos in addition to their brass instruments

Hebron Band

Active in the 1890's

Hemingford Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Herman Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Hohmann Brass Band (Lincoln)

Founded by Frederick W. Hohmann in 1869

Humboldt City Band

Active in 1910

Hyannis Town Band

Active in 1914

Israel's Band (Stromburg)

Active in 1914

Johnson Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1910, with 20 players

Jolly Famers' Band

Active in the 1900's

Kearney Band

Active in 1907

Kearney Marine Band

Active in 1908

Kennard Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Kilgore Band

Active in 1913

Kimball Boosters Band

Active in the 1910's

Ladies Ideal Band (Lynch)

Active in 1890

Lincoln Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1876, conductor Professor Arthur Pryor. Still active in 1877. In July 1876, performing at Atchison, Kansas, with a programme including Beauty's Triumph (waltz), F.J. Keller (fantasia), Sweet Home (cornet duet Walter and Arthur Pryor), A Dream of the Ballroom (overture). Their uniform consisted of white dresses covered with gold and silver spangles, with blue and white hats.

Maywood Brass Band

Active in 1892

McCadden Cornet Band (Grand Island)

Founded in 1887

Mead Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Melick Cornet Band (Lincoln)

Founded in 1912 at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, with 22 members, by the interim warden Samuel M. Melick.

Metropolitan Brass Band (Brownville)

See: Brownville Metropolitan Silver Cornet Band

Millard Community Band

Active in 1926, with nearly 50 members, male and female.

Nebraska Brass Band (Omaha)

[Current band] - Founded in 2017, conducto Glen Greet

Nebraska City Brass Band

Active in 1860.

Nebraska City Cornet Band

Founded in 1876, as Nebraska City Helicon Band, by Judge M.M. Neihart, and members: Grovner Trahn, Jesse McCallum, Will G. Hall, Fred Mutton, Iver Iverson, Jack Williams, Bud Brubaker, Ferd Welch, Chris Nelson, A.B. Huckins (musical director), Henry Huckins, Milt Huckins, and Jewett Thomas. Officers in 1882 were S.J. Thomas (business manager), N.W. Niehart (secretary), Jesse McCallum (treasurer), and J.C. Iversen (musical director)

Nebraska City Helicon Band

Active in 1876

Nebraska City Merchants' Band

Founded in 1901, director Professor A. Loeb, with members: Roy Fischer, Armour Wright, Herman Karstens, A.Z. Johnson, William R. Hill, Daniel M. Hill, Ernest Hill, John Shannon, Lester Harmon, Herman Spier, Ernest Klein, Frank Spier, E.W. Clark, Frank Penn, Joseph Platner, Archie Kautz, Russel Kautz, Adolph K. Richter, M.H. Collins, John Ballard, Frank Fields, and George Curtiss

Nebraska Institution for Feeble Minded Youth Band

Active around 1900

Nebraska State Band (Creighton)

Active in the 1900's, conductor J. Sylvester DeForest

Nebraska State Penitentiary Band (Lincoln)

See: Melick Cornet Band

Neligh Concert Band

Active in 1910

Nelson Ladies' Silver Circle Cornet Band

Active in 1897

Nemaha City Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader Professor Dye

Nemaha Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, members included JL Melvin, George Fairbrother, George Dyer, Tom Higgins, Tom Finch, Lance Jones, Bill Seid, Charley Dye, Fred Scoville, George Sanders, John E. Crother, and Worthy Frazier

Nichols Family Band (Greenwood)

Active in 1885, consisting of John Kelly Nichols (b. 1839, cornet), his wife Charlotte (née Leesing, b. 1855, alto horn), and children Rose E. (b. 1871, cornet), Anna (b. 1877, trombone) and Frank Henry (b. 1873, tuba)

Norden Band

Active in the 1890's

Norfolk Ladies' Concert Band

Active in 1904

North Platte Cornet Band

Active in 1879, conductor Joe Fillion

Oakdale Boosters Band

Active in the 1910's

Oconto Band

Active in the 1910's

Omaha Brass Band

Active in 1859

O'Neill Brass Band

Founded in 1884 by Fred J. Herre, an Eb Flat cornet player, the bands musical talent progressed rapidly. In 1885, the county's first band contest was held at the fair. Taking part in the contest were brass bands from Atkinson, Stuart, and O'Neill. O'Neill placed second to Atkinson in a very competative contest. The original members included: Fred Herre, Fred Pfunder, John Smoot, Reese Mays, Charles Colligan, Sam Schram, Jimmy Riggs, and George Trigg. Between 1885 and 1890 the bands membership changed several times. A considerable turnover in leaders was also noted. Succeeding Fred Herre were Dean Selph, Mr. Gill, Ben Locks, and Homer Campbell. The band was financed by public subscription. Uniforms and instruments were bought and a list of individual contributions were kept. The list ranged from twenty cents to one dollar per month

Orchard Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Ord Ladies' Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Orleans Concert Band

Active in the 1920's

Osceola Community Club Band

Active in the 1910's

Otoe Cornet Band

Active in 1894, meeting in rooms over the Henry Bachler store in the town. Members included George Curtis, Will Curtis, Nels Nichelson, Larsh Crandell, George Rice, Bert Poling, Henry Bachler, Fred Shannon, John Shannon, Carl Gerber, Sam Poling, and Toby Klinger (musical director)

Papillon Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Pecks Bad Boys Band (Kearney)

Active around 1900

Pembleton's Family Band (York)

Active in the 1880's, consisting of father, mother, son and daughter

Pembleton's Ladies Martial Band (York)

Active in the 1890's

Peru Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Peru Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Petersburg Brass Band

Active around 1900

Plainview Band

Active in 1907

Plainview Community Band

Active in the 1900's

Platte City Band

Active in the 1880's

Platte County Brass Band (Columbus)

Founded in 1869

Plattsmouth City Band

Founded in 1885. Still active in 1889, when members included: Anton Janda, Frank Vitamvas, John Bukacek, Cyril Janda, John Bajcek, Bob Martin, Vincent Ptacek, Frank Janda, Thomas Janda, and Hubert Janda. The Jandas were all recent immigrants from Moravia

Plattsmouth M.W.A. Band

Active in 1909

Pohocco Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Polk Band

Active in the 1910's

Prague Brass Band

Active in 1892, members: Thomas Mach, Frank Curda, Joseph Pop, Frank Dufek, Eman Dobrusky, Thomas Simanek, Louis Nemec, Joseph Smika, Charles Vasina, Joseph Sedlacek, Frank Polak, and Anton Kaspar

Pryor's Ladies' Brass Band (Lincoln)

Founded in the early 1870's by the father of Arthur Pryor. Largely a ladies' band, but his two sons also played in it, it rehearsed in the old Academy of Music in the city. Still active in 1876

Purdum Cornet Band

Active in the early 1900's. Members in 1902 included A.J. Robbinault, Frank and Sam White, Joe Pritchard, Ralph and Sam Teaford, J.W. Perkins and Frank Greenland. Members in 1909 were Kyle Cox, Hollie Cox, Kent Jackson, Professor Weber, Harry Neubauer, Parker Carr, Lew Simonton, Elmer Andrew, Henrietta Maseburg, Bessie Cox, George Cox, Bill Smith, Nettie Neubauer, and Charles Smith

Queen City Band (Beatrice)

Active in 1908

Raeville Cornet Band

Founded in 1908 by Rev. Fr. Brigge. Still active in the 1940's

Rahn's Concert Band (Andrews)

Active in 1909

Red Cloud Citizens' Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Red Cloud Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Red Cloud Sons of Veterans Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Rusko Brass Band

Active around 1900

Scribner Band

Active in 1909

Seventh Ward Silver Cornet Band (Omaha)

Active in 1889, conductor George Hamilton Green. Still active in the early 1900's

Seward College Band

Active in the 1910's

Seward Ladies' Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1884 and into the 1890's. Contemporary with their male counterpart - the Seward Silver Cornet Band

Seward Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's - precursor to the current Seward Municipal Band

Sheridan Brass Band

Active in 1913

Sidney Juvenile Concert Band

Active in 1915

Sidney Military Band

Active around 1900

Silver Creek Junior Band

Founded in September 1924, conductor J.O. Payne

Sokolow Band (Omaha)

Founded in 1888

Stanek Band (Dry Creek)

Active around 1900

Stark Brass Band

Active in 1902

State Normal Band (Peru)

Active around 1900

Stromsburg Israel's Band

Active in the 1890's

Superior Band

Active around 1900

Sutton German Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1900's

Sutton's Band (Ainsworth)

Active in the 1890's

Sydney Juvenile Concert Band

Active in 1908 to 1911

Table Rock Czech Brass Band

Active in the 1880's to 1900's. Members in the 1880's included William Petrasek, Joe Zulek, Frank Eis, Joe Petrasek, Vaclav Skatak, Mr Weisner, and Mr Watzek. Members around 1890 were Frank Hanna; James Kovanda; James Karas of Elk Creek; Joe Strejc; A. R. Kovanda; Albert Kovanda; Albert Wopata, Sr.; Albert Karas; James C. Karas; Anthony Strejc; Frank Kovanda; and Joe Stanek. Members in 1915 included Fred Tomek, Tom Krofta, Rudolf Kalina, Art Krofta, Charles Rabstejnek, Ralph Cotton, Otto Vondrasek, Joe Tomek, Frank Tomek, Jess Vondrasek, Emil Rabstejnek, Arnold Petrasek, Earl Irwin, and Chester Fisher

Taylor's Hussar Band (Fullerton)

Active in the 1880's

Tekamah Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1892 to 1893

Thomas Family Band (Seward)

Active in the 1890's with father Johann Christop "John" Thomas (b. 1844) and his sons John Jacob (b. 1868), William (b. 1871), George (b. 1873), Charles Carl (b. 1876) and Ferdinand Ehrman (b. 1879), together with his son-in-law W. Schmidt

Ulysses Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1890. It won first prize banner at the Curtis (NE) G.A.R. reunion in 1892

United Pacific Railroad Band (Omaha)

Active in 1881, conductor Professor A.R. Toozer

Utica Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Valentine Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1899, conductor Clarence Sageser. Still active in 1901. The band consisted of Mabel Ashburn (tuba), Ada Stinand (Bb bass), Lulu Hooton (baritone), Emma Carlson (1st tenor), Sarah Simpson (2nd tenor), Elsie Sherman (solo alto), Zaida Elliott (1st alto), Gertrude Moon (2nd alto), Alta Starr (Eb cornet), Myrtle Pettijohn (solo Bb cornet), Jessie Sageser (1st Bb cornet), Ada Evarts (2nd Bb cornet), Mabel Hahn (snare drum), Addie Hornback (bass drum)

Verdigre Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Verdon Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in early 1890, consisting of the principal members of the high school

Wakefield Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Waterbury Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's. Fred Benson was a member

Wausa Town Band

Active in 1910

Wayne Commercial Club Band

Active in 1906 to 1910

Weeping Water Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in April 1888, with 11 players, conductor Mr Boone. Members included Myrtle Barnes (aged 14), Mabel Swearing (aged 11).

Wilber Band

Active in 1920

Wilber Commercial Club Band

Active in 1916

Wisner Cornet Band

Active in 1902, when members included Dr Pritcherd, Bill Kinzel, Spear Galbraith, Tom Thompson, Emil Heerman, Hy Hoff, John Davis, Lou Thompson, Ed Durbin, Joe Edinger, Barney Dugan, and Andrew Hoff

Wood River Band

Active in 1910

Woodmen of the World Military Band (Everett, Lincoln)

Active around 1900

Worms Band

Active in 1910

York Business College Band

Active in 1913

York College Band (York)

USA - Nevada



Silver City Cornet Band

Austin Brass Band

Active in 1864

Carlin Brass Band

Founded in 1870

Carson City Brass Band (1)

Active in 1864 to 1869. Members in 1868 included Dan Madeira (leader), Dean Hatch, Charles Friend, George Cowing, Lyman Frisbie, and James Meder. A successor band was formed in 1871

Carson City Brass Band (2)

Founded in June 1871, with 10 players: Charles W. Friend, Arnold Friend, M.V. Hatch, George Cowling, W.W. Haskell, Theodore A. Hale, John P. Meder, James Meder, C.H. Malsh, and I.P. Frisbie

Carson City Cornet Band

Active in 1876, conductor Mr Spargo

Carson City Little Girls' Brass Band

Active in 1876 - a separate band to the Young Ladies' Brass Band

Carson City Young Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1876 to 1878, conductor Mr Spargo

Elko Brass Band

Active in 1869, director Carl York

Elko Cornet Band

Founded in 1874. Still active in 1887

Eureka Brass Band

Active in 1871

Euterpe Brass Band (Virginia City)

Active in 1866, 1867

First Reno Band

Gold Hill Brass Band

Active in 1864, leader Captain Eppingham. Still active in 1871

Hickman Brass (Reno)

[Current band]

Hoskins' Young Ladies' Brass Band (Reno)

Founded in summer 1892, conductor Professor Hoskins

Las Vegas Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1993

Lobster Club Brass Band (Eureka)

Active in the early 1900's

Metropolitan Brass Band (Virginia City)

Active in 1865 to 1870

Pioche Cornet Band

Active in 1911, members included Elliot Larsen (leader, solo cornet), Alex Lloyd (solo cornet), C.A. Thompson (1st cornet), A.W. Thomas (baritone), A.A. Carman (bass), W.J. Campbell (tenor), R.R. Orr (alto), F.C. Walker (alto), Victor Welland (bass drum), Charles Dorothy (snare drum)

Randolph Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Relief Hill Silver Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Reno Brass Band

Active in 1874

Reno Sparks Indian Colony Brass Band

Active around 1910

Silver City Cornet Band

Active in 1897 with 16 players. Officers in 1898 were J.C. Murphy (president), Philip Geyer (secretary), F.C. Ninnis (treasurer), Amos Penaluna (conductor)

Smith Valley Cornet Band

Active in 1894, conductor William Gerry

Tonopah Boys School Band

Active around 1910

Virginia City Brass Band

Active in 1866 to 1870

White Pine Brass Band

Active in 1869, 1870

Winnemucca Cornet Band

USA - New Hampshire



East Jaffrey Cornet Band

12th New Hampshire Regiment Serenade Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band founded in 1999

3rd New Hampshire Regiment Band

Active in 1862

Amoskeag Veterans Cornet Band

Active in 1855, with members Walter Digman, Nat Head, H. Murphy, J.H. Godwin, W. Ingham, H.H. Follansbee, P.S. Brown, J.T. Spofford, F.H. Pike, M. Proctor, J. Murphy, Edward Baldwin, G.H. True, E. Dustin, T.A. Lane, J. Currier, A. Kidder, and George Kidder

Ashuelot Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Bailey Band (Bristol)

Active in the 1900's

Bande Lafavette (Great Falls)

Active in the 1890's

Barrington Brass Band

Founded in 1832 as Wiggin's Band by James Wiggin with his five sons and a few neighbour boys. One son, Elmer Wiggin, took over the leadership in 1880. Renamed Barrington Brass Band in 1890

Belknap Cornet Band (Laconia)

Founded in 1854. Leader P. Putnam in 1869, Charles Pease in the 1880's

Blaisdell's Brass Band (Gilford)

Founded in 1896 by William P. Blaisdell

Bradford Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Bristol Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Bristol Fraternity Band

Active in the 1900's

Brown's Cornet Band (Penacook)

Founded in October 1865. It disbanded in 1878. Named after David Arthur Brown who "sustained the musical interest in this village". The original members were D. Arthur Brown, John C. Linehan, Loren M. Currier, David A. Brown, George F. Sanborn, George F. Blake, David S. Marsh, John Pendergast, John C. Mitchell, Jeremiah Sanborn, Samuel N. Brown, S. P. Danforth, Warren W. Whittier, Charles H. Garland, Charles Abbott, Samuel F. Brown, J. H. Proctor, George E. Flanders, and Samuel G. Noyes. The officers were: D. Arthur Brown, leader; L. M. Currier, musical director; and John C. Linehan, clerk and treasurer. [Further information see: Linehan, John C. - Brown's Band, in "History of Penacook" - 1899, pp. 254-267]

Candia Cornet Band

Founded around 1855 and was re-organized in 1858 when Jesse Fitts returned from visiting his brothers in Worcester, MA where he "bought a quantity of second hand brass instruments, consisting of bugles, cornets, ophicleides, trombones, etc. paying therefore only what they were worth for old junk... The instruments, which were in good order, were turned over to the members of the newly organized band for a mere song." At this time, the Candia Cornet Band leader was Stephen B. Fitts and members included J Franklin Fitts, Dana Fitts, Charles Fitts, Isaac Fitts, Moses French, Charles French, Asa Dutton, John Foster and T. Benton Turner. The band was re-organized again in 1861, and in 1868 and once again around 1878. In 1885 the Candia Cornet Band celebrated their 25th anniversary. President of the band, J.C. Hobbs, gave a brief history and remarked that in the past 25 years there had been some 50 different members who "have played at rehearsals, concerts, political and other meetings some 924 times and have in a certain measure had the sympathy of our towns people." He also noted that there were only four current members that started with the band 25 years ago. It was very popular and was often called upon to take part in flag raisings, political rallies and parades. They played at funerals, parties and dances. They gave concerts and would often spend a week or more at a time during the summer playing at Rye Beach hotels. They also played at the Civil War veterans' summer reunions at Weirs Beach in Laconia. It made its last group appearance around 1903 but did not officially disband for another 15 years when they held their last band supper and distributed the treasury funds amongst the band members. At that time the remainder of the instruments were placed in the Fitts Museum.

Carroll County Association Band (Conway)

See: Conway Brass Band

Carter Mountain Brass Band (New Hampton)

Founded in 1998 as Winter Brass, renamed Carter Mountain Brass Band in 2000. Active through to c. 2011

Center Harbor Cornet Band

Active in the late 1880's, leader Smith Emory

Charlestown Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1870. Still active in 1873

Claremont American Brass Band

Claremont Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1908. Leader Lyman Reed in 1873

Claremont Mechanics Band

Founded around July 1873, leader George Farrington, with 16 players. Still active in 1874

Concord Brass Band

Active in 1859 and also in the 1880's

Concord Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1873

Concord Mechanics' Brass Band

Active in 1852

Conway Brass Band (Carroll County)

Active in the early 1920's. In 1927 it was renamed the Carroll County Association Band, leader Walter Scott. Members in the mid-1930s were Dana Farrington - Leader (also cornetist); Robert Levoy - solo cornet; George Chase cornet; Leslie Bean - cornet; Joseph Aldrich - cornet; Wilbur Brooks - cornet; Nickolas Thompson - cornet; Erwyne Seabury - cornet; Albion Eastman clarinet; Lowell Clarke - clarinet; Arthur Wiggin - clarinet; Lowell Brown clarinet; Ellsworth Russell - clarinet; Charles Wheeler, Sr., - clarinet; Leon Smith - clarinet; Fred Wiggin - saxaphone; Harry Robinson - trombone; Alvah Carver - trombone; Leland Farrington - trombone; Allen Kenneson - trombone; Lewis Walker - trombone; Mark Snow - bass tuba; Edward Weeden - brass tuba; Treffle Bolduc - bass tuba; Fred Jackson - sousaphone (bass); Maurice Lovejoy - baritone; Dave Beattie - alto horn; Ambrose Brooks - alto horn; Millard Roberts - alto horn; Frank Griffin - alto horn; George Smith - alto horn; Cliff Poor - alto horn; Fred Lord - head of percussion session: drums, bells, xylophone and traps; Maurice Abbott - tenor drums and bells; Leonard Strong bass drum; Philip Walker - bass drum; Russell Philbrick - drums, or cymbals

Cornish Cornet Band (Cornish Mills)

Active in the 1880's - Elvin Quincy was a member

Danbury Cornet Band

Active in 1875

Derry Brass Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Derry Depot

Dover Cornet Band

Active in 1867, leader J. Burleigh Pinkham. Leader W.J. Newell in 1871

East Jaffrey Cornet Band

Founded around 1872. Leader G.W. Preston, with 21 players, in 1885. Active through to 1910

East Rindge Cornet Band (Rindge)

Active in 1885, leader Arthur J. Wellington, with 12 players

East Sullivan Cornet Band (Sullivan)

Active in 1885, leader Leslie H. Goodnow, with 16 players

Emery's Military Band (Dover)

Active in the 1910's

Epsom Brass Band

Active in 1890 and into the early 1900's. Members included Walter Tripp, Charles M. Steele, John W. Cox, George H. Yeaton, David Corson, John C. Yeaton, Roland S. Hall, Maurice C. Philbrick, Albert L. Sanders (leader), William H. Knowles, Art Beauregard, Charles E. Morrill, George E. Warren, and Fred W. Yeaton

Everett Brass Band (Berlin)

Active in 1911

Fisherville Cornet Band (Penacook)

Active in 1860. Disbanded in February 1863 with the departure of members Loren M. Currier, David A. Brown, Samuel F. Brown, Henry F. Brown and John C. Mitchell

Fitzwilliam Cornet Band

Active in 1885, leader Edwin N. Bowen, with 15 players

Franklin Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Garde Lafayette Band (Manchester)

Active in 1910

Gilchrist Band (Monroe)

Active in the 1900's

Gilmanton Band

Active in 1910

Gilsum Brass Band

Active in 1885, leader Frank Taylor, with 14 players. Still active in the 1900's

Goffstown Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1856, with players: James H. Walker (Leader), William Walker, George Walker, James H. Conner, Elias C. Willey, James E. Moore, Joseph R. Weston, Lewis H. Stark, Albert Kidder, Charles W. Temple, Albin Richards, Thomas J. Jones, John A. Moore, Ephraim Warren, J. Frank Warren, Stephen Blaisdell, Ira L. Bell, Clifford K. Burns, and George A. Clark. They met for practice in the halls of G. Byron Moore and Deacon Joseph Hadley. After Mr. Walker resigned as leader and moved from town, Albert Kidder acted as leader. They played at political gatherings, celebrations, entertainments, etc. At the celebration, July 5, 1858, held at what was known as Steele's Grove, near the mouth of the Whittle Brook, the band furnished music for the day. They disbanded in the autumn of 1869

Gorham Cornet Band

Founded in February 1861

Grafton Cornet Band

Founded in March 1867. Members in 1888 included: Fred Eastman, Harry Dean, Perley Bucklin, Bert Dean, Will Leonard, Frank Davis, Alden Barney, J.E. Martin, Albert Valia (bass drum), Arthur Kimball, Jerome Hoyt, Mert Hoyt, George Bucklin, George Hale, Ben Kimball, Frank Hoyt, Herman Haskins, Elmer Smith, Evan Hakins (snare drummer), and Merrill Hoyt. Still currently active as a community wind band.

Great Falls Band

Active around 1900

Groton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1910's. Thomas F. Donahue (manager, 1912), U.H. Barrows (leader, 1912-1915), Fred Barrows (leader, 1915-1916). Brennis H. Tyrrell played trombone in the band in 1912, Charles Shatuck played trombone in 1915 becoming band manager in 1916, helping to revive the band that year. In the early 1900's the trombonists were Fred Gale, Lester Adams, and Phil Souther. Almor L. Call played cornet from 1910 to 1916

Hampstead Cornet Band

Active in 1905 to 1908

Hanson's American Band (Rochester)

Active in 1909

Haverhill Cornet Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Hinsdale Brass Band

Active in 1889 to 1909

Hinsdale Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Hinsdale Mechanics Brass Band

Active in 1858 with 13 players

Hopkinton Cornet Band

Active in 1862

Jackson Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Jaffrey Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Keene Brass Band

Founded in 1855, holding ts first meetings in the Keene Academy building on Winter Street. Shortly afterward, a "Music Hall" was occupied by the musicians for a quarter of a century in the Gerould Block on the west side of Central Square. 19 players in 1858. It was reorganized in 1866. Leader Will Allen 1866-1871. It served for a period after 1879 as the Second Regiment Band of the N.H. National Guard. In about 1897, the band was consolidated with Charles C. Beedle's Keene Military Band, and, following reorganization under the leadership of Frank Naramore, became the Keene City Band.

Keene Cornet Band

See: Keene Brass Band

Kinston Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Knight's Cornet Band (Portsmouth)

Active in 1865, leader John Knight, with 20 players. Contemporary with the Portsmouth Cornet Band

Lancaster Cornet Band

Active in 1873, 1874

Laurel Brass Band (Milford)

Active in the 1910's

Lebanon Band

Active in the 1910's

Lebanon Cornet Band

Active in 1861. Leader Mr Hough in 1869

Lisbon Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1872

Littleton Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Littleton Military Band

Active in 1908

Lockhaven Ladies Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Lyme Cornet Band

Manchester Cadet Band

Active in 1890

Manchester Cornet Band

Composed of "hard-working mechanics" in 1855. Still active in 1874. Leader Mr Dignam in 1874

Marlborough Cornet Band

Active in 1874. Leader C.E. Richardson in 1885, with 20 players

Marlow Cornet Band

Made its debut on 4th July 1876. Consisted of 20 players in 1885. Conductor Squires Forsaith in 1881, Norris E. Edwards in 1884, Robert Holland in 1885, Lucius M. Dunn in 1891, W.G. Booth in 1892.

Meredith Cornet Band

Founded around 1880, leader David Vittum. Members included George Sanborn, Charles Pease and John Pease. It had disbanded by 1885

Meredith Mechanics' Band

Founded in 1885, conductor David Vittum, but, like its predecessor, only lasted a few years

Milford Band

Active in 1870

Monroe Town Band

Active in 1915

Moulton's Band (Sanbornton)

Active in the 1900's

Nashua Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1874

New Ipswich Cornet Band

Active around 1900 with members Myron Whitney, Albert Blood, Charles Knowlton, Robert Walker, Edward Wright, Charrois (Leader), Arthur Chase, Harry Whitney, John Burton, Wilbur Whitney, Walter Thayer, Waldo Whitney, Charles Whittemore, Walter Hardy, Charles Blood, Lester Silver, and William E. Preston

Newmarket Cornet Band

Active around 1914

Newmont Military Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1995 as a historical band with original instrumentation of the 19th century cornet bands. It later added some woodwind.

Newport Finn SOS Band

Active in 1911

North Haverhill Cornet Band

Founded in the late 1850's by James Ward Sampson, an accomplished musician. Still active in the 1860's

Oleson's Band (Berlin)

Active in the 1890's

Peterborough Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Portsmouth Cornet Band

Active in 1862. Still active in 1870. Conductor Charles H. Thompson in 1865, with 13 players

Portsmouth Naval Band

Rindge Cornet Band

Active in 1918

Rochester Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Rye Beach Band

Active in the 1900's

Salem Brass Band

Active in 1885

Sawyer Cornet Band (Dover)

Active in the 1880's

Stark's Cornet Band (Goffstown)

Founded around 1874, leader Lewis Henry Stark, disbanding in 1900. Original members were Lewis H. Stark, Leader (E Flat cornet), Ira L. Bell (Baritone), Edson L. Rand (E Flat cornet), George M. Story (Bass trombone), Frank M. Conner (B Flat cornet solo), Stephen Blaisdell (Clarinet), Ira B. Bell (B Flat cornet), Henry E. Newell (Bass E Flat), James E. Moore (B Flat cornet), David R. Belcher (Bass E Flat), Franklin Hadley (Alto), James H. Conner (Bass E Flat), David Grant (Alto), Robinson Brown (Bass drum), J. Frank Fletcher (Tenor trombone), Oscar Richardson (Tenor drum), George A. Bell (Tenor trombone), J. Russell Bell (Cymbals), George E. Smith (Tenor trombone).

State Reform School Brass Band (Manchester)

Active in 1913

Sullivan Band

Active in the 1900's

Suncook American Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Suncook Union Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Thompson's Cornet Band (Ashland)

Active in 1869

Troy Cornet Band

Active in 1885, leader Charles D. Farrar, with 18 players

Washington Cornet Band

Founded in 1884 by Horace P. Snow

Weare Cornet Band

Active around 1890, when members included Loren Simons, Frank Simons, Nate H. Bailey, Ernest Paige, Herman Paige, Wilbert Clark, Harry Folansbee, Morton Simons, Charles Bennett, Roy Clark, Henry Smith, Byron Morse, Charles Leighton, James Rogers, Elden Cilley, and Ned Rogers

West Swanzey Band

Active in the 1900's

Westmoreland Brass Band

Active in 1885, leader A.G. Bryant, with 15 players

Wiggin's Band (Barrington)

See: Barrington Brass Band

Winter Brass (New Hampton)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Carter Mountain Brass Band

Woodsville Cornet Band (Haverhill)

Active in the 1880's

USA - New Jersey



Dover Enterprise Cornet Band

20th Century Silver Cornet Band (Hope)

Active around 1900

3rd Regiment New Jersey National Guard Band (Camden)

Active in 1906

Alberonese S. Con Band (Orange)

A boys' band active around 1900, conductor Professor E. Palumbo

Alpha Band

Active in 1926

American Brake Shoe Slavish Band (Mahwah)

Active in the 1900's

Andover Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Arrow Social Club Brass Band (Cologne)

Active in the 1910's

Atlantic Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in the early 1980s as Wheaton Brass Band. Became Atlantic Brass Band in 1984

Atlantic City Ladies Band

Active in 1916

Atlantic Youth Brass Band (Glassboro)

[Current band] - Associated with Rowan University

Baron de Hirsch Agricultural and Vocational School Brass Band

(Woodbine)

Active around 1890

Beck's Band (1) (Cape May)

Active in 1865

Becks' Band (2)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Belvidere Brass Band

Active in 1865

Belvidere Citizen's Band

Active around 1900

Black Prince Band (Newark)

Active in 1912

Blairstown Cornet Band

Active in 1866

Blawenburg Brass Band

Founded in 1890. It practiced in the old blacksmith shop in Blawenburg, on the second floor. However, this space rapidly became limiting due to increased membership, and rehearsals moved to the former schoolhouse next to the Blawenburg Reformed Church. In the early years, the Blawenburg Band was an all brass and percussion ensemble, consisting of 15-20 musicians; it was both a marching band and a "place" band. Its popularity in the area grew quickly, and it was invited to play at important functions in Newark, Trenton, Flemington and elsewhere. The band also became a "fixture" in Memorial Day parades in Hopewell. It was featured at strawberry festivals and harvest home suppers. It has been playing at the Griggstown Harvest Home every year since 1922. Except for a few years during WWI and WWII, the band has rehearsed and performed continuously since its establishment in 1890, and is still active as a community wind band (the Blawenburg Band)

Bloomingdale Cornet Band

Founded on May 30, 1884 when the band made its debut performance at the Decoration Day parade through Butler and Bloomingdale. The band was founded by 12 men: Alfred Bedson, Thomas Bedson, Peter DeLazier, Samuel R.Donald, Thomas Donald, Martin Haycock, John Hosking, William H. Hoskin, Alfred C. Light, David Scott, Walter C. White and Jonas S. Woods. In the early days, the musicians performed at a variety of events - including parades, concerts, dinners, weddings, funerals, parties, civic functions and dances - as was customary for bands in the Victorian Era. In the days before radio and television when people had to provide their own entertainment one of the first things they turned to was music. The band is still active in a concert band instrumentation format.

Boonton Cornet Band

Active in 1903, performing at the celebrations in Dover on the occasion of the completion of the town's water supply system

Boonton Rubber Manufacturing Company Band

Active in 1915

Brass Factory (Wyckoff)

[Current band]

Bricktown Concert Band

Bridgeton Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1860 - 12 instruments obtained at a cost of \$212. In June 1861 seven of the members, including the leader departed for Trenton to meet members of the Mullica Hill, Mount Holly, Glassboro and Shiloh Brass Bands (36 in total) from which 24 would be chosen to form the band for the 3rd New Jersey Regiment, 2nd Brigade

Bridgeton City Cornet Band

Founded in May 1872. Still active in 1874. New uniforms in 1873 consisted of dark blue pantaloons and frock coat, trimmed with gold braid and regulation vest

Bridgeton Cornet Band (1)

Founded in 1864. Conductor Professor Dorville in 1865, when it became formally known as Dorville's Cornet Band, with secretary James E. Elwell. It was renamed Liberty Cornet Band in July 1866 under the new leader Esbin C. Lambert

Bridgeton Cornet Band (2)

See: Bridgeton City Cornet Band

Butler Cornet Band

Active in 1899, when Walter Van Orden was a member

Buttsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's and 1920's

C Biederman's Boys Band (Newark)

Active around 1900

Camden American Brass Band

Active in 1856

Camden National Cornet Band

Active in 1869, 1870

Carncross and Dixey's Brass Band (Atlantic City)

Active in 1867, leader W.S. Hobbs

Catfish Ally Band (Atlantic City)

Active in 1909

Chester Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Coleman's Brass Band (Bridgeton)

Active in 1856

Cologne Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Columbia Band (Newark)

Active around 1900

Congress Street Brass Band (Cape May)

[Current band]

D.A. Russell Post Band (Hanmonton)

Active in the 1890's

D.D. Coleman's Band (Eirie Railroad) (Jersey City)

Active in the 1900's

Deckertown Cornet Band

Active in 1886. Deckertown is now called Sussex

Dorville's Cornet Band (Bridgeton)

See: Bridgeton Cornet Band

Dover Enterprise Cornet Band

Du Pont Club Band (Arlington)

Active around 1900

East Lake Cornet Band (Bridgeton)

Founded in November 1867, leader Thomas Gill, with 14 players. Still active in 1870

Empire Band (Oxford)

Active in 1910

Far Hills Union Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1906

Farr's Brass Band (Princeton)

Active in the 1890's, leader H.H. Farr

Fislerville Cornet Band

Active in 1867

Flemington Cornet Band

Active in the mid-1890's to 1911 Officers in 1898 were Harry L. Trumbore (president), William Flynn (vice president), Victor C. Bodine (secretary), John C. Sunderlin (treasurer), and William H. Bodine (musical director)

Fort Delaware Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1865

Fort Delaware Cornet Band (2)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Frenchtown Cornet Band

Active in 1876. Still active in the 1910's

Germania Brass Band (Bridgeton)

Founded in late 1869, leader Fred Brown. Still active in 1870

Glassboro Brass Band

Active in 1861

Glassboro Citizens Band

Active in 1906

Goodwin's Band (Cranbury)

Active in the 1910's

Groveville Imperial Band

Active around 1900

H.B. Smith Cornet Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1979 by Robert R. Moore. A historical reenactment band

Hackettstown Cornet Band

Active in 1905 with members William Stidworthy, Bert Kinney, Bill Ayers, Wesley Johnson, John Heed, Robert Loder, Arthur Ackley, Eugene Brown, Jim Jensen, Billy Buchanan, John Kinsey, Ross Ayers, Jerome Kinsey, Frank Rowe, and Thomas Loder

Hamburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Hammonton Band

Active around 1900

Harmonia Band (Jersey City)

Active around 1900

High Bridge Brass Band

Founded in 1900. Still active in 1907

Hohenstanffen Brass Band (Hoboken)

Hopewell Cornet Band (Pennington)

Active around 1890

Hoppe's Concert Band (Cape May)

Active in the 1890's

Hornerstown Cornet Band

Active in 1891

Howard Cornet Band (Bridgewater)

Active in the 1910's

Imperial Brass Band (New Brunswick)

[Current band] - Founded in 1991

Irvington Police Band

Active in the 1920's

Italian Concert Band (Cascade)

Active in the 1900's, conductor E. Popeo

Jennings 3rd Regt. Band (Camden)

Active in 1906

Jenning's Band (Chestnut Neck)

Active in 1911

Jersey City Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Jersey City Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Jersey City

John Wanamaker Cadet Band (Seaside Heights)

Active in the 1920's

John Wanamaker Commercial Institute Boys' Band (Island Heights)

Active around 1900

Keyport Cornet Band

Active in 1863. H. Feldman was a cornet player in 1884

Lafayette Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Lakewood Cornet Band

Active in 1891

Lambertville Brass

[Current band]

Lebanon Cornet Band

Founded by Robert Lantus Apgar in 1878

Liberty Cornet Band (Bridgeton)

See: Bridgeton Cornet Band

M & G Brass Band

See: Millville and Glassboro Brass Band

Maggie Franklin Cornet Band (Allowaystown)

Active in the 1880's

Marshallville Brass Band (Upper Township)

Active in 1858

Mason Gross (Rutgers) Brass Band (New Brunswick)

See: Rutgers University Brass Band

Mason Gross Brass Band (New Brunswick)

[Current band] - Founded in 2018. Inaugural concert on 28 November 2018, with guest conductor Todd Nichols

Mauricetown and Haleysville Brass Band

Mendham Hi-Y Band

Active around 1930

Milford Band

Active in 1913

Military Band (Sea Girt)

Active in 1909

Millville and Glassboro Brass Band

Active in 1862 to 1864

Millville Brass Band

See: Millville and Glassboro Brass Band

Moorestown Firemen's Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Mount Holly Brass Band

Active in 1861

Mount Holly Community Band

Active in 1925

Mullica Hill Brass Band

Active in 1861

National Eagle Band (Union)

Founded in 1912

Newark Brass Band

Active in 1850

Newfoundland Brass Band

Active around 1900

Newton Cornet Band (Sussex County)

Active in 1863. It performed at the celebrations in Dover on the occasion of the completion of the town's water supply system in 1903

Ocean City Cornet Band

Founded in 1881, renamed the W.A. Manahan Cornet Band in 1895

Oxford Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Paterson Crescendo Band

Active around 1900

Phillipsburg Slovak Band

Active in the 1910's

Pitman Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Plainfield Cornet Band

Active in 1887 to 1898

Porter's Marine Band (Cape May)

Active in 1909

Princeton Brass Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: Princeton-Rider Brass Band

Princeton University Band

Active in 1920

Princeton-Rider Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2004 as Princeton Brass Band

Raritan Cornet Band

Active in 1903, performing at the celebrations in Dover on the occasion of the completion of the town's water supply system

Reliance Band (Toms River)

Active in 1908

Robinson's 5th New Jersey Infantry Band (Paterson)

See: Robinson's American Brass Band

Robinson's American Brass Band (Paterson)

Founded by Albert J. Robinson in 1898. It became the enlisted band of the Second and Fifth Regiments, and won third prize at the national meet of the Elks at Baltimore in 1903. Still active in 1910

Robinson's New Jersey National Guard Band (Paterson)

See: Robinson's American Brass Band

Rockaway Cornet Band

Active in 1883, 1884

Rowan Brass Band (Glassboro)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Atlantic Youth Brass Band

Rutgers University Brass Band (New Brunswick)

Active from 2011 to 2013, conductor Stephen Arthur Allen. A successor band (Mason Gross Brass Band) was formed in 2018

Saal's Brass Band (Paterson)

Active from 1882 to 1897. Composed of Gus Saalfield and his nine sons

St Mary's Boys Band (Landisville)

Active in the 1910's

Salem Cornet Band

Founded in March 1860, leader Harry Frankinfield

Salem County Brass Society (Carneys Point)

[Current band] - Founded in 1974

Sayreville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Scrap Iron Band (Wildwood by the Sea)

Active in 1906

Setonia Brass Band (Orange)

Active in 1868 - probably associated with the Seton Hall College in Orange

Shiloh Brass Band

Active in 1861

Somerville Cornet Band

Active in 1903, performing at the celebrations in Dover on the occasion of the completion of the town's water supply system

Springtown Excelsior Cornet Band (Greenwich)

Active in 1871

Stanhope Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Sussex Cornet Band

Active in 1864

Sussex Union Band

Active around 1900

Trenton Brass Band

Active in 1856

Trenton Cornet Band

Active in 1862, leader Benjamin K. McClurg

Trenton Independent Brass Band

Active in 1854, having been founded several years before

Triumph Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 15 players

Underwood Social and Athletic Band (Jersey City)

Active in the 1920's

Union Brass Band (Camden)

Active in 1867

Vineland Brass Band

Active in 1865

Vineland Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1874

W.A. Manahan Cornet Band (Ocean City)

See: Ocean City Cornet Band

Wading River Cornet Band

Active in 1876, when members included Maja Leek, Charles H. McAnney, Edward Sooy, George Leek, Levi Downs, Capt. Jesse Williams, Frank Downs, William Gale, Capt. George Valiant, James Gale, John Maxwell, Austin Downs, Sr., and Samuel Maxwell

Wells' Cornet Band (Mays Landing, Hamilton Township)

Founded in 1888

Wheaton Brass Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: Atlantic Brass Band

Winkler's Band (Trenton)

Active in the 1910's

Woodbine Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Woodbury City Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Zabriskie's Brass Band (Paterson)

Active in the 1850's, led by Albert (Obby) Zabriskie

Zemzem Grotto Band (Jersey City)

Active in the 1900's, conductor Henry Hartmann. Associated with Zemzem Grotto no. 16 M.O.V.P.E.R. (Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm - a masonic organisation)

USA - New Mexico



Portales Concert Band

23rd Infantry Regiment Band (Fort Union)

Active in 1883

Bull Brass Band (La Mesilla)

Active in 1871

Cloudcroft Cornet Band

Active in 1911

CVFD Band (Carlsbad)

Active in the 1910's

Dexter Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Gamboa Brothers Brass Band (La Mesilla)

Active in 1871

Kissmah Brass Band (Farmington)

[Current band]

Los Conquistadores Band (Santa Fe)

[no information]

New Mexico Territorial Brass Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band, active from 2009

Portales Concert Band

Active around 1910

Pueblo Bonito Indian School Band (Crownpoint)

Active around 1910

Roswell Girls' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1900 by Mattie Griffin

St Michael's College Brass Band (Santa Fe)

Active in 1902

St Michael's Indian School Brass Band (Gallup)

Active in the 1900's to the early 1920's

Tucumcari Cornet Band

Active around 1910

USA - New York



Natural Bridge Citizens Band

10th Precinct Police Band (Buffalo)

Active in the 1900's

23rd Regiment Band

Active in the 1900's

24th Regiment Band (Sackets Harbour)

Active in the 1900's

29th Separate Company Band (Medina)

Active in the 1900's

65th Regiment Band

Active in 1891

71st Regiment Band

Active in the 1900's

7th New York Infantry Band

Active around 1916

8th New York State Militia Band (Elmira)

See: Elmira Cornet Band

A.M.O.S. Band, Yamato Sanctorum (Syracuse)

Active in the 1910's

Acer Cornet Band (Medina)

Addison City Band

Active in the 1920's

Adkin's Washington Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1852

Advance Lodge Band (Marlboro)

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Afton Citizens Band (Chenango County)

Active in the 1900's

Albany Brass Band

Active in 1852

Albany Cornet Band

Active in 1861, leader S. Schreiber

Albany Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1870. They were under the instruction of a careful teacher and their uniform was somewhat after the zouave style, only that the material was Highland plaid for winter wear with a beaver hat and feathers, similar to a lady's riding hat.

Alberti's Italian Concert Band

Active in the 1900's, when it was attached to the Krause Greater Shows

Albion Brass Band (Albion)

Active in 1861, leader William H. Dorrance

Alexander Brass Band (Alexander)

Active in 1861, leader F.G. Moulton

Alexander's Band (Copperstown)

Active in 1908

Alliance Cornet Band (Corning)

Active in the 1890's

Alps Citizens Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Altamont Cornet Band

Founded in 1907 with instructor Charles H. Van Wie

Ambrose Orphan Band, St Malachy's Ocean Home (Rockaway Park)

Active in the 1900's

Amenia Cornet Band

Active in 1872 and 1910

American Band (Fiskdale)

Active in the 1900's

American Radiator Company Bond Plant Band (Buffalo)

Active in the 1910's

Ancram Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Andes Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Andover Excelsior Brass Band

Founded in December 1895. Officers were: President, Ernest Smith; leader, Frank Bloss; secretary, Henry Carr; treasurer, Alvin Clark; business manager, Arthur L. Jones

Anglo-American Brass Band (Jamestown)

Arnold Hill Brass Band (Ferrona)

Active in 1874. Probably associated with the Arnold Hill Mine at Ferrona (no longer existing) near Ausable Forks

Ashland Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Still active in 1895

Ashville Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Athens Band

Active around 1900

Atlanta and North Cochocton Band

Active in the 1910's

Attica Cornet Band

Active in 1861, leader L.R. Burr. Still active in 1912

Auburn Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader M.S. Perry

Austin Street Baptist Church Band (Buffalo)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Buffalo Silver Band

Avoca Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Bainbridge Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Baldwinsville Citizens Band

Active in 1910

Ballston Spa Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Banda Rossa (Utica)

Active in 1924

Bath Band

Active in the 1900's

Beacon Fire Engine Company Band

Active in 1907

Beaver Falls Citizens Band

Active in 1915

Bellinger Family Band (Watertown)

Active in the 1900's. In 1900 the family consisted of Ezra D. Bellinger (38), his wife Augusta (nee Kelsey, 37) and children Floy Anne (12), Matie E. (10), Jennie (4 - d. 1903), Dorothy M. (6) and Frederic (3). Frederic later went on to form his own band which toured regionally and made some recordings. Ezra also led the Bellinger Ladies' Band in the town

Belmont Band

Active in the 1910's

Bergen Cornet Band

Active in 1883, leader Frederick M. Bissell

Berne Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Bertha Meyer's Women's Brass Band (Rochester)

Active in 1916, with 15 players

Binghampton Czech Band

Active in the 1910's

Board of Trade Band (Pittsford)

Bowman's Band (Brooklyn)

Active in 1910

Bradford Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Brant Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Brennan Band (New Hamburg)

Active in the 1900's

Broadalbin Citizens Band

Active in 1907

Brocton Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Brooklyn Brass Band (New York)

Founded in 1835 by Early Granger (Waterloo veteran, b. Norfolk, England 1792), and was, according to newspapers of the time, the very pride of Brooklyn for nearly twenty years. Bandleader William Granger (Early's eldest son) died unexpectedly in 1853, after which the band changed hands several times before becoming the 14th Regiment Band. Officers in 1855 included president H.T. Wheeler and secretary R. Stewart

Brooklyn Cornet Band (New York)

See: Brooklyn Brass Band

Brooklyn Letter Carriers' Band

Active in 1909

Buffalo Baptist Silver Band

[Previous name of current band] - See: Buffalo Silver Band

Buffalo Brass Band

Active in 1856 when it accompanied the Taylor Hose Company, No. 1 (of Buffalo) on a visit to Jersey City

Buffalo Cornet Band

Active in 1851, leader W.H. Barnhart

Buffalo Silver Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1915 as the First Hungarian Baptist Church Band, becoming the Austin Street Baptist Church Band in 1955 and Buffalo Baptist Silver Band in the 1960's, when the instrumentation became all-brass. Renamed Buffalo Silver Band in 1981

Burns Amateur Brass Band (New York City)

Active in the late 1880's - Abraham Lincoln Burns was a member

Cairo Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Calicoon Center Band

Active in the 1890's

Cambridge Cornet Band

Founded in late 1864. Still active in 1865

Camden Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Cameron Mills Band

Active in the 1900's

Canajoharie Band

Active in 1924

Canandaigua Cornet Band

Canaseraga Band

Active in the 1900's

Candor Band

Active in the 1900's

Canisteo Band

Active in the 1900's

Capital Brass (Rennssealer)

[Current band]

Carthage American Legion Band

Active in the 1910's

Cato Citizens Band

Active in 1906

Cattaraugus Band

Active in 1908

Cattaraugus National Cornet Band

Active in 1877, conductor A. Sim Logan. One of the two cornet bands on the Cattaraugus Reservation, consisting wholly of Native Americans

Cattaraugus Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1877, conductor Chester C. Lay. One of the two cornet bands on the Cattaraugus Reservation, consisting wholly of Native Americans

Cayadutta Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader Henry R. Royce

Central Rural School Band (Georgetown)

Active in the 1930's

Charles Gordon's Red Uniform Band (Jamaica)

See: Gordon's Band

Cicero Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Cincinnatus Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Cities Corn Band (Millersburg)

Active in the 1900's

City Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1850, leader George Whitworth

Clayton Professional Band

Active in 1912

Cleveland Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Clinton Prison Band (Dannemora)

Active in 1914

Cloversville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Cobleskill Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Cold Spring Harbor Band

Active in the 1900's

Coldenham Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Collamer Cornet Band (De Witt)

Active in 1886, members included Albert Walters, John Hackett (condutor), Clarence Maxwell and Martin Hackett

Collins 10th Regiment Band (Albany)

Active in 1907

Company G Band (Oneonta)

Active in the 1900's

Company K Band (Malone)

Active in 1909

Concordia Military Band (Brooklyn)

Active in the 1900's

Corfu Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1913

Corinth Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1887, members included Leader George D. Merry, Byron Mallery, Will Haggadorn, John Searls, Wallace Cole, Thomas Peak, Darby Crane, Will Eddy, Fred Mallery, Frank Burnham, Alfred Angle, Herb Haggadorn, Ezra Sayre, Harry Raymond, Clarence L. Grippen, Dr. Charles Mallery

Cornell University Cadet Band (Ithaca)

Active in the 1900's

Cornwall Village Band

Active in the 1890's

Corona Typewriter Band (Groton)

Active in the 1910's

Cortland Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1869, conducted by Professor Daniel H. Stubblebine. A concert in February 1869 included the pieces: Stubbledine's March, Two Roses, De Beriot's Fifth Air with Variations (cornet solo), Saluma Quickstep, Queen Waltzes, Will You Love Me Then As Now, and Wake Nicodemus

Coughlin's 12th Regiment Band (New York) (Earls Court)

Active in 1909

Council Band (New York)

Active in the 1910's

Court Hennepin I.O.F. Band (Niagara Falls)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Court Hennepin No. 1152 of the Foresters

Coxsackie Band

Active in 1906

Crescent Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Croghan Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Crown Point Cornet Band

Founded in early 1873, making its debut in March 1873. Still active in the 1890's

Cuba Cornet Band

Active in 1860

D. & C. Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

De Kalb Junction Brass Band

Active in 1890 to 1907

De La Salle Institute Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1868

Delhi Military Band

Delphi Cornet Band (Delphi Falls)

Active in 1896, with William C. Hayes as drum major

Depew Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Dixon Family Band (Malone)

Active in the late 1890's and early 1900's. Consisted of George W. Dixon (tuba) and his children Marie Philomene Rose (b. 1878, cornet), George Henry (b. 1881, cornet), Alfred (b. 1883, trombone), Edward (b. 1886, valve-trombone), Samuel (b. 1889, valve-trombone) and Lottie (b. 1892, drums). George W. Dixon was born in London, England in 1849 and emigrated to the USA in 1868, marrying Philomena Allard in 1876

Dodworth's New York Cornet Band

Active in 1844 to 1851. Conducted by Allen Dodworth

Dolgeville Citizens Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Downsville Concert Band

Founded in 1884. Active through to WW2

Downsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's. It was succeeded by the Downsville Concert Band in 1884

Dr Donator's Band (Westchester)

Active in the 1890's

Dryden Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Duss' Band (New York)

Active in the 1900's

E.J. Green's Band (Cohoes)

Active in the 1900's

Earlville Military Band

Active in the 1910's

East Jewett Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

East Randolph Cornet Band

Active in the early 1890's, conductor Frederick Butcher (b. Ashburton, Devonshire in 1835)

Ellington Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Elmira Brass Band

Active in 1871, leader Mr Le France, with 18 players

Elmira Cornet Band

Active in 1854 to 1864. Was also known as the 8th New York State Militia Band in 1861

Elmira Excelsior Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Elmira Heights Fire Department Band

Active in the 1900's

Empire Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1851

Endicott City Band

Active in 1915

Erie General Office Band (New York City)

Erie Railroad Band (Port Nevis)

Active in 1897

European Brass Band (Endicott)

[Current band]

Excelsior Band (Andover)

Active in 1898

Excelsior Cornet Band (Syracuse)

[Current band] - Founded in 2001. A historical re-enactment band

F.W. Forness Junior Band (Allegany)

Active in 1907, with members C. Smith, G. Nenno, W. Colligan, F.W. Furness Jnr., C. Kaufman, C. Noonan, G. Krampf, O. Krampf, V. Spronz, F. Smith, H. Krampf, Professor D.T. Bentley, J. Torrey, L. Caulfield, H. Brown, and F. krampf

Falls Creek Tannery Band

Active in the 1890's

Father Baker's Home for Boys' Brass Band (West Seneca)

See: Our Lady of Victory Band

Findlay Lake Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

First Hungarian Baptist Church Band (Buffalo)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Buffalo Silver Band

Firth Carpet Company Band (Firthcliff)

Active in the 1910's

Fisher's Band (Ithaca)

Active in 1907

Fishs Eddy Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Forness Junior Band (Allegany)

Founded on 20 November 1907. Initial members included C.Smith, G. Nenno, W. Colligan, F.W. Forness (jnr.), C. Kaufman, C. Noonan, G. Krampf, O.Kranpf, Y. Spronz, F. Smith, H. Krampf, Professor D.T. Bentley (conductor), J. Torrey, L. Caufield, H. Brown, and F. Krampf

Fort Dayton Band (Herkimer)

Active in the 1900's

Fort Edward Cornet Band

Active in 1859. Still active in 1873

Fort Plain Band

Active in 1910

Fort Slocum Band

Active in the 1910's

Frank Family Band (Hornellsville)

Active around 1900. Consisted of Mr and Mrs Frank and their five children, Ernest, May, Frankie, Eddie and Annie

Frankford Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader George Gates

Freetown Band

Active in 1909

Freysbush Cornet Band (Minden)

Active around 1900

Fullers Cornet Band

G.W. Parker Amusement Company Band (Fulton)

Active in 1905

General Electric Band (Schenectady)

Active in 1915

Genesee Brass Band (Bratavia)

Active in the 1920's

George Whitworth's City Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1850

German Odd Fellow Home Band (Unionport)

A boys' band active around 1900

Germania Band (Manfield)

Active in the 1890's

Ghent Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Gilboa Cornet Band

Active in 1881, when it got \$42 for playing at the Broome picnic

Girl Scouts Band (Brooklyn)

Active in 1919

Glen Cove Cornet Band (Long Island)

Founded in early 1861 - though there was a report in the newspaper in summer 1860 of the band playing "the most execrable music we ever listened to"

Glenn's Cornet Band (Croghan)

Active in 1894

Glens Falls Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Glenville Band

Active in the 1910's

Glenwood Slovak Band (Binghampton)

Active in the 1910's

Gloversville Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Gordon's Band (Jamaica)

Active in the 1900's, conductor Charles L. Gordon. Also known as Charles Gordon's Red Uniform Band

Gowanda Junior Band

Active in the 1900's

Gramercy Brass Orchestra (New York)

[Current band] - Founded in 1982 by John Henry Lambert

Granger's Brass Band (New York)

See: Brooklyn Brass Band

Granville Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Granville Silver Band

Active in the 1900's

Greene Cornet Band

Active in 1875

Greenwich I.O.O.F. Band

Active in 1911

Groton Band

Guay's Boys Band (Massena Springs)

Active in 1909

Hagaman Citizens' Band

Active in the late 1890's

Hager Band (Elmira)

Active in the 1900's

Hamburg Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Hammondsport Band

Active in 1908

Hammondsport Park Band

Active in the 1920's

Hancock Concert Band

Active in 1916

Harpursville Band

Active in the 1890's

Hebrew Orphan Asylum Brass Band (New York)

Founded in 1874, it disbanded in 1885. Reformed in July 1888 instructed by George Wiegand, and active through to 1941. [Further information see: The Hebrew Orphan Asylum Band of New York City, 1874-1941: Community, Culture and Opportunity - Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016]

Helicon Cornet Band (Albion)

Active in 1879

Hemlock Cornet Band

Active in 1895 to 1898, members included: Will Hoppough, Parker Hoppough, Charles Briggs and Will Mallaber

Hensonville Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Hensonville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1900's

Highland Cornet Band (Lloyd)

Active in 1887 with members: Albert Rose and DuBois Hasbrouck (alto), John O'Bryn (snare drum), Hubert Elting (baritone), Charlie Freer (trombone), Dan Brauvelt (bass), William Eckert (cymbals), Duane Eckert (leader & cornet), Charles Terwilliger (bass drum), Heston Simpson and I. Collins (cornet), and Ed Kipp (tenor)

Hillsdale Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Holmes Band (New Berlin)

Active in the 1910's

Home Town Band (Schoharie)

Active in 1905

Homer Band

Active before 1893

Homer Band

Active in 1918

Honeoye Falls Military Band

Active in 1912

Hornell Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Hornell

Hornellsville Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Houghton Seminary Band (Syracuse)

Active in 1910

Howard Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Hudson Band

Active in the 1900's

Hungarian Baptist Church Band (Buffalo)

Active in 1935

Ilion Citizens Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader J.A. Johnson

Ilion Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Ilion Volunteer Fire Dept. Band

Active in the 1930's

Ingleside Band

Active in the 1900's

Innes Band

Active in the 1900's

International Hotel Cornet Band (Niagara Falls)

Active in 1864

Ithaca Band

Active in the 1910's

Ithaca Colored Brass Band

Active between 1905 and 1911, managed by John Wye

Jackson's Female Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1906, conductor Ellis T. Jackson. Members included Elsie Lewis, Ruth Gibson, Nannie Gibson, Christine Clarke, Florence Foneville, Gladys Jackson, Bertha Straight, Grace Ballont, Rose Whithead, Fannie Washington, Marie Lucas, Ethel Johnson, Ellen Pettiford, and Mrs E.T. Jackson. It was noted as being "the only colored female band in the North, composed of 15 members"

Jefferson Band

Active in the 1900's

Jeffersonville Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Jeweler Timbrell Juvenile Band (Unionville)

Active in 1906

John Hayes Band

Active in the 1910's

John Mickler's Brass Band (Liverpool)

Active around 1900

Jugoslavian Band

Active in the 1910's

Kano Suc Nee Indian Band

Active in the 1890's

Keatings Band (Olean)

Active in 1909

Kemble Cornet Band (Philipstown)

Active in 1894, when it purchased new uniforms

Kerhonkson Brass Band

Active in 1888

Kirby Band (Nichols)

Active around 1900

Kiskatom Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Knickerbocker Brass Band (New York City)

See: New York Knickerbocker Brass Band

Knowersville Cornet Band

Active in 1887. Knowersville later became known as Altamont

Lake George Cornet Band

Active in 1901, leader W.H. Wilcox

Lamphams Band (Rochester)

Active around 1900

Langford Cornet Band

Active around 1900. Members in 1909 were Andrew Harberer, Peter Herye, Frank Thiel, Alfred Peters, Stanley Thiel, Matt Schreiner, Herbert Thiel, William Dole, Joseph Ballard, Edward Gier, Michael Schreiner, Frank Bantle, John Peters, William Winter, Clarence Unger, John MIller, and Albert Haberer

Lansing Cornet Band

See: South Lansing Brass Band

Lawrence Military Band (Cooperstown)

Active around 1900

Lee's Brass Band (Hudson)

Active in 1873, leader Edward Lee, with 13 players

Liberty Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Liberty Family Brass Band (Rochester)

Active in 1883, based at 4 East Park, Rochester, New York. Edward Liberty, his five daughters and one son formed the band. It performed at the departure of a local well-known citizen on the St Louis Express, at the Central Station in June 1884. In early August 1885, they were engaged by Manager Hickey of the Griswold Opera House, Troy, New York, to play at Pleasant Island for the remainder of the month. It advertised itself as the "Original and Only Liberty Family Brass Band, Ladies' Orchestra, Comedy, Concert and Speciality Company". The band took part in the "Soldiers and Sailors Monument Fund" benefit at the New York State Arsenal in December 1885. May 1886 saw the band playing at the Harvard Rink in Rochester, with Miss Elle playing a trombone solo. Edward Liberty was born around 1846 and married Charlotte Kines in 1865. Their children were Mary (b. 1866), John (b. 1867), Charlotte (b. 1868), Nellie "Elle" (b. 1870), Evangeline (b. 1871) and Catherine (b. 1872)

Lieurance Brass Choir (Chautauqua)

Active in the 1920's

Lincoln Agricultural School Band (Lincolndale)

Active in the 1900's

Little Falls Citizens' Brass Band

Active in 1861, leader B.K. Houghton

Little Falls Citizens Slovenian Band

Little Falls Military Band

Active in the 1910's, conductor George H. Bennett (advertised as the "oldest band in New York State")

Liverpool Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Lockwood Family Cornet Band (Eaton)

Active in 1866, with 12 players - all brothers and their sons

Lowville Cornet Band

Active in 1883 to 1915

Ludlowville Cornet Band

Founded in 1895. Still active in 1900

Maccabee Band (Elmira)

Active in the 1900's

Machias Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Madame Belding's Female Cornet Band

Active in 1885. A professional band which toured various theatres, including the Casino Theater, Rochester. It consisted of 10 ladies, and was advertised with "M'me Belding's \$5,000 Challenge Lady Cornet Band" - whatever that challenge was!

Maddern Family Brass Band

Active in 1853 to 1855. A travelling show family band consisting of father Richard Maddern and daughters Louisia, Amelia, Mary, Elizabeth and Emily (7 years old). Assisted by brothers Richard and William. Gave their farewell concert at the Townsend Hall in Buffalo, New York on Saturday 17th June, 1854, before leaving on a Grand Concert Tour, having been engaged by Mr S.C. Thayer.

Malone City Band

Active in the 1900's

Malone Cornet Band

Active in 1866 to 1878. Leader J.F. Wright, with 19 players in 1874

Manahan's Cornet Band (New York City)

Active in 1855, leader Thomas Manahan

Manhatten Company Silk Mill Band (Ogdensburg)

Active in 1912

Marcellus Cornet Band

Founded in 1879

Marilla Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Marion Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Max Schmidt's Band White and Gold (Midland Beach)

Active in 1908

McWilliam's Cornet Band (East Bloomfield)

Active in 1879

Medina Brass Band

Founded in October 1853

Medina Citizens Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

Medusa Cornet Band

Mellenville Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Mexico Brass Band

Active in 1908

Middleburgh Citizens Silver Band

Active in the 1900's

Middleburgh Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Milford Cornet Band

Active around 1885

Miller's Band (New York City)

Active in 1909

Miller's Brass Band (Buffalo)

Active in 1864

Millers Corners Cornet Band (Ionia)

Founded on August 8, 1878, under the leadership of Norman Bentley. It consisted of fourteen musicians. In 1882 the band was re-organized and three members were added. The members in 1878 were: Charles E. Lamb, Daniel O' Neil and Edwin Culver of Ionia; E. D. Hoyt, Honeoye Falls; Robert Lay, Janesville, Wis.; John Q. Wells, Shortsville, George Evans, East Rochester; Clarence Fox, Wayland; James Evans, Brighton; E. M. Bailey, Rochester; George Cottrell, West Bloomfield; John Wager, Lima; William Lay, Honeoye Falls. The members added in 1882 were C. M. Johnson, Ionia; Mack Sage, Shortsville; and Cul Rose, Victor. Still active in 1911

Miller's Cornet Band (Hume)

Active in the 1900's

Millersburg Citizens Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Mohawk Mills Brass Band (Amsterdam)

Founded in 1927, conductors included the brothers Edward, Harry and Frank Musolff. Still active in 1950

Montgomery Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Morrisville Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Mumford Cornet Band

Active in 1889, performing at Wheatland's centenary celebrations

N.H. and S. Orphans' Cornet Band (New York City)

Active in 1874, performing on six excursions on the rivers which were provided for destitute mothers and children

Nanuet Fire Engine Co. Band

Active in 1910

Naples Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Nash's Cornet Band (Guilford)

Active in 1906

Natural Bridge Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Neversink Brass Band

New Amsterdam Brass Band

Active around 2010

New Baltimore Cornet Band

Active in 1890

New City Brass Band

Active around 1900

New Hamburg Fireman's Band

Active in the 1900's

New Lebanon Cornet Band

Founded in early 1872

New York Catholic Protectory Band (New York City)

Active around 1900

New York City Police Band (New York City)

Active in 1922 to 1925

New York Juvenile Asylum Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872, conductor W.H. Rice

New York Knickerbocker Brass Band (New York City)

A professional band active in 1850, leader D.S. Neeve, performing with Welch, Delevan & Nathan's National Circus. Still active in 1855, performing with the American Gala Troupe

New York Ladies' Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1892. Associated with the New York Champion Ladies' Baseball Club, and consisted of 15 players. Their business representative was Charles L. Young. The band played at a match between their baseball team and the male team at El Dorado, Kansas in September 1892

New York National Guard 1st Regiment Band (Binghampton)

Active in 1911

New York Orphan Boys' Band (New York City)

Active in the 1900's, conductor Roy de Forest, manager J. de Forest (619 Madison Avenue, New York City)

New York Regimental Band (Camp Smith, Peekskill)

Active in the 1910's

New York State Reformatory Band (Elmira)

Active in the 1910's

Newark Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Newark Valley Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Newman's Cornet Band (Rochester)

Active in 1861, leader Charles Newman

Niles Cornet Band (Springwater)

Active in 1892, when members included Jack Leady, Erve King, Vinnie Hyde, Fanny Niles, LeBerne Hyde, Baron Hyde, Minnie Niles, Arch Moore, Roy Robinson, Libbie Hyde, Charles Price, Harry Niles, Bert L. Hohnson, George Hohnson, Ed Niles, and Lewis Hyde

North Side City Band (Watertown)

Active around 1900

Northville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. James C. Kersted was a member during the greater part of its existence

Norwich City Band

Active in the 1910's

Norwich Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Nyack Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Ogdensburg City Band

Active in 1892 with 28 members in uniform of dark blue tunics and light blue pants. Still active in the 1900's

Old Fort Plain Band

Active in 1913 to 1920

Oldfield's Military Band (Boonville)

Active in the 1910's

Olean Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1883

Oneonta Band

Active in the 1910's

Oneonta Silver Band

Active in the 1880's

Onondaga Castle Cornet Band

Founded in 1862. Still active in the 1890's, when members included Joshua Scanandoah; Owen Jones; Simon Scanandoah; Elmer Jacobs; Charlie Green; Mose Logan, Newton Green; Nelson Jones; Eugene Jones, and Dan George. Also known as Onondaga Indian Cornet Band

Onondaga Indian Cornet Band

See: Onondaga Castle Cornet Band

Ontario and Western Band (Middletown)

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Oquaga Brass Band (Sanford)

Active around 1890 - founder & leader was Solomon P. Quick

Orient Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Ortone's Colombia Band (Poughkeepsie)

Active in the 1910's

Otego Town Band

Active in 1906

Our Lady of Victory Band (West Seneca)

Active in the early 1900's. The boys were orphans at Father Baker's Home for Boys, and the band consisted of some 25 brass players with a couple of clarinets.

Owego Boy Scout's Band

Active in 1921

Oxford Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Packard's Band (Greene)

Active in 1915

Palmyra Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Paris Musical Society Band (Binghampton)

Park Cornet Band (New York City)

Active in 1865. Associated with the Central Park in New York, performing on the Lake in the Park

Patterson Cornet Band

Active in 1889, 1890

Peabody Band (Poughkeepsie)

Active in 1907

Peekskill Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Peerless Concert Band (Townsendville)

Active in the 1900's

Penn Yan School Girl's Band

Active in 1927

Penn Yann Public School Boys Band

Active in 1927

Pennyann Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Perkins' Cornet Band (Rochester)

Active in 1861, leader Joseph H. Perkins

Peterborough Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Phillips Band (Oswego)

Active in 1916

Pine Bush Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Pine Hill Citizens Band

Active in 1901

Pine Valley Band

Active in the 1900's

Poore's City Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1852

Port Byron Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Port Chester Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Port Henry Brass Band

Active in 1871

Port Jervis Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Port Jervis Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Port Jervis

Port Leyden Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Portville Boys' Band

Active in the 1920's

Portville Community Boys Band

This was organized by Charles E. Edel who gave members of the band brass and instrument instructions in a room on the second floor of the Portville City Building in the years 1925 and 1926

Potsdam Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Prattsburg CMA Band

Active in 1906 to 1907

Prattsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1906

Pultneyville Band

Active in 1897

Purchase College Brass Band

[Current band]

R.A. Snyder Hose Company Band (Saugerties)

Active in 1910

Randles Ladies Band (Walden)

Active in 1911

Redwood Cornet Band

Active in 1900. Members included: William Hyle, Clarence Cook, Clarence Newman, Charles Courtney, George Pilger, George West, Harry Smith, Fred Carmon, Lester Klock (leader), Edward Hyle, and Clarence Dollinger.

Remington Armory Band (Ilion)

Active in the 1890's

Remington Typewriter Band (Ilion)

Active in 1912 to 1927

Rhinebeck Band

Active in the 1910's

Richardsons Corners Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Richmond Forest Band (Staten Island)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Richmond Forest lodge no. 66 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, a masonic society

Richmond Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon Band (Staten Island)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the 66 lodge of the Cedars

Richters Manhattan Beach Band

Active in the 1910's

Rifton Band

Founded in 1878

Riverhead Band

Active in the 1910's

Rock City Silvertone Cornet

Active in 1896. Herbert S. Breen played alto horn in 1896

Rome Cornet Band

Active in 1861, leader Henry S. Shelley

Rome Metallic Bedstead Company Band

Active in 1905

Romulus Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Rondout Brass Band (Kingston)

Active in 1869

Rosendale Plains Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Rouses Point Band

Active in the 1890's

Roxbury Concert Band (Roxbury-in-the-Catskills)

Active in the 1900's

Roycroft Cornet Band (East Aurora)

Active in 1913

Sag Harbor Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

St Can's Cornet Band (Buffalo)

Active in 1881. Still active in 1895. The band of Canisius College

St Cyrile Boys Band (Binghampton)

Active in the 1920's

St Hilda's & St Hugh's Brass Band (New York)

[Current band] - Founded in 1995 by Dr. Douglas Hedwig

St Johnsburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

St Joseph's Seminary Band (Yonkers)

Active in 1920

St Mary's Brass Band (Whitehall)

Active in 1874, leader L.F. Pecor, with 15 players

Salamanca Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Salamanca

Salem Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader Austin McGhee, with 16 players

Salem Town Commandery Band (Auburn)

Active in the 1900's

Salt Springville Brass Band (Minden)

Active in the 1890's

Sand Bank Cornet Band

Active in 1891. Sand Bank is now known as Altmar

Saranac Concert Band

Active in 1912

Saratoga Cornet Band (Saratoga Springs)

Active in 1871, with 16 players

Sauer's Cornet Band (Rochester)

Active in 1861, leader Adam Sauer

Saugerties Concert Band

Active in 1916

Schaghticoke Brass Band

Active in 1855. Probably founded around 1853/1854

Schenectady Italian Band

Active in the 1900's

Schiebel's National Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1852

School of Aerial Photography Band (Rochester)

Active around 1914

Schroon Lake Band

Active in the 1890's

Schuyler Falls Band

Active in the 1890's

Scinta's Band (Buffalo)

Active in the 1900's

Scio Brass Band

Scio Cornet Band

Active in 1877

Scofield's 21st Regiment Band (Poughkeepsie)

Active in 1911

Scott's Cornet Band (Rochester)

Active in 1855

Scott's Showboat Band (Oquaga Lake)

Active in the 1910's

Seneca Cornet Band (West Seneca)

Active in 1879. One of the two cornet bands on the Seneca Reservation, consisting wholly of Native Americans

Seneca Nation Cornet Band (West Seneca)

Active in 1879. One of the two cornet bands on the Seneca Reservation, consisting wholly of Native Americans

Shelton's American Brass Band (New York)

Founded around 1845, still active in 1850

Sheppards' Golden Band, New York

Founded in 1918, by Mrs Julia Ward of 238 Highland Avenue, with 20 female players

Sherburne Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Sherburne Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Shokan Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Shredded Wheat Band

Active in 1926

Silver Bay Concert Band

Active in 1912

Skaneateles Town Band

Active in the 1910's

Slabtown Rube Band (Watkins)

Active in 1908

Sloansville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Solvay Process Band (Semet-Solvay Company, Syracuse)

Active in the 1910's

Sonyea Brass Band

Active before 1904

South Lansing Brass Band

Founded in early 1884 as South Lansing Brass Band, it later became the Lansing Cornet Band. It boasted eighteen instruments, with Bert Ozmun as leader and William Burns, business manager. The uniforms of the band comprised dark trousers, cream colored shirts, blue caps and white Morocco pouches. A four-horse team transported the outfit in an up-to-date bandwagon. Members of the band were J. J. Bower, William Burns, Ellis Manning, Frank Bower, Lafayette Jacobs, Will Robinson, "Mick" Quinn, Will Seamon, John Starks, Wesley Humphrey, William H. Miller, Morris DeCamp, William DeCamp, Frank Giltner, Hope Detrick, Dave Robinson, Albert Humphrey, Will Searles, Bert Ozmun, and William Duckenfeld.

South New Berlin Band

Active in the 1900's

South Onondaga Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1904

Spring Creek Cornet Band

Active in 1889, performing at Wheatland's centenary celebrations

Springville Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Stamford Cornet Band

Active in 1881

Stapleton Cornet Band

Active in 1874

State Reformatory Band (Elmira)

Active in the 1890's

Stephens Mills Band

Active in 1907

Suffern Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Sullivan's Cornet Band (Troy)

Active in 1864

Summit Cornet Band

Active around 1894

Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church Band (Jamestown)

Active in the 1910's

Sydney Band

Active in the 1910's

Syracuse University Band

Active in the 1900's

Syracuse University Brass Ensemble

[Current band]

Taberg Cornet Band

Founded in 1884, conductor Charles Walde, followed by George J. Haas. It disbanded at some time, and was reorganised in 1909, only to disband (probably around 1920). The Taberg Community Band was then founded in 1927

Tannersville Cornet Band

Active around 1910. Members around 1900 wore uniforms patterned after Teddy Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" and included Russell Howard, Ralph Lord, Oscar Showers, George Henry Osborne, Frank Kerr, Charles Stewart, Arthur Wheat, Oral McGlashan, Raymond Henry Osborne, Egbert Kerr, Cecil Woodard, Herbert Brash (school teacher), Wesley Francis, Ray Lord, Claude Lake, Clarence (Buddy) Fromer, Carroll Campbell, Fred Martin, Will McDaniel, David Showers Sr., Walter Thorpe, Eugene Myers and Fromer Woodard

Tenney Family Cornet Band

Consisted of Mr & Mrs Frank Tenney (b. 1848), his wife Penitha (b. 1852) and their five children, Ernest (b. 1868), May (b. 1873), Frank (b. 1875, playing Eb tuba), Edward (b. 1876) and John (b. 1878). It appeared at the Academy of Music, Nunda, New York in August 1883. performed at Silver Lake, near Wyoming, New York for the 4th July celebrations in 1884

Theresa Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Members in 1883 included: Lester Westcott, M.L. Stotler, Peter Kissel, George Paterton, Hiram Bowles, Adam Weissling, Warren Swan, Jeremiah Mahoney, Bert Jarvis, Frank Phillips, Arthur Eddy, Agar Jarvis, Alexander Duffany and Henry Reamor.

Ticonderoga Cornet Band

Active in 1864 to 1872

Ticonderoga Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Tiskilwa Band (Chichester)

Active in the 1910's

Tottenville Cornet Band (Staten Island)

Active in the 1880's to the 1910's

Tow Sw Stanistawa BandMills

Active in 1908

Troy Cornet Band

Active in 1861, leader Charles Doring. 18 players in 1871

Trumansburg Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Turin Cornet Band

Active in 1901

Turin Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Tussing's Band (Tonawanda)

Active in the 1890's

Twin City Band (Tonawanda)

Active in the 1890's

Tyre Cornet Band

Active in the 1860's through to the 1890's

Unadilla Forks Brass Band

Active in 1905

Union Cornet Band (Buffalo)

Founded in 1851. John and Joseph Young were members in 1853. Peter Young was a member in 1877

Union Cornet Band (Ransomville)

Conductor Warren A. Curtiss

Union Home Cornet Band (New York City)

Active in 1874

Unionville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Utica Brass Band

Active in 1856

Valois Knights of Pythias Band

Active in the 1900's

Voorheesville Cornet Band

Active from the mid-1880's to the 1900's. Members in 1888 included Frank Van Auken, Robert T. Coughtry, Fred MacMillan, William Flansburg, William Relyea, Myron Van Auken, Abram Relyea, T. C. White, Frank Kaiser, Charles Winne, and James Relyea

W.C. Hoag's Indian Brass Band (Salamanca)

Walden Band

Active in 1910 to 1913

Wales Cornet Band (Greenwich)

Active in 1866

Wallace's Empire Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1852

Wallkill Cornet Band

Active in 1884

Walton Cornet Band

Active in 1864 when the entire band joined the 144th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry

Walton Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Wannemacher's New York Brass Band (New York City)

Active in 1852

Wartburg Orphan's School Band

Active in 1910

Wassel's Public School Band (Queens, New York)

Active in 1911

Watertown Cornet Band

Active in 1864

Watkins Band (Syracuse)

Active in the 1880's

Waverly Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Weedsport Cornet Band

Active in 1913

Wells Bridge Band

Active in 1883

West Carthage Fire Department Band

Active in the 1910's

West Chazy Cornet Band

Active in 1874, leader G.R. Choate

West Kill Band

Active in 1908

West Leyden Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

West Troy Citizens Band

Active in the 1890's

Wheatfield Band

Active in the 1910's

White Eagle Band (Dunkirk)

Active in the 1900's

Whitehall Cornet Band

Active in 1864 to 1871

Whitehall Juvenile Cornet Band

Founded around 1880

Whitesville Cornet Band

Active in 1864 and also in the 1900's

Williamsburg Brass Band (Brooklyn)

Active in 1850, 1851

Williamson's Cornet Band (Glasco)

Active in the 1890's

Windham Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Wm. A. Rogers Brass Band (Niagara Falls)

Active in the 1900's

Woodhull Brass Band

Active in 1858

Wurtsboro Cornet Band

Founded in 1890 by Charles Roesch, each member furnishing his own instrument and uniform. Arthur Parkins instructed the band for \$3 a week.

Yamato Sanctorum Band (Syracuse)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Yamato Sanctorum No. 96 of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans

Yorkville Military Band

Active in 1912

Young's Band (Buffalo)

Active in the 1900's

Z.P.R.K. Polish Band (Olean)

Active in the 1910's

Zeeland's Band (Red Star Line Antwerp-New York)

Active in the 1910's

USA - North Carolina



Durham Hosiery Mill Band

Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina Band (Greensboro)

Active in 1912 to 1915

American Land Company Penny Brothers Auctioneers Band (Greensboro)

Active in the 1910's

Asheville Band

Active in the 1900's

Asheville Brass Band

Active in 1851

Asheville Young Men's Institute Band

Active in 1908

Bethania Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1866

Bethania Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Big Spring Brass Band (Charlotte)

Active in 1859, leader John T. Frazier. Still active in 1861

Boiling Springs Band

Active in the 1910's

Brass Band of North Carolina

[Previous name of current band] - See: North Carolina Brass Band

Brass Band of the Piedmont

[Previous name of current band] - See: Queen City Brass Band

Brevard Cornet Band

Active in 1911, members included: Charles Ashworth, Bradley Cantrell, John Ashworth, Carl Morris, Hulme Harris, Warrior King, Beverly Trantham, and Charlie Jolley. Members in 1916 included Branch Tinsley, Hume Harris, Grady Kilpatrick, Warrier King, Beverly Trantham, Chalie Ashworth, Charles Jolley, Carl Morris, Jim Hamlin and Claude Cantrell

Catawba Brass Band

Active in 1856

Chapel Hill Colored Brass Band

Active in 1919

Charlotte Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1873

Charlotte Mechanics' Brass Band

Active in 1856, with 12 players, leaders Marshall Frazier and George Warren. Leader S.E. Belk in 1857

Cherryville Town Band

Active in 1904, members included: David Rudisell, Marcus Mauney, Lee McGinnis, John Moss, Vitchel Stroup, Bishop Roberts, Ed Frye, Buford Moss, L.H.J. Houser, Frank Putnam, Stephen Stroup, J. B. Houser, and Evan Houser

Cliffside Renown Band

Active in the 1910's

Dellinger Family Brass Band (Lowesville)

Consisted of Alby Dellinger and his six children, three boys and three girls. They performed at the Lincoln Farmers' Union Picnic at Lowesville, in August 1914. The band members were: Birdie Dellinger Beatty, Bessie Dellinger Cherry, Ellis Dellinger, Alba "Alby" Dellinger, Laddie Nixon, Ernest Cherry, Boyd Cherry, Jim Sifford, Charlie Dellinger, and Nettie Dellinger

Dixon Mill Band

Active in 1913

Dunn Brass Band

Active around 1903, members included Claude Pope, O. P. Shell, Bob Lee, Joe Cook, Lloyd Wade, John Cook, Pinek Pittman, Tom Walker, Busbee Pope, and Tom McNeill

Durham Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Durham Hosiery Mill Brass Band

Active around 1910. Still active in 1919

Elizabeth City Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1870

Fairfield Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1883, 1884

Fayetteville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1852, leader Mr Evans

Fayetteville Brass Band (2)

Active in 1870

Favetteville Cornet Band

Active in 1859

Frank Johnson's Brass Band (Tarboro)

Active in 1854, 1855

Franklinville Cornet Band

Gastonia Brass Band

Active in 1880, members included J.Q. Holland, captain; T.M. Fayssoux, secretary; J.B. Beal, treasurer; J.A. White, H. Spencer, J.R. Fayssoux, J.G. Caddill, R.E. Johnson, W.N. Davis, J Robinson, and W.H. Edwards

Glenola Band

Active in 1880

Goldsboro Cornet Band

Active in 1861. Still active in 1872

Goldsboro Municipal Band

Active in the 1910's

Greensboro Brass Band

Active in 1869 to 1879

Hausertown Brass Band (Bethania)

Active in 1866

High Point Kid's Band

Active around 1900

Hillsborough Brass Band

Active in 1850, leader David Webb. Still active in 1854

Jonesboro Cornet Band (Sanford)

Active in 1905

Kernersville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's, leader Elias Kerner Huff. Elias built a "band & music" room building next to the Victorian cottage he lived in with his family, so the band could practice. Eventually, his family needed more space, so he joined the band room with his home. Members were: Wyatt Mooney, A.N. Linville, W.L. Kirkman, June Pegg, Charlie Morris, John Ring, Wyatt Perry, Arthur Ballard, Seymour Albert, James Teague, Clyde Ragland, Elias Huff (leader), Wick Walker, Jim Walker, and George Perry (drummer)

Kernersville Moravian Church Brass Band

Founded around 1890. They played in special services. Members moved through the community on foot, playing by lantern light. Original members were John Kerr Pepper III, James Frederick Kerner, David Poindexter Kerner, Carlton Robert Kerner, Henry Clay Kerner and Percy Dicks Kerner.

LaFayette Cornet Band (Fayetteville)

Active in 1859, attached to the LaFayette Light Infantry Corps, leader John W. Collins in 1860

Lee Cornet Band (Lumberton)

Active in 1872, instructor Thomas J. Johnson

Lincoln Brass Band (Lincolnton)

See: Lincolnton Brass Band

Lincolnton Brass Band (1)

Active in 1855 to 1859

Lincolnton Brass Band (2)

Active in 1870

Lowell Brass Band

Active in 1850

Lumberton Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Mecklenburg Brass Band

Meltonsville Brass Band (Anson County)

Active in 1852

Monroe Brass Band

Active in 1856

Mt Airy Brass Band

Active in 1861

New Bern Cornet Band

Active in 1866 to 1868

Newbern Brass Band

Founded in summer 1871. A colored band

North Carolina Brass Band (High Pointe)

[Current band] - A professional brass band founded in 2014

North Carolina State University British Brass Band (Raleigh)

[Current band]

North State Silver Cornets (Greensboro)

Active in the mid-1980s. Originally known as Greensboro Brass Band

Oakdale Brass Band (Icard)

Active in 1915, members included: Harley Lowman, Selley Lowman, John Lindsay, Frank Bollinger, Luther Kelley, Dorse Lowman, McKinley Childers, Shirley Abernathy, Robert Lindsay, Foy Bridges, and Roy Beach

Old West Durham Band (Durham)

Formed in 1895 by workers in the Erwin Cotton Mills

Orange Grove School Cornet Band (Hillsboro)

Active in the 1910's. Members were: Tom Kellam, Julian Jobe, M. Brown, Frank Thompson, Otto Frye, Professor Spiker, Lacy Morrow, Neil McDuffy, Claude Sykes, Nelsie Thompson, Steve Sykes, Carl Sykes, Frank Cheek, Wilmer Hogan, Roney Cates, Luther Williams, Myron Lloyd, Broady Thompson, Professor Crawford, Fletcher Gill, Will Thompson, Ubert Smith, Professor Redman (conductor), Edker Cole, Will Lloyd, Edward Turner, and Shields Cheek

Palmerville Cornet Band

Active around 1907, members included Alfred Bunch, Will Bell (band director), George Miller, Jim Coggin, Clarence Misenheimer, James Miller, Ray Ingram, Charles Jenkins, Will S. Coggin, Roy Davis, Charles Coggin and Mose Sheppard

Penny Brothers Auctioneers Band (Greensboro)

Active around 1910

Petersburg Brass Band (Burke County)

Active in 1852. Leader Mr Slaughter in 1856

Pilot Mills Community Band (Raleigh)

Active around 1910

Proximity Cotton Mill Brass Band (Greensboro)

Active in 1909

Queen City Brass Band (Charlotte)

[Current band] - Founded in 1992

Raleigh Brass Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Raleigh Citizens Cornet Band

Active in 1872 to 1874

Raleigh City Brass Band

Active in 1851

Raleigh Colored Brass Band

Richmond Brass Band

Active in 1852

Saint Francis Brass Band (Cary)

[Current band] - Founded in 2002. Associated with the St Francis United Methodist Church

Salem Brass Band (Winston-Salem)

Active in 1852 to 1868

Salisbury Brass Band

Active in 1858. Still active in 1867. Leader William Neeves in 1859, with 13 players

Scotland Neck Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Smoky Mountain Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1981

Steele Creek Brass Band (Mecklenburg County)

Founded by Robert Collins Freeman, in 1883. Mr. C. B. Campbell had attended a picnic in Pineville, NC and was so entertained by the Sharon Band he was determined that Steele Creek should have a brass band. Capt. H. D. Stowe, J. S. Collins, G. C. Neel, R. D. Collins and Robert A. Freeman and others were in favor of it. After several meetings the property support was assured and Freeman was told to consult with some manufacturing houses in regard to musical instruments. There was much consultation and finally he was instructed to order 17 instruments; three E flat and three B flat cornets, 3 B flat and E flat altos, 3 B flat tenors, 1 B flat baritone, 2 E flat tubas, 1 Bass and 1 snare drum. The instruments came and not one of the members knew how to play them. They invited the Sharon band to come to a picnic dinner and test the instruments. They brought a number of their friends, everybody had a good time and the instruments were purchased. The original organization included 17 members: C. A. Collins, W. A. and I. W. McGinn, R. S. Cooper, W. E. Neel, C. F. Brown, J. H. Wilson, C. B. Campbell, David H. Cowan, J. R. Hayes, Dr. A. M. Herron, S. T. Stowe, S. S. Herron, John and Joe Freeman, R. C. Freeman, Sr. and Robert Freeman. In a few months four others members were added; R. M. and Calvin Frzaier, W. R. Wearn and Thomas Stewart. Their first public appearance was in a concert on the Independence Square of Charlotte. During 40 or more years, the band had four uniforms, the last one being blue and white trimmings. As the original members died or resigned, others who filled their places were R. M. Beaty, J. M. Davenport, G. M. Neal, H. L. and A. M. Cathey, A. H. Pegram, A. T. Bryan, B. B. Wilson, J. Frank Collins, J. H., D. R. and Edgar Freeman. Of the 36 men who have been members of the band, 16 were still living in 1938. None were ever known to be in trouble or arrested for a violation of the law. The band's last public engagement was when a new court was dedicated at Wadesboro in 1925.

Triangle Brass Band (Cary)

[Current band] - Founded in 1986

Tuscarora Temperance Cornet Band

Founded in 1842. Still active in 1880. Conductor Enos Johnson in 1877

Wake Forest College Band

Active in the 1910's

Waxhaw Brass Band

Active in 1853. Possibly associated with the Waxhaw Tent of the Improved Order of Red Men

Weldon Cornet Band

Active in the late 1800s

Whitaker's Chapel Christian Workers' Band (Enfield)

Active in 1913

White Oak Cotton Mill Brass Band (Greensboro)

Active in 1909 to 1914

Whitsett Institute Band

Active in the 1910's

Wilmington Amateur Brass Band

Active in 1852, tutor Herman L. Schreiner

Wilmington Brass Band

Active in 1870

Wilmington Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1856 with 14 members, following a reorganisation of the Wilmington Amateur Brass Band. Members in 1856 included N.W. Schenck, H. Spaulding, and J.P. Miller. Conductor J.W. Collins in 1856-1857. Still active in 1858

Wilson Brass Band (Wilson)

Founded in early 1870

Wilson Community British Brass Band (Wilson)

Active in 1983, conductor Andrew Preston

Winston-Salem Colored Orphans Institute Brass Band

Active in 1912, conducted by Rev. R. Shepherd, consisting of 5 boys and 5 girls aged between 9 and 14 years.

Winston-Salem Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in July 1907, conductor Professor Grouse (MD of Winston Cornet Band)

Young Ebony Saxhorn Band (Raleigh)

Active in 1858 - seven young boys aged 5 to 10 years, led by Master Robert, 8 years old

USA - North Dakota



Landa Brass Band, 1910

Adrian Cornet Band

Active around 1916

Aneta Cornet Band

Active around 1910, bandmaster Mark Wald

Barnes County Booster Band (Valley City)

Active in the 1920's

Beach Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1915

Bottineau Cornet Band

Active in 1895 to 1909

Bowdon Farmers' Band

Active in the 1900's

Bowman Band

Active in 1910

Brass Band of Minot

[Current band] - Founded in 1994

Buffalo Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Capital City Band

Active in the 1900's

Cavalier City Band

Active in the 1910's

Cleveland Band (Medina)

Active in the 1900's

Cleveland Brass Band

Active in the 1900's to 1910's

Edinburg Band

Active in the 1910's

Enderlin Cornet Band

Active in the mid-1890s

Fargo Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1904 by H.J. Le Roy, with 10 players - Emma Weisie, Victoria Ellis, Tillie Larson, Ordein Olson, Jennie Williams, Louisa Baxter, Maud Ferguson, Ella Dailey and Imogen Spray

Fetzer Cornet Band (Bismark)

Active in 1887, when it rehearsed in "the neat little room located over Chas. R. Williams' saloon on Third Street"

Fort Totten Indian School Band

Active in the 1910's

Gackle Brass Band

Active in 1910, when John Geiszler was a member

Gilby Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Glenburn Band

Active in 1909

Grafton Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Granville Cornet Band

Active in 1905, conductor Clinton H. Cosper

Havana Band

Active in 1912

Hebron Concert Band

Active in 1910

Hope Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Hope Cornet Band

Active in 1890 to 1896

Hope Girls' Brass Band

Founded in 1909

Hope Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1911

Knox Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Kulm Brass Band

Active in 1895

Lakeville Band

Active in 1910

Landa Brass Band

Active in 1910

Leeds Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Leith Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Lisbon Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1903, with twenty ladies, conductor Professor John Norlin

Manfred Cornet Band

Active around 1910, when Louis Boese was a member. Olaf Noble was a member from 1916-1922

Manot Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

McHenry Band (1)

Active in 1904. Conductor Walter Allen in 1905. 20 players in 1906. Had disbanded by 1908. A successor band was formed in 1914

McHenry Band (2)

Founded in 1914 with 20 members

Mercer Boosters Band

Active in the 1910's

Michigan City Cornet Band

Founded in 1893, president M.T. Scarff, secretary H.B. Cram, and leader B.O. Seymour

Michigan Enterprise Band (Michigan City)

Active around 1910, leader O.R. Benson

Minot Concert Band

Active in 1890 to 1909

Mount Carmel Band

Active in 1908

Mountain Brass Band

Active around 1896 to 1910

Mountrail County Band (Stanley)

Active in the 1900's

Newtown Band

Active in 1907

North Dakota Agricultural College Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

North Dakota State Band (Pekin)

Active in 1911

Ozark Band

Active in 1917

Parshall Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Pembina City Band

Active in the 1900's

Petersburg Band

Active in 1911

Plaza Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Reynolds Cornet Band

Active in the late 1890's, conductor Conrad Berg

Souris Citizens Band

Active in 1912

Spring Brook Band

Active in the 1910's

State School of Science Band (Wahpeton)

Active in the 1910's

Valley City Cornet Band

Founded in 1881. Active through to 1887. In 1881 David William Clark arrived in Vallev City from Tidioute. Pennsylvania, to open an insurance business. He was directed to the leading hotel, the Sherman House. He had hardly landed there when he heard the sound of a horn. He picked up his hat and went down those stairs as though he was shot. He listened for the direction of the sound. It led him to the Wold Harness Shop, a few doors to the west. H went in and, in a back room, found Olaf Rushton blowing his horn. He said, 'Hello! I heard you playing and could not resist the temptation of coming over to talk to you. I was glad to hear this sound. Are you a band man?' He answered that he was. He had played on a band before coming to this new town and had brought his instrument along with him. Clark said, 'Are there any other band men around her?' He answered, 'Yes, several ' Clark said, 'Let's get up a band. Let's get them together and organize a band right off'. And they lost no time in doing that. The Wold Harness Shop later was taken over by Olaf Rushton and many a band conference was held in that store. On May 17th 1881 the band made its first public appearance. The day of Norway's Independence was being celebrated and Mr. Wood directed the newly organized band. It was quite an event in the early history of the town A State Band Contest was held at Fargo. Of course, the Valley City band, dressed in their new uniforms, entered. "We played good music and had good performers in our band. More than half the residents of Valley City went to Fargo to near our band and receive the award of first place. We played the 'William Tell Overture".

Valley City Normal School Girls' Brass Band

Founded in 1906

Wahpeton High School Band

Active in 1914

Washburn City Band

Active in the 1900's

Washburn Cornet Band

Founded in 1897 - members included Magnus Anderson, Henry Holton, Martin Holtan, Engebret Holtan, Luke Eskes, Laurence Fritz, Johnnie Johnson, Iver Ekstrom, Frankie Falkner, Alfred Ekstrom, Dr. Forbes, Billie Falkner, and Paddy Burley

Wheatland Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Williston Cornet Band

Active in 1910, conductor Professor A. Onstad. Members included: Bob Bell, C.V. Olson, Paul Marelius, A.B. Lonien, O. Stenehjem (cornets), Miss Edna Bell, M. Hegge, J.F. Wialte, Father Arsenault, A. Onstad (clarinets), Francis Marelius, Ben Jounkins, L.V. Coulter (altos), Oscar Bell, Miss Francis Bell (trombones), J. Schneider (saxophone), F. Andrews (baritone), M.S. Phillips, W. Harvey, M. Pom Jelio (basses), LeRoy Smith, A. Arsenault (drums)

Willow Lake Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Wimbledon Community Band

Active in the 1920's

Wimbledon Cornet Band

Active around 1905

Zeeland Cornet Band

Founded in 1908, with 19 members, leader Henry Walz

USA - Ohio



Kokosing Cornet Band, Gambier, 1886

102nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1865 and into the 1870's

103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band

Active in the 1920's

104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment Cornet Band

Active in 1864, leader Mr Marble (stationed in Knoxville, Tennessee in February 1864)

11th Ohio Regiment Band (Dalton)

Active in 1913

1st Ohio Regiment Band (Cincinnati)

Active in the 1900's

23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band

Active in 1863

2nd Regiment Ohio National Guard Band (Tiffin)

Active in 1908

34th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band

Active in the 1860's

41st Ohio Regiment Band (Cleveland)

Founded in September 1861 under the leadership of Mr Abbot of New York, included four players from the Burton Excelsior Brass Band

4th Regiment Ohio National Guard Band (Columbus)

Active in the 1910's

7th Infantry Band (Zanesville)

Active in 1917

A.D. Baker Threshing Machine Company Band (Swanton)

Active in the 1900's

Ackley's Band (Sandusky)

Active in the early 1900's, founded after the Great Western Cornet Band disbanded. Members included Ed Senne, John Bauman, Michael McAdams, A. Becker, William Hauser, J. Thomas, F. Artman, J. Bauman, F.W. Bauer, N. Bergmoser, E. Center, W. Scott, Jacob Samsel, F. Bauman, G. Godfrey, C. Schaufelberger, and Eugene B. Ackley (leader)

Adams Mills Band

Active in the 1900's

Adamsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Adena Town Band

Active in 1910

Aetnaville Union Cornet Band

Incorporated in 1885

Akron Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1861. Took first place at the Wooster Band Convention in June 1860, secretary & treasurer M.T. Cutter. In September 1861, with 16 players, it became the band of Wade & Hutchins' Cavalry Regiment, under the baton of Dan Marble of Akron

Akron Community Band

Founded in 1880. Was an all-brass band during the 1990s. Now a concert/wind band

Akron Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1874. Leader Mr Babcock in 1870

Akron Ladies' Band

Active around 1915

Alexander Band (Cherry Fork)

Active in 1911

All Star Brass and Percussion

Founded in 1994 by Eric Aho

Alliance Brass Band

Active in 1860

Alliance City Band

Active in the 1900's

Alliance Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1866 to 1870

Amanda Band

Active in the 1900's

Amboy Cornet Band (Conneaut)

Active in 1891

American Legion Band (Post 371, Wellston)

Active in 1930's

Amesville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Amity Band

Active in 1909

Andover Band

Active in the 1920's

Andover Brass Band

Antwerp Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Aschbackers HS Band (Oak Harbour)

Active in 1907

Ashland Brass Band

Active in 1856, president J.W. Boyd, secretary H. Ames. Still active in 1866. Musical director Professor White in 1863

Ashland German Brass Band

Founded in March 1857, leader Mr Zitterbart

Ashtabula Brass Band (1)

Active in 1858 to 1870

Ashtabula Brass Band (2)

[Current band]

Ashtabula Cornet Band

Active in 1872, instructor George Burt (bandmaster of the Painesville Cornet Band)

Ashtabula Eagle Brass Band

Active in 1868, secretary W.E. Blakeslee

Ashtabula Shipyard Band

Active in 1919, conductor Teppo Jalakkainen

Athens Brass Band (New Athens)

Active in 1861, with 21 players. In May 1861 the band was to be permanently attached the 3rd Ohio Regiment

Athens Cornet Band (New Athens)

See: New Athens Cornet Band

Athens Ladies Band

[no information]

Atlanta Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Atwood's Silver Cornet Band (Zanesville)

See: Zanesville Cornet Band

Aurora Brass Band

Active in 1859

Babcock's Cornet Band (Akron)

See: Akron Cornet Band

Bainbridge Buckeye Band

Active in the 1890's

Baker's Band (Marion)

Active in the 1900's

Baltimore Brass Band

Active in 1869, with around 11 players, tutor William Jolley. Contemporary with the nearby band in Basil

Barberton Ladies' Band

Founded in 1914, conductor Harry Houser. They played free concerts at Lake Anna and represented their city on trips out of town. In 1917 they marched seven miles through Columbus in the inaugural parade for Governor James M. Cox. During World War I, the Barberton Ladies' Band met each incoming train that carried soldiers from all the surrounding towns. In 1922, many of the members of the band were from other communities, so the Ladies' Band moved to Akron, Ohio. At that time it was fully incorporated under the name Famous Ladies' Band. It was disbanded in 1930

Barberton Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Barnesville Brass Band

Active in 1866, 1867

Barnesville Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Barr's Family Band (Waverley)

Active around 1915. Consisted of father Charles Barr, his wife Sarah, and children Frank (tenor horn), Marion (drums), Charles (cornet) and Herschel (euphonium)

Basil Brass Band (near Baltimore)

Active in 1869, with about 11 players, tutor William Jolley. Contemporary with the nearby band in Baltimore

Basil Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Batavia Cornet Band

Active in 1867

Batesville Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Bauer's Silver Cornet Band (Zanesville)

See: Zanesville Cornet Band

Beardstown Cadet Band (Jacksonville)

Active in the 1900's

Bellaire Brass Band

Active in 1860, director Professor Heatherington. Still active in 1871

Bellaire High School Band

Active in 1928

Bellefontaine Brass Band

Active in 1860

Bellevue Union Brass Band

Active in 1867. It took the third prize in a brass band competition at Fremont on June 12th, being the only band playing for that part of the competition, playing the International Quickstep, winning a brass cornet, value \$100. Still active in 1868

Belmont Brass Band

Founded in 1856. Leader Charles Paudert in 1858

Belmont City Band

Active in the 1900's

Bement Band

Active in 1910

Berea Cornet Band

See: Caldimu's Cornet Band

Berlin Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Bethel Cadet Band (Bethel)

Active in the 1900's

Bethel Girls' Band

Active in 1912

Bethlehem Brass Band (Bethlehem Township)

Beverly Band (Washington County)

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe

Big Springs Cornet Band

Members included Ed Brugler, Art Barber, Minton Bush, George Brugler, Alfred Brugler, Harry Brugler, William Oglesbee, Marshall Brugler, John Quick Brugler, and William Mayhaffy

Bigelow Family Band (Bowling Green)

Active around 1914, consisting of father John Bigelow (b. 1860, bass drum), Georgia Bigelow Bryan (b. 1898, euphonium), Edith (b. 1905, trombone), Jack (b. 1893, cornet), Harry (b. 1901, french horn), Della Jocelyn (b. 1895, cornet), mother Etta Bigelow (b. 1874, tenor horn), Josephine "Joey" (b. 1908, snare drum), John Jr. (b. 1903, euphonium), Pauline Virginia "Fritzi" (snare drum). Between 1893 and 1911 John and Etta had 8 children. John would buy his children the finest instruments, but each child had to learn to play them without lessons. Jack started cornet when he was 10 and he helped his sisters, Della and Georgia. Harry played an alto horn and John, Jr., the trombone - also an organ later on. Edith played the trombone, piano and organ, and later played professionally with Rita Rio and his orchestra. Josephine played the drums, Virginia "Fritzi" joined the rest of the family at an early age singing, dancing, and playing the drum, later learning the tuba, clarinet, saxophone and other instruments. John, the father, played the bass drum and Etta, the mother, alto horn. They played band concerts on the square in Bowling Green and around the area. Jack formed the All-Girl Band in 1921, including his five sisters and first wife, Elizabeth. They traveled the states playing the Keith Orpheum Circuit and the RKO Circuit and for 25 years played at the Wood County (Ohio) Fairgrouds in conjunction with radio station WFOB. In 1927 for a publicity stunt, the band went high over Maumee Bay in a United Cigar Store airplane piloted by the famous Col. Roscoe Turner. The next day's headlines in The Toledo News Bee were "Fritzi Teaches Birds to do Black Bottom." During 1929, with the band, Fritzi was first featured in her specialty one-man band "Dinah" number. She played sax, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, piano, drums, tuba and ended with a tap dance. It was a real showstopper

Blaney's Across the Pacific Company Rough Rider Band

Active in the 1900's

Bloomfield Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1858

Bloomville Band

Active in the 1910's

Bloomville Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Bluffton Brass Band

Active in 1869

Boos' Cornet Band (1) (Tiffin)

Active in 1860. Also recorded as Bosse's Cornet Band. A successor band was formed in 1866

Boos' Cornet Band (2) (Tiffin)

Founded in spring 1866. Still active in 1874. It took the second prize in a brass band competition at Fremont on June 12th, being the only band playing for that part of the competition playing a cavatina from Straniera (Verdi) and an overture entitled "Amateurs at Home", winning a silver cornet, value \$200

Boschen's Dock Brass Band (Ottawa County)

Founded in January 1867 from the German citizens, with 12 members

Bosse's Cornet Band (Tiffin)

See: Boos' Cornet Band (1)

Bowling Green Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Bowling Green Military Band

Active in 1910

Brass Band of Columbus

[Current band] - Founded in 1984 by Dr. Paul Droste

Brass Band of the Western Reserve

[Current band] - Founded in 1997

Brecksville Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1915

Brennan's Band (Marietta)

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe

Briceton Concert Band

Active in 1913

Brick City Band (Huber Heights)

Active around 1890 - members included John G. Davis, Dave Williams, Dave J. Herbert, Walter J. Jones, Ben Rule, J. Webster Jones, William S. Jones, George Warren, E. Beecher Davis, Dave Jones, William D. Evans (leader), and Elmer Hunt

Brier Hill Shop Band (Youngstown)

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Brier Hill

Brighton Brass Band

Active in 1862 to 1864

Brighton Girls' Band

Active in the 1900's

Bristol Cornet Band (Bristolville)

Founded in summer 1871, leader Frank Hammond. Took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872

Brunswick Ladies' Band

Active around 1910

Bryan Town Band

Founded in 1852. [Further information, see: Culbertson, William L. - Hometown Band: 150 Years of Music and History in Bryan, Ohio - BookMasters, 2003]

Buckeye Brass Band (Ironton)

Active in 1854, leader Thomas Glass. Still active in 1855

Buckeye Lodge Band (Columbus)

Active in 1903. Associated with the Buckeye Lodge no. 55 of the International Association of Machinists

Buckeye Traction Ditcher Band (Findlay)

Founded in 1913

Burton Brass Band

See: Burton Excelsior Brass Band

Burton Citizens Band

Active in 1909

Burton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Burton Excelsior Brass Band

Founded in late 1859, director Professor Eileman. Still active in 1864. Four members signed up with the 41st Ohio Regiment in September 1861 as part of their band

Butternut Ridge Cornet Band (North Olmsted)

Founded in August 1882. Still active in 1883. Contemporary with the Olmsted Cornet Band

Byesville City Band

Active in the 1910's

C.A. Allen Band (Marion)

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Marion

Cadiz Brass Band

See: Cadiz Independent Brass Band

Cadiz Cornet Band

Active in 1868, when Samuel B. McConnell was a member

Cadiz Independent Brass Band

Active in 1850 to 1861. Teacher Professor Kah in 1853

Caldimu's Cornet Band (Berea)

Active in 1864 to 1867

Caldwell Kid Band

Active in 1908

Cambridge Brass Band

Active in 1863. In 1864 it enlisted with the army for three years, being attached to the 15th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Cambridge City Band

Active in the 1910's

Camden Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Canal Fulton Band

Active in the 1910's

Canal Fulton Brass Band

Active in 1863

Canfield Brass Band

Active in 1856, 1857

Canton Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Leader Mr Zay in 1871

Carey Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1874

Carrollton Band

Founded in 1872. Still active in 1914

Carrollton Brass Band

Active in 1860

Carter's Cornet Band (Niles)

Active in 1872, when a band wagon was purchased for the band. Took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872

Cedarville Brass Band

Active in 1863

Celina Band

Active in the 1900's

Central Ohio Brass Band (Gahanna)

[Current band] - Founded in 1989

Central Ohio Youth Brass Band (Columbus)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Chapel Brass

Centrefield Band (Highland County)

Founded in summer 1858. Still active in 1867. It competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe in 1859

Chagrin Falls Brass Band

Active in 1859 to the 1870's. Members c. 1870 included Austin Church, Lucius Harris, Jim Eggleston, Henry Wyckoff, Charles Rodgers, Royal Church, James Hubbell, Henry Church, G. Bentley, Richard Rowe, John Rowe, Chas. Rowe, Henry Rowe, and Dwight Collier

Chagrin Falls Cornet Band

Active in 1913, when Joseph Verne Crago played cornet in the band

Chagrin Falls Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1896

Chapel Brass (Columbus)

[Current band] - Founded in 2001 as Central Ohio Youth Brass Band

Chardon Cornet Band

Active from 1871 to around 1900

Cheshire Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Chester Brass Band (Chester Township)

Active in 1861, leaders Professors Eileman and Seibel

Chesterville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Chicago I.O.O.F. Band

Active in 1910

Chicago Junction Ladies' Imperial Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's. Conductor Mr Pitcher

Chillicothe Brass Band

See: Chillicothe German Brass Band

Chillicothe Excelsior Cornet Band

Founded in 1880 as a colored band by Harry W. Williams, practicising in the Enterprise Engine House on Walnut Street

Chillicothe German Brass Band

Founded in summer 1858. Still active in 1869

Chuckery Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1885. Still active in 1886. Two members were Miss Randy Kent and Miss Carson McCloud

Cincinnati Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1993

Cincinnati Firehouse Band

Active in the 1900's

Cincinnati Honors Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2003, conductor Greg Mills

Claridon Brass Band

Active in 1862, leader Professor Seibel

Clarington Cornet Band

Active in 1873, 1874. Leader F.V. Cox in 1874

Clark's Band (Cleveland)

See: Forest City Cornet Band

Clarksburg Band

Active in the 1900's

Cleveland Arpad Band

Active in the 1890's - John Takacs was a member

Cleveland Boys Band

Active in the 1890's

Cleveland Brass Band

Active in 1858

Cleveland City Cornet Band

Founded in March 1866 by R.R. Papworth with 15 players (12 brass, 3 percussion), H. Dormeyer was a member in 1866. A concert in May 1886, at Monumental Park, was: Waterbury Guards (Downing), Sophien Waltzer (Strauss), Quickstep "Nebuchadnezzer", Star of Hope, Gipsy Polka (Dodworth), Waltz (Labitsky), Gentle Annie Gray (Coats), Gallop "La Rhine". Members in July 1866 were: R.R. Papworth (leader, 1st Eb cornet), James Willis (2nd Eb cornet), Caleb Billson (1st Bb cornet), Stephen Strong (2nd Bb cornet), Charles E. Humm (solo alto), J. Billson (1st alto), Henry Cormeyer (baritone), William Spear (1st tenor), Orlando Schubert (2nd tenor), John P. Brown (1st tuba), George Breymaier (2nd tuba), Mathew Renz (bass drum), Ansel Pilsbury (tenor drum), George Dunten (cymbals and fife), Master Amos Papworth (assistant)

Cleveland Grays Band

Active in 1871

Cleveland Letter Carriers' Band

Active in the 1900's

Cleveland Lithuanian National Band

Active around 1910

Cleveland Slovenian Band

Founded in 1916

Cleveland Temperance Brass Band

Active in 1860

Cleves Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Clifton Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1913

Clyde Cornet Band

Founded in mid-1867 by Charles Reinhart. Still active in 1870 and also in the 1900's

Colon Brass Band

Active around 1900

Colored Seymour and Blair Club Brass Band (Portsmouth)

Active in 1868, with 16 players. Associated with the club supporting the Horation Seymour/Francis Blair presidential elections partnership, who were defeated by Ulysses S. Grant

Columbus Band

Active in 1915

Columbus Brass Band

Active in 1852

Columbus Dispatch Newsboys Military Band

Active around 1910

Conrad Folz's International Band

Continental Brass Band (Cincinnati)

Active in 1855

Cool Burgess' Brass Band

A professional brass band, 11 players, active in 1868, 1869, touring as part of Cool Burgess' Minstrels Show

Copley Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Copley Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1891. Still active in 1892. Members included Ina Arnold (leader and president), Edith Swigart (vice-president), Mabel Coon (secretary), Fern Weeks (treasurer)

Corning Town Band

Active around 1910

Cortland Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Crescent Band (New Carlisle)

Active around 1910

Crestline City Band

Active in the 1900's

Curtice Band

Active in 1910

Cuyahoga Falls Band

Founded in 1876. Still active in the 1890's

Cuyahoga Valley Brass Band (Akron)

[Current band] - Founded in 1997

Cynthiana Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Dale Band

Active around 1910

Dayton Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader Henry Schwartz

Dayton Templars' Brass Band

Active in 1871

Deerfield Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1863

Defiance Cornet Band

Incorporated in 1885

Defiance Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1919

Delaware Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1870. Leader W.S. Fitch in 1866, L.D. Van Horn in 1867. Contemporary with Kenyon's Cornet Band (Delaware). In October 1861 it joined the war effort, becoming the band of the 63rd Ohio Regiment, commanded by Colonel Craig, however it was sent home in December 1861 when the Regiment consolidated with another. John Troutman was a member in 1862

Delaware Colored Brass Band

Active in 1870

Delphos Cornet Band

Democratic Brass Band (Old Washington, Guernsey County)

Active in 1863

Denmark Township Farmers Band

Active in the 1900's

Deshler Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Deshler Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Deshler's Boy and Girl Band

Active in 1915

Dexter City Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Diamond (Rubber Company) Band (Akron)

Active in 1911

Dillonvale Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Dowler's Band (Marion)

Active in the 1900's

Dublin Cornet Band

Founded in 1879 and active through to the 1920's.

Dublin Metro Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded around 2015

Dublin Silver Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2010

Eagle Cornet Band (Ashtabula)

Active in 1874, when J.R. Carter was a member

East Clevelend Cornet Band

Active in 1872

East Defiance Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

East Liverpool Band

Active in 1905

East Liverpool Cornet Band

Active in 1868

East Liverpool Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1892, consisting of girls aged 8 to 16. Conductor was William A. Curfman, a "fine musician and enthusiastic Rechabite". The band was associated with the local International Order of Rechabites temperance tent, and toured around the eastern states promoting the temperance message. Their uniform was blue trimmed with white. Reports of their performances were very good, praising their "sweet tones", though one did state "... [it] seems like a brazen invasion of men's most noisesome practices". Still active in the 1900's

East Palestine High School Band

Active in 1909

Eaton Cornet Band

Active in 1854 to 1872. Leader Jerry Guild in 1854

Edison Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Edon Cornet Band

Elleston Cornet Band

Incorporated in 1885

Elmore Juvenile Brass Band

Active in 1906

Elyria Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1860. Still active in 1866. A successor band was formed in 1869

Elyria Cornet Band (2)

See: Elyria Silver Cornet Band

Elyria Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1869

English Silver Cornet Band (Upper Sandusky)

Active in 1869. Disbanded in summer 1870 and sold their instruments to a band in Nevada, Ohio

Evansport Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Fairmount Children's Home Band (Alliance)

Active in the 1930's, bandmaster S.G. Gilbert

Famous Ladies' Band

See: Barberton Ladies' Band

Farmer Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Farmersville Cornet Band

Incorporated in 1885

Father Matthew Temperance Society Brass Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1860

Ferullo's Band (Circleville)

Active in the 1910's

Fillmore Philharmonic Brass (Cincinnati)

[Current band] - Founded in 2014

Findlay Brass Band (1)

See: Findlay Citizens' Brass Band

Findlay Brass Band (2)

Founded in July 1865. It faded in 1866 but was reorganised in June 1867, leader Fred Kinnam, becoming Findlay Silver Cornet Band. Still active in 1874. Initial members were: William Zay, J.M. Huber, Jule P. Dennis, Charles Heins, Parlee Tritch, E. Deitsch, Mich Genter, William K. Marvin, J.H. Goodwin, Charles Falte, Charles B. Hall, and Theodore Mungen. It acquired "silver" instruments in 1867 and became Findlay Silver Cornet Band, when officers included J.M. Huber (president), Theodore Mungen (secretary), Cloys B. Wilson (honorary member). Members in January 1868 included P.C. Tritch, J.P. Dennis, and E. Dietsch. Members in 1872 included J.H. Goodwin, M. Gintert, and Thomas Foster (d. November 1872). President John Sheridan and secretary Lafe O'Hara in 1873

Findlay Brass Band (3)

Founded in June 1868. Contemporary with the Findlay Silver Cornet Band

Findlay Citizens' Brass Band

Active in 1860. Folded during the Civil War. A successor band was formed in 1865

Findlay Silver Cornet Band

See: Findlay Brass Band (2)

First Christian Ladies' Brass Band (Eaton)

Founded in autumn 1914, conductor Professor J.W. Young, with 15 players

First Slovak Band (Canton)

Active in the 1900's

Fitchville Brass Band

Active in 1860

Fitz's Girls' Band (Bethel)

Active in 1910 to 1912

Floradora Band (Wellston)

Active in the 1900's

Forest City Cornet Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1862, leader Mr Clark. Formerly known as the Phoenix Band. Still active in 1864

Foster Band

Active in 1924

Fostoria Brass Band

Founded in January 1868, leader Charley Monger

Fostoria Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Fredericktown Band

Active in 1911 to 1931

Freedom Brass Band (Cleveland)

[Current band] - Founded in 1997

Freeport Cornet Band

Active in 1881 when they constructed their own bandroom by putting a second storey on J.M. Derry's shop

Fremont Brass Band

Active in 1852, leader Mr Sendelbach. Still active in 1869. Secretary Fred H. Dorr in 1865

Fremont Cornet Band

See: Fremont Brass Band

Fremont Silver Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1867, contemporary with the Fremont Brass Band. Initial members were J.H. Beebe (1st Eb cornet), J. Chance (2nd Eb cornet), H. Betts (1st Bb alto), C.M. Wadsworth (2nd Bb alto), Thomas Gould (1st Eb tenor), J.H. Heffner (2nd Eb tenor), Joseph Snyder (baritone), Samuel Garvin (Eb bass), Joseph Battig (bass drum & cymbals)

Fryburg Brass Band (Pusheta)

Active in the 1880's, members included Lawrence Nuss, Doctor Siebert, John Schneider, Rulolph Lambert, Fred Megel, Will Ruck, Will Limbert, Dr. Strasburg and Louis Duckro

Galion Brass Band

Active in 1858, when Reuben Riblet was a member

Galion Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1870. James A. Porter, of Urbana, became leader for a year from August 1871, and the band was renamed Porter's Silver Cornet Band

Gallipolis Brass Band

Active in 1860, leader Mr Auton. Still active in 1868

Garfield Band (Mentor)

Garretsville Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Garrettsville Brass Band

Active in 1866

German Brass Band (German Township)

Active in 1863

German Silver Cornet Band (Upper Sandusky)

Active in 1871, leader A. Martin. New uniforms made by Jacob Grundish in December 1872

Germantown Brass Band

Active in 1859

Gideon's Brass Band (Columbus)

Active in 1868, leaders E. Clay Briggs and Doctor Williams

Girard Cornet Band

Active in 1867

Girard Slovanian Band

Active in the 1920's

Glendale Cornet Band

Active in 1896

Goodman's Cornet Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1860

Goodyear Heights Cornet Band (Akron)

Active around 1910

Goshen Cornet Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe. Still active in the 1890's with members George Walton, Fred Sherer, John Sherer, Robert Carlisle, Gibson Carlisle, John Hobart, Alexander Winkler, Edward Ruefly, John Cramer, Edward Walton, Arthur Walton, Tillman Miller, Jack Swihart, Frank Swihart, Jesse Walton, James Carlisle and leader Harvey Heck. Members in 1900 were: Willam Edwards, Tommy Lewis, William Page, Peter Okelberry, John Y. Jasperson, Watson White, Tom Schinderling, Caleb Lewis, Chester Steele, Hardy Jenkins, Dave Morgan, and Dave Okelberry

Grant Brass Band (Gallipolis)

Active in 1868, possibly associated with the Grant Club in the town

Great Western Cornet Band (Sandusky)

Founded in early 1867 by Charles Baetz, one of the early general managers of the Cedar Point Pleasure Resort Company. The band played for both daily concerts and dances. The band took first place in a brass band competition at Fremont on June 12th, playing a potpourri from Lucretia Borgia and an overture from Norma, winning a pure coin silver Eb cornet, value \$300. Eugene B. Ackley (1871-1957), a talented cornetist, was brought to the Great Western Band by Fred Bauman (the Band's manager). When the Great Western Band dissolved in the early 1900's, Ackley started his own band. Band members in the late 1880's included Cornelius Bergmoser, Herman Miller, Charles Baetz, Christ Thomas, Joseph Bock, Frank Montgomery, John Bauer, John Trieschman, John Ernst, William Hauser, Charles Riedy, Charles Abele, Charles Baumeister, Charles Bauman, John C. Hauser, Fred Bauman, Frank Graul, Jacob Samsel, and Albert Bergmoser

Green Spring Cornet Band

Active in 1869, 1870, leader John Howell

Green Springs Brass Band

Founded in spring 1868, leader Jonathan Howell

Greenfield Cornet Band

Founded in early 1858. Still active in 1869, leader Mr Packard

Greensburg Brass Band

Took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872

Gustavus Silver Cornet Band

Founded in July 1866, leader Mr White. Took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872

Haines Cornet Band (Alliance)

Active in 1861

Hamilton Band

Active in the 1910's

Hamilton Brass Band

Active in 1861, when it was connected with the 9th Ohio Regiment

Hamler Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Enos Oscar Jones (barber) played in the band

Hammondsville Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's. Members around 1910 included: William Parsons, Roy Parsons, Clyde Parsons, Roy Call, Clarence Call, Fred Culp, Sam Parsons, Charles Elliott, William Griffith, James Parsons, Curtis Pease. Fred Elliott, Raymond Elliott, James Boring, and Jerry Sheehan

Hanover Brass Band (Hanoverton)

Active in 1854 to 1858

Harnes Band (Ada)

Active in the 1900's

Harrisburg Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Harrison Boys' Band

Active in the 1890's

Harrison Brass Band (Maineville)

Active in 1896. A girls' band consisting of the Harrison sisters and the Murdock sisters principally, nine players in all

Hart's Band (Hicksville)

See: Hart's Boys' Band

Hart's Boys' Band (Hicksville)

Local jeweler O. V. Hart put together a band of boy musicians in the early 1900's. Their practices, held above Mr. Hart's store, were noted for rigorous standards of discipline and musicianship. April 1, 1909, marked the band's first public appearance. It was composed of boys whose ages ranged from 12 to 21. They won first prize at the 1912 Ohio State Fair. Road performances outside Ohio included Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg. Thirty of Hart's boys joined up to fight in World War I. Members around 1910 included Maurice Sholl, Ray Smith, G.A. James, Claron McCormick, Wallace Miller, Toad Daniels, Clair Garver, Eck Greer, Carl Sholl, Hud Ullery, Emil Teegardin, Lynn Bricker, Sal Hadsell, Van Hadsell, Lee Jackson, Harold Hoffmeister, Ralph Miller, Clair Cahill, Paul Smith, Claron Hilbert, Verne Getrost, VIrgil Blythe, Floyd Blythe, Bill Pease, Bill Harter, Hale Byers, Harold Carr, Wade Jackson, Paul Schaffer, Daniel Bricker, Gale Poole, John O. Niel, Sid Smith, Floyd Harkey, Maurice Longsworth, Lloyd Hartzler, Laurence Hart, Pete Seibert, and Ellwood Saunders.

Hart's Girl Band (Hicksville)

O.V. Hart gathered five of his female music students together in 1915. As the band added more instruments and musicians, its reputation for excellence spread to surrounding counties. With World War I depleting the ranks of the Boys' Band, the All-Girl Band aptly filled the void. Successful street concerts led to requests to ballyhoo area fairs, because Hart's Girl Band always drew a crowd. 1918 marked their first annual tour. By 1921, twenty-four band members were making yearly tours into different regions of the United States, eventually traveling in a special B & O coach with the band's name on the side. Musicians earned \$40 a week beyond expenses, and held membership in the American Federation of Musicians. Sometimes billed as the Scottish Lassies or the Ohio All Girl Band, they were advertised as being the country's first (and some say only) traveling professional all girl band. During their heyday in the 1920's, Hart's girls crisscrossed America and Canada's Maritime Provinces. Their venues included state fairs, conventions, Vaudeville theatres, and Murphy's Circus, where they accompanied the acts.

Haselton Slovensky Band

Active around 1910

Hayesville Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1869

Heatherington Brass Band (Bellaire)

Active in the early 1900's. Members included Russell Beveras, Howard Dean, C.O. "Snip" Long and Tid Heatherington

Heatherington Elk Band (Bellaire)

Active in 1920's

Heber Brothers Band

Active in the 1910's - the band toured with the Greater Shows organisation

Hecker Brass Band (Cleveland)

See: Hecker's Cornet Band

Hecker's Cornet Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1856. In July 1858 it performed at the cricket match between St George's Cricket Club, Cleveland and the Union Club of Cincinnati. Leader John Van Ocker, with 15 players in 1861. Became the regimental band of the 4th Michigan Brigade in late summer 1861

Hecktor Brass Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1856

Heidelberg Brass Band

Founded in 1994 by Joel Pugh. Half of the band was made up of music majors at Heidelberg College (which were required to participate), and the other half was comprised of community members.

Hemmerly's Ladies Band (Fostoria)

Active in the 1920's

Hemmersbach's Cornet Band (Columbus)

Active in 1866 to 1868

Hillsboro Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1858. It competed against New Market Saxehorn Band at the Highland County Agricultural Society Fair in October 1859, taking 1st place, and winning \$35. It took first place at the Chillicothe festival in August 1860, against 18 competitors. In May 1861 the entire band, under the leader Mr Doggett, travelled to Philadelphia to join up with either the 1st or 2nd Ohio Volunteer Militia. They joined with the 1st Ohio and were immediately sent into

Virginia to join the army of invasion under General Mansfield. A successor band was formed in 1867

Hillsboro Cornet Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1867. Still active in 1872, leader R.W. Spargur, secretary John W. Ellis, president John Hern. Spargur resigned in February 1870. Will Kerns and John Glenn were members in 1871 before moving to Mound City, Missouri as pioneers to establish the place

Hillsborough Cornet Band

See: Hillsboro Cornet Band

Hiram Cornet Band

Active in 1868, leader Mr Siebel. Still active in 1874

Hopedale Band

Active in the 1910's

Hopedale Brass Band

Active in 1867

Horn's Brass Band (Delaware)

Founded in summer 1865, leader Leroy N. Van Horn (formerly of the 18th Ohio Regular Band)

Horton's Cornet Band (McArthur)

Founded in early 1874, leader Henry W. Horton

Houston Concert Band

Active in 1907

Hoytville Band

Active in 1911

Hudson Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1860 by Mr Marble, with 14 players including drummer Arba Farewell (aged 12). Active through to 1882. Records of the band are held at the Hudson Library & Historical Society

Hudson's Cornet Band (Circleville)

Active in 1870

Humina Brass Band (Ashtabula)

Founded in 1894, conductor John Rönnberg

Hunter Brass Band (Wayne Township)

Active in 1892

Huss' Cornet Band (New Riegel)

Active in 1911

Hutterly's Cornet Band (Steubenville)

Active in 1868

Hyperion Band (Ulrichsville)

Active in 1910

Independent Brass Band (Pomeroy)

Active in 1870

Independent Brass Band (Toledo)

Active in 1860

Independent News Boy's Band (Massilon)

Active in the 1900's

International Association of Machinists Band (Columbus)

See: Buckeye Lodge Band

International Band (Findlay)

Founded by Conrad Foltz, active around 1905

Ironton Brass Band

Active in 1853

J.B.C. Band

Active in the 1910's

Jackson Brass Band

Active in 1860. Leader Joseph Mills in 1867

Jackson Centre Band

Active in 1909

Jefferson Brass Band

Active in 1859

Jefferson Cornet Band (Madeira)

Active in the 1910's

Jeromesville Brass Band

Active in 1855, 1856

Jeromeville Brass Band (Jeromesville)

Active in 1856 to 1867

Jerusalem Cornet Band

Active in 1909

John Jolly's Children's Band (Hamden)

Active in the mid 1920's. Members included Kathleen Jolly (daughter of bandmaster John), James Mitchell, Mary Elizabeth Camick, Mildred McCoppin, and Bessie Swackhammer

Johnson's Band (Barberton)

Active in the 1900's

Jolly Boys' Band (Crystal Springs)

Active in the 1900's

Junior Order United American Mechanics Band (St Bernard)

Active in the 1900's

Kent Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Kent Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Kent

Kenton Brass Band

Active in 1856

Kenyon's Cornet Band (Delaware)

Active in 1867 to 1870, leader S. Kenyon. Contemporary with the Delaware Brass Band

Kingsville Brass Band

Active in 1850 to 1862

Kingsville Cornet Band

Active in 1869. In 1870 officers were I. Crowther (leader), A.C. Peck (president), A.L. Howard (secretary), and M.L. Davis (treasurer)

Knights Templar Brass Band (Dayton)

Active in 1871

Kokosing Cornet Band (Gambier)

Active in 1886

Lagrange Brass Band

Active in 1858

Lagrange Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Lancaster Band

Active in the 1920's

Lancaster Brass Band

Founded in March 1854, leader Mr Schneider. Still active in 1868

Lancaster Cornet Band

Active in 1861 to 1870 - a colored brass band. Members in 1870 were A.L. Lilley (leader, Eb cornet), James Webster (Bb tenor), Fielding Edwards (Eb baritone), William Young (Eb bass), James M. Turner (side drum), Winfield Walker (cymbals), Samuel Letts (bass drum)

Lancaster Industrial Boys' School Band

Active in the 1910's

Landeck Cornet Band

Founded in 1910

Laurelville Band (Lancaster)

Active in the 1900's

Lawson Merchants Band

Active in the 1900's

Lebrand's National Band (Tarlton)

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe

Leesburg Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1874

Leland's Brass Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1859. Still active in 1864. In 1861 it was attached to the 19th Ohio Regiment

Lenox Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872

Level Brass Band (Harlan Township, Warren County)

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe. Eli M. Williams (b. 1835, son of Ehuel and Eliza Ann Williams) was a member in 1861

Level Cornet Band (Harlan Township, Warren County)

See: Level Brass Band

Lewisburg Brass Band

Active in 1870

Lexington Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe

Lexington Brass Band

Founded in early 1858

Liberty Band (Montgomery County)

Active in the 1900's

Liberty Band (Montgomery County)

Active in the 1910's

Liberty Band (Union Furnace)

Active in the 1890's

Liberty Cornet Band (Adams County)

Founded in 1900 by John Frambes, the band was based in the tiny community of Fairview in Liberty Township for several decades.

Lima Boys' Band

Active in the 1890's

Liston Cornet Band (Otway)

Active in the 1900's

Liston Cornet Band (Otway)

Active in the early 1900's, conductor Roy Liston

Lithopolis Brass Band

Active in 1853

Little Six Band (Upper Sandusky)

Active in the 1890's

Lockland Brass Band

Active in 1852

Lockville Cornet Band (Bloom Township)

Active in the 1890's

Logan Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Logan Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1891

Logon Brass Band

Active in 1909

London Silver Cornet Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1872. Known as Madison Community Band during the 1940's and 1950's before reverting to London Silver Cornet Band

Loudonville Brass Band

Active in 1871

Lowell Band

Active in the 1900's

Lowell Junior Band

Active in the 1910's

Lucas Band

Active in 1911

Luckey Cornet Band

Active in 1897, members included: F.H. Claus, m.D. Goodell, Fred Lehman, William Schmeltz, Ed Lehman, Frank Lehman, Andrew Radeloff, John Helm (bandmaster), S.E. Goodell, Frank Christen, and Art Joseph.

Lynchburg Cornet Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe. Still active in 1867

Madison Brass Band

Active in 1858, leader J. Market. Still active in 1870

Madison Mills Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Madisonville Brass Band

Active in 1852

Magnolia Brass Band

Active in 1896

Magyar Kath. Onkepzokor Zenekarda Band (Toledo)

Active in 1916

Maineville Sax Horn Band

Active around 1860

Majestic Band (Enon)

Malta-McConnelsville Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

Malta-McConnelsville Cadet Band

Active in the 1910's

Mansfield Brass Band

Active in 1855 to 1860

Mantua Silver Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1870. Still active in 1873. Leader C.M. Seibel in 1871, instructor E. Miller in 1873-1874

Manvill's Brass Band (Ashland)

Active in 1855, leader C.C. Manvill

Marble's Masonic Band (Akron)

Active in 1871

Marion Brass Band

Founded on 4th May 1867, leader E.G. Allen. Still active in 1869

Marion Cornet Band

Active in 1884 - Warren G. Harding (future president) played cornet in the band.

Marion Ladies' Band

Active in 1915, 1916

Marion Steam Shovel Band

Active in the 1910's

Marseilles Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1860. Leader Mr Turner in 1859

Martinsville Brass Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe. Still active in 1869

Marysville Cornet Band

Founded in March 1869 by L.N. Van Horn, leader John Bidwell. Contemporary with the German Band. Still active in 1870

Marysville German Band

Founded in 1863, still active in 1897, members including Mike Gunderman (founder), Dana Reed, Harry Bates, Herman Nichol, Skin Gunderman, George Henry Eichemier, Will Gunderman, Landis Haas, Frank Mader, Henry Newlove, Harve Braun, and John K. Gunderman

Massillon Band

Active in 1910

Massillon Brass Band

Active in 1860

Massillon Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Matamoraso Citizens Band

Active in 1912

Maumee City Brass Band

Active in 1868

Maumee Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Maysville Band

Active in 1898

Maysville Brass Band

McArthur Brass Band

Founded in spring 1859, tutor T.A. Glass. Still active in 1866. The band joined the 18th Ohio Volunteer Militia, but were dismissed and returned home in March 1862

McClure Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

McComb Brass Band

Active in 1869

McConnelsville Cornet Band

Active in 1870, 1871

Mechanics Band (Frederickstown)

Active in the 1910's

Mechanicsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1869, leader Mr Bates - formerly the 32nd Ohio Band

Medina Brass Band

Active in 1861

Medina Cornet Band

Active in November 1864

Medina Knights of Pythias Band

Active in 1910

Medina Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1865. It was was furnished with a full set of new instruments at the cost to the organization of \$725. The cornets, at least, were silver coated, which lead to the name "Medina Silver Cornet Band." The band was under the joint direction of Worden Babcock and Professor Marble. After various reorganisations it became the modern day Medina Community Band in the early 1940's

Melmore Brass Band

Active in 1860

Menter's American Cornet Band (Cincinnati)

Founded in 1853, leader Almon Menter. Although Menter died in June 1866 (he was shot by a burglar and was aged 45), the band was still active in 1868 as Menter's Brass Band

Menter's Brass Band (Cincinnati)

See: Menter's American Cornet Band

Mesopotamia Cornet Band

Founded in early summer 1866 with 16 players. Still active in 1872. Took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872. Members in January 1872 included O.J. Bates (leader, Eb cornet), S.E. Lee (2nd leader, Eb cornet), James B. Barnard (Bb cornet), Frank Ensign (Eb alto), Warren E. Bates (Eb alto), A.J. Hatch (Bb tenor), Elmer Ensign (Bb solo bass), W. Supple (Eb bass), Eugene Ensign (Eb bass), C.N. Bates (bass drum & cymbals), and George Day (small drum)

Middleport Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1869

Milford Brass Band

Active in 1865

Military Band (Camp Willis, Columbus)

Active in 1916

Miller's Cornet Band (Dayton)

Active in 1866, leader Mike Miller

Miller's Female Silver Cornet Band

Active in November 1871, performing at Smith's Opera House, Ashtabula

Millersburg Brass Band

Active in 1858, leader C. Kolbe. S. Yates also leader with Kolbe in 1861. Also known as Millersburg Saxhorn Band

Millersburg Democratic Brass Band

Active in 1860, taking 2nd place (shared) at the Wooster Band Convention

Millersburg Republican Brass Band

Active in 1860, taking 2nd place (shared) at the Wooster Band Convention

Millersburg Saxhorn Band

See: Millersburg Brass Band

Millersburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1874. Leader Jose G. Walkup in 1873

Milton Brass Band

Active in 1860, leader J.J. Ireland

Mineral City Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Mineral Ridge Brass Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Minerva Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Mitchell's Boys' Band (Cleveland)

Active in the 1900's

Modern Woodmen of America Band (Middleport)

Active in the early 1900's

Modern Woodmen of America Battalion Band (Fremont)

Active in the 1900's

Modoc Cornet Band

Founded in 1873, with members including Elmer Sprague, Hal C. Bratton, Willie Schockey, Elmer King, Lew Sprague and Harry Hamilton

Monroeville Cornet Band

Active in 1859 to 1865

Montgomery Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe

Morgan Engineering Company Silver Cornet Band (Alliance)

Active in the 1890's

Morning Sun Cornet Brass Band

Active in 1861

Mount Gilead Cornet Band

Founded in early 1867

Mount Gilead Ladies' Band

Active in the 1890's

Mount Hope School Band

Active in 1911

Mount Pleasant Brass Band

Active in 1868

Mourytown Cornet Band

See: Mowrystown Cornet Band

Mowrystown Cornet Band

Founded in early 1874, leader G.H. Diehl

Moxahala Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mozart Cornet Band (Canton)

Active in 1871

Mozart Harmonic Club Brass Band (Delaware)

Founded in June 1866 by Leroy Van Horn with 20 members

Mt Eaton Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1863

Mt Ephraim Cornet Band (Seneca Township)

Active in 1907

Mt Sterling Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Leader D.F. Binder in 1870 when the band purchased a new band wagon costing \$600

Muskingum Cornet Band

Active in 1871, when John H. Drake played baritone. Still active in 1874

National Brass Band (Warren)

Founded in early autumn 1867, consisting of colored men

National Slovakia Band (Binghampton)

Active in the 1910's

Navarre Brass Band

Active in 1871

Navarre Citizens Band

Founded on 28th July 1888. Still active in the early 1900's

Nelson Cornet Band (Ravenna)

Active in 1874

Nelsonville Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Neptune Brass Band (Dayton)

Active in 1860. Possibly associated with the Neptune Fire Engine Company

Nevada Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1872. Leader Judd Flaharty in 1872

New Athens Cornet Band

Active in 1872 to 1874

New Bedford Band

Active in 1902

New Concord Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's, leader William Rainey Harper

New London Citizens Band

Active in 1908

New Madison Cornet Band

Incorporated in 1885

New Market Saxehorn Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe. It also competed at the Highland County Agricultural Society Fair in October 1859, taking 2nd place to Hillsborough Cornet Band

New Philadelphia Brass Band

Active in 1863

New Vienna Brass Band

Founded in December 1859, teacher Mr Lisher. Still active in 1861

New Washington Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Newton Falls Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1870

Newville Band

Active in 1911

North Industry Cornet Band

Founded in 1907

North Lewisburg Brass Band

Active in 1864, leader Professor Porter. Still active in 1871

North Western Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's. Members included Messrs Cowlick, Wertz, Scheenbacher, Obrist, Heidley, Myers, Culbertston, Bale, Lane, Bair, Arnold, Daniels, and Stough

Norwalk Brass Band

Active in 1856

Norwalk Cornet Band

Active in 1871

O.H.E. Band (Gallipolis)

Active in 1914. Members were E.L.. Sheets, William Rayburn, William Matheny, Professor James Lewis, C.B. Stevers, William Edwards, Mrs William Matheny, Myrtle Rogers, F.P. Windom, Etta Strausbaugh, M.L. Miles, Anna Lewis, Lou Neal, Dr. William Gray, J.R. Brandebury, T.J. Jones, Dr E.B. Morrison, Dr S.P. Fetter, and A.J. Pauley

Oak Harbor Band

Active in the 1910's

Oberlin Brass Band

Active in 1855 to 1860

Ohio Hospital of Epilepsy Band (Callipolis)

Active in the 1910's

Ohio Militia Band

Active in 1860

Ohio Pythian Home Boys Band (Springfield)

Active in 1907

Ohio State University Marching Band

Active in 1954

Ohio Valley British Brass Band (Dayton)

[Current band] - Founded in 1992 by Ed Nickol and Francis Laws

Ohio Wesleyan University Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

Okeana Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Olmsted Cornet Band (Olmsted Falls)

Founded in 1882, playing its first public concert in June 1882

Orrville Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Orrville Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Orwell Cornet Band

Active in 1872 when it took part in the first brass band convention at Greene, Ohio in October 1872. Still active in the 1890's

Osnaburg Band

Osnaburg Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Otterbein College Brass Choir (Westerville)

Active in 1955, conductor Robert Westrich, consisting of 14 brass instrumentalists

Overland Band (Toledo)

Active in the 1910's

Oxford Band

Active in 1908

P.C.C. Band

Active in the 1900's

Packard's Cornet Band (Greenfield)

See: Greenfield Cornet Band

Paddy's Run Cornet Band (Shandon)

Founded in February 1887. In November of 1887, the band decided to purchase a bandwagon, as they tired of crowding into a huckster wagon. They selected a model for their wagon and placed their order in early January 1888 with the Haverkotte Company in Cincinnati. The band continued into the 1890's. Some of those in the band include: Ed Reece, John Walther, Jr., Thomas Scheel, A.A. Patton, William Robison, Ralph Clark, Raymond Evans, Henry Pfeffer, Walter Davies, and Alex Guthrie.

Painesville Brass Band

Active in 1853 to 1861

Painesville Citizens Band

Founded in 1888. Bandmaster William Parsons in 1912

Painesville Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1860. Disbanded in August 1872. Leader H. Coe in 1860, George Burt in 1871-1872

Painesville Cornet Band (2)

[no information]

Painesville Excelsior Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Painesville Union Band

Founded in September 1872 by some of the members of the defunct Cornet Band. Still active in 1874. Later known as Painesville Cornet Band

Paintersville Brass Band (Greene County)

Active in 1853

Palestine Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Palmyra Brass Band

Active in 1852, 1853

Papworth's City Cornet Band (Cleveland)

See: Cleveland City Cornet Band

Parkman Brass Band

Active in 1868

Parkman Buckeye Band

Active in 1911

Parmadale Children's Home Brass Band (Cleveland)

Active in the 1950's

Parmadale Orphanage Boys' Band (Cleveland)

Active in the mid-1920s, musical director Jack T. Hearns. In 1928 it joined the Sousa Band on stage at Cleveland when it visited during its world tour. Subsequently the Orphanage Band was adopted by the John Carroll University as the JCU band and for many more years, they led all Cleveland parades, represented the University of Notre Dame when they played at Cleveland Municipal Stadium, and were the musical ambassadors for Catholic Charities. In 1931, the orphanage raised the fee for the band's performances to \$75 and JCU then opted to form their own band.

Patriotic Band (Cleveland)

Active in 1918

Peebles Cornet Band

Active in 1910. Leader Roy Liston in 1911

Pendleton Brass Band (Cincinnati)

Active in the mid-1860s. Disbanded in early 1868

Peninsula Cornet Band

Active in 1865

People's Band (Delphos)

Active in 1907

People's Band (Marion)

Active in 1908

People's Cadet Band (Plain City)

Active in the 1900's

Perrysburg Band

Active in 1910

Perrysburg Cornet Band

Active in 1869, 1870

Peru Brass Band

Active in 1865

Pharoah's Cornet Band (Urbana)

Active in 1869, 13 players, with uniform of dark blue with sky blue stripe and brass buttons

Phoenix Band (Cleveland)

See: Forest City Cornet Band

Phoenix Brass Band (Dayton)

Active in 1859

Pike Township Boys Concert Band

Active in 1908

Piketon Brass Band

Active in 1853

Piqua Brass Band

Active in 1870

Pitcher's Ladies Brass Band (Chicago Junction)

See: Chicago Junction Ladies' Imperial Band

Pitsburg Band

Active in 1908

Plymouth Brass Band

Active in 1860

Pomeroy Brass Band

Active in 1855 and 1870

Port Clinton Band

Active in 1906

Port Clinton Brass Band

Founded in 1867

Port Clinton Cornet Band

Founded in 1869

Porter's Buckeye Cornet Band (Urbana)

See: Urbana Brass Band (1)

Porter's Silver Cornet Band (1) (Urbana)

See: Urbana Brass Band (2)

Porter's Silver Cornet Band (2) (Galion)

See: Galion Silver Cornet Band

Portsmouth Brass Band (1)

Active in 1852 to 1869. A successor band was formed in 1870

Portsmouth Brass Band (2)

Founded in late 1870, the instrument being bought by public subscription and owned by the city

Portsmouth Civic Brass Band

Founded in the 1880's

Portsmouth I.O.O.F. Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Scioto Lodge, number 31

Post's Band (Kent)

Active in the 1900's

Prices I.O.O.F. Band (Greenfield)

Active in the 1900's

Quaker City Concert Band

Active around 1910

Ragersville Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1863

Rainsboro Brass Band

Active in 1858. Still active in 1865. It competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe in 1859

Randolph Cornet Band

Active in 1861 to 1870

Ravenna Brass Band

Active in 1853. Leader E. Hull in 1856

Ravenna Cornet Band

Active in 1868. Leader Fred Kellog in 1868 to 1870. Disbanded in January 1873, when the following property was sold: 16 uniforms, \$640; 16 pairs epaulettes, \$98; 16 caps, \$80; 16 belts & pouches, £73; 1 snare drum, \$17; 1 pair cymbals, \$20; 1 Eb tenor & 1 Bb instrument, \$120; 1 Eb cornet, \$33; 1 stove, 4 chairs and music racks, \$20. It had re-organised by June 1873

Reed's Rover Brass Band (Cincinnati)

See: Rover Brass Band

Republic Iron & Steel Co. Employees Band (Youngstown)

Active in the 1910's

Richards' Silver Cornet Band (Upper Sandusky)

Founded in late summer 1866. Took first prize and gold medal worth \$60 at a band contest at Galion, OH, in July 1868

Richfield Cornet Band

Active in 1858, with members: John Thompson, H. Greenwood, George L. Dustin, E.T. Ellsworth, J.W. Ellsworth, B.H. Rouse, C. Dustin, Frank Thomas, J.A. Chandler, L.P. Carr, and Seth Dustin. Still active in 1860

Richwood School Band

Active in the 1910's

Rising Sun Ladies' Concert Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

River City Band (Portsmouth)

Founded in 1880 by George A. Kah. Still active in 1906

Robbins and Myers Band (Springfield)

Active in 1917

Rogers Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Rollersville Cornet Band

Founded in April, 1877 by Francis McDaniels. Frank Andrews was the second leader, Henry King was third, Jay Munsel was fourth and Albert S Hutchinson was the fifth and last leader in 1889. Charter members were Francis McDaniels, Henry King. Frank Andrews, Obie Russell, Jay Munsell and Albert Hutchinson, all of whom played cornets; Arthur Shively, trombone; John Eaton, snare drum; Harry Green, bass drum; Robert Oberst, baritone; Conrad Oberst and Martin Seiple, bass; John Jennings, Harvey Stover and Leis Keller, alto. Later members were Orve Spade, WilliamKeller, Burt Plantz, and Clark Evans, trombone; Willard Hutchinson, John Rhodes, Elwin Bair, Lou Shotenberger and Joe Green, cornets; Chet Hamilton, and Scrib Green, alto; Wallace Hutchinson and Will Spade, snare drum. Sam Immel and Fred Dawsey also played. The band stand was in the north east corner of the square. Herbert Thomas was the first driver, and Mott Hathaway later driver of the big wagon which took the band around the country for their playing engagements.

Rootstown Brass Band

Active in 1854

Roscoe Brass Band (Coshocton)

Active in 1856

Rosewood Citizens' Band

Active in 1912

Rover Brass Band (Cincinnati)

Active in 1853, leader E.O. Reed. In 1858 it was performing in Ohio with Satterlee, Bell & Co.'s Great American Circus

Rowsburg Brass Band (1)

Active in 1860

Rowsburg Brass Band (2)

Active in 1871

Royalton Brass Band

Active in 1860, leader Owen Pixley

Rumley Brass Band (Rumley Township)

Active in 1863

St Aloysius' Orphanage Band (Cincinnati)

Founded in 1932. Still active in 1934

St Clairsville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1858 to 1861. In October 1861 three members of the band (leader Joseph Armbruster, Hiram J. Craft, and John T. Collins) left to join the band of the 62nd Ohio Regiment under the baton of Professor Rohr (a previous leader of the St Clairsville Band). Other band members joined up, but the band was subsequently mustered out of the Regiment in January 1862 and sent home (as part of the War Office's attempts to reduce costs). Attempts to reorganise it were ongoing in 1863

St Clairsville Brass Band (2)

See: St Clairsville Cornet Band

St Clairsville Cornet Band

Founded in June 1870, tutor Professor Rea. Still active in 1874. President William Rice, with 12 players in 1872

St Joseph's Orphan Asylum Band (Cincinnati)

Active in the 1910's

St Mary's Preparatory School Seminary Band (Burkettsville)

Active in the 1910's

Salem Brass Band (1)

Active in 1869. Did not last long. A successor band was formed in 1871

Salem Brass Band (2)

Founded in summer 1871 at a cost of \$600

Salem Cornet Band

Active in 1860, leader E. Howe

Salem Silver Cornet Band

Founded in late 1868 by "a party of colored men". It held a Grand Ball at the Mascot Rink in Salem, on 10th February 1887

Salineville Cornet Band

Incorporated in 1885

Samantha Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader C.A. Leverton

Sandusky Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1871

Sandyville Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1924

Sardinia Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1874, and also in the 1910's

SATC Band (Marietta College)

Active in the 1910's

Savannah Brass Band

Active in 1860

Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion (Westerville)

[Current band] - Founded in 1993

Scott Cornet Band

Active in 1906

Seville Brass Band

Active in 1853

Shaul's Cornet Band (Huntsville)

Active in the 1890's

Sheets Family Band

Shelby Citizens Band

Active in 1906 to 1911

Shelby's Cornet Band (Tranquillity)

Active in 1912, leader Ora Dell Shelby

Shelly Band

Active in the 1900's

Sheridan Band

Active in the 1890's

Sherwood City Band

Active in 1909

Shiloh City Band

Active around 1900

Shockey's Cornet Band (McArthur)

Active in 1863

Sidnaw Citizens Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Sidney Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1865. Some of its members joined with others from the Wapakonetta Brass Band to enlist and serve as a brigade band with Sherman's Army in March 1865

Sidney Concert Band

Active in 1908

Siebel's Brass Band (Chardon)

Active in 1859

Siebel's Cornet Band (Hiram)

See: Hiram Cornet Band

Silver Lake Band

Active in the 1890's

Sittrick's Family Cornet Band

Performed with Heck & Avery's Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio, in September 1897, on the bill with the Klondike Sisters, from the Yukon, and Etta Lake, the only living elastic skin lady. The band was Mr Sittrick, his three sons and three daughters

Smithfield Cornet Band

Active in 1857. Conductor Professor Brisbin in 1858

Smith's Cornet Band (Hamden)

Founded by George Miller Smith around 1899. A children's band consisting of his own family and others from the town. They would often give concerts on the street corner and the merchants would treat them to a sack of candy. At one time they were the only band in Hamden and they played for ice cream socials, weddings, parties, sunday school picnics, and marched in the Memorial Day parade. The only time the band was paid for playing was at a public sale of horses, in Chillicothe and they were paid one dollar a piece plus their expenses. George Miller Smith also served as Mayor in Hamden and he built the first electric light plant in the town. He also rebuilt and operated mills in Allensville, Centerville, and Hamden. Members were: Ed Jewell, George Smith, Florence Smith Miller, Margie Smith Artman, Ernest Thompson, Julia Smith McKinniss, Marcelene Smith Swearingen, George Miller Smith, Ed McCord, and Frank Saylor.

Sodality Cornet Band (Cincinnati)

Active in 1860, possibly associated with the Sarsfield Monument enterprise

Solon Brass Band

Active in 1858, leader C. Siebel, with players J. Dunwell, G. Dunwell, W. Henry, C. Chapman, J.B. Hazen, W. Chamberlain, F. Bosworth, L. Wicks, W.R. Ricksecker, E. Rhodes, F. Robins, and J.M. Johnson. Still active in 1859

Solon Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Somerville Brass Band

Active in 1860

Sons of Veterans Band (Xenia)

Active in the 1890's. Members in 1893 included Mat Kump, Cliff Sutton, Mr Thornhill, Walter Curry (leader), Frank Fisher, George Fisher, Red Harner, and Marsh McCarty

Springfield Brass Band

Active in 1863

Springfield I.O.O.F. Home Band

Active in the 1920's

Springfield I.O.O.F. Home Girls Band

Active in the 1920's

State Soldier's Home Brass Band (Columbus)

Founded in early 1866, with 20 players, leader Captain Lybrand

Steam Corners Band

Active in the 1890's

Steubenville Brass Band

Active in 1854 to 1862

Straitsville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Streetsborough Brass Band (Streetsboro)

Active in 1859

Sugarcreek Band

Active in the 1910's

Sulliger's Band (Creston)

Active in the 1900's

Sulliger's Band (Creston)

Active in the 1900's

Summit Cornet Band (Summit Station)

Active in the 1890's

Sun Brothers Shows Band (Toledo)

Active in the 1900's

Swanton Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's. Frank McBride and Ed McBride were members

Sycamore Ladies' Concert Band

Active in the 1910's. Members included: Wanda Gault, Erma Davis, Julie Babcock, Mary Brown, Naamah Ludwig, Esther Davis, Josephine Davis, Cleo Wilson, ? Shaffer, D. J. Gault, Bonnie Dunbar, Neva Yambert, Earl Berry (conductor), Wynema Mesnard, Alice Vance, Florence Davis and Zoe Griffith.

Tallmadge Cornet Band

In 1854, a group of men, desirous of a "different style of music," formed an association to create a brass band in Tallmadge. Subscribers in the community paid between \$0.25 and \$10.00 to purchase brass instruments and a drum. Originally, there were eight band members. They were given the instruments, and E. Hull was hired to give instructions for \$35.00 and board for a term of twelve lessons. He was subsequently hired for another twelve lessons. Through diligent practice, the band became quite good and received invitations to play throughout the Western Reserve, receiving fees from \$25.00 to \$43.00 per engagement. The band became so popular it was able to commission a bandwagon to ride in parades. Disbanded in 1866. Conductor D. Marble in 1859

Tappe Silver Star Cornet Band (Sidney, Shelby County)

Founded in 1874 by Herman Tappe (owner of the local cigar factory)

Tarleton Brass Band

Founded prior to 1857. Still active in 1858 when it won a band contest at Greenfield

Thayer Military Band (Canton)

Active in 1910

Thomans Concert Band (Columbiana)

Active in 1909

Thompson Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Tiffin Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1860. Leader Mr Turner in 1859

Tiffin Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1863. Contemporary with Boos' Cornet Band.

Tiffin Cornet Band (2)

See: Boos' Cornet Band (2)

Tiffin Ladies' Band

Active in the 1900's

Toldeo Woodman of the World Band

Active in the 1900's

Toledo Brass Band

Active in 1856

Toledo Newsboys Band

Active in the 1900's

Toledo Policeman's Band

Active around 1910

Toledo Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1866

Towler's Cornet Band (Columbus)

Active in 1867, with 18 playesr, conductor W.H. Kneave. A concert in Capitol Square, Columbus in July 1868 was: Kathleen Mavournee (Rosenberg), Potpourri from Lucrezia Borgia (Donizetti), Molly Brown (W.H. Neave), Natalie Waltzes (Labitzky), Tic Tac, Potpourri from Crown of Diamonds (Auber), Troop Waltz (Richter), Get Up and Git Gallop (Cassidy), Cavatina from Falstaff (Balfe), Scotch Medley, America

Twinsburg Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

U.S. Ladies Military Band (Cincinnati)

Active around 1900, manager J. Leslie Spahn

Ulrichsville Brass Band

Active in 1868

Union Brass Band (Cincinnati)

Active in 1856

Union Cornet Band (Centerfield)

Active in 1858

Union County Brass Band (Marysville)

Founded in 1863

Union Eagle School Band (Hamilton)

Active in the 1920's

Union Furnace Liberty Band

Active in the 1900's

Union Silver Band (Toledo)

Active in 1867, when it took second place in a brass band competition at Fremont on June 12th, playing a potpourri from Anna Bolena and an overture

Upper Sandusky Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1866

Urbana Brass Band (1)

Active in 1860, conductor James A. Porter. A successor band was formed in 1862

Urbana Brass Band (2)

Founded in May 1862. Re-organised in July 1865 under the baton of Professor Schellhorn. Still active in 1871. Original members were: James A. Porter (leader), C.H. Rhoads (1st Eb cornet), Henry Jolly (2nd Eb cornet), William Happerset (1st Bb cornet), Thomas White (2nd Bb cornet), Edward Brewster (1st Eb alto), William Scorah (2nd Eb alto), James W. Gribble (baritone), Frederick Felty (Bb bass), Jacob C. Jones (1st Eb tuba), Richard Armstrong (2nd Eb tuba), Levi Shyrigh (drummer). In December 1866 it still had \$200 outstanding on the cost of new instruments (cost \$683) having sold the old instruments for \$200 and received \$283 in subscriptions. 16 players in 1867, when it was also known as Porter's Silver Cornet Band

Urbana Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Van Doren's Miltary Band (Toledo)

Active in 1910

Vinton Cornet Band

Active in 1860

Walhonding Brass Band

Active in 1863

Wamsleyville Cornet Band

Active in 1900. George Miranda played snare drum

Wapakoneta Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1865. Some of its members joined with others from the Sidney Brass Band to enlist and serve as a brigade band with Sherman's Army in March 1865

Wapakoneta City Band

Active around 1910

Warren Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854 to 1861. A successor band was formed in 1863

Warren Brass Band (2)

See: Warren Cornet Band (1)

Warren Cornet Band (1)

Founded in November or December 1863, leader Adolphus Grætor. 10 players in 1868. Reorganised in 1870 under the instruction of R.M. Seibel. A successor band was formed in 1873

Warren Cornet Band (2)

Founded in May 1873, instructor C.P. Bradley, and members: A.W. Hunt (leader, 1st Eb cornet), J. Van Wormer (2nd Eb cornet), E. Reid (1st Bb cornet), W. Dana (2nd Bb cornet), H. Adams (1st alto), Frank Truesdell (2nd alto), F. Smith (1st tenor), G. Hawkins (baritone), H. Taylor (Bb bass), C. Hunt (Eb tuba), H. Patch (tuba), G. Hapgood (bass drum), C. Stratton (cymbals)

Warren Italian Band

Active in the 1910's

Washington Brass Band (Washington Court House)

A Colored Band, founded in 1872, conductor Mr Wolf, having purchased the old instruments of the Washington Cornet Band

Washington Citizen's Band

Active in the mid-1860s. Disbanded prior to 1867

Washington Cornet Band (Washington Court House)

Founded in September 1868. In 1872, instructor was Professor Wolf, the band acquired a new set of silver instruments. Leader Professor Maya in 1874. Its old brass instruments were sold to a new "colored band" of musicians in the town

Washingtonville Brass Band

Active in 1871

Wauseon Band

Active in the 1900's

Waverly Brass Band

Active in 1859 when it competed with 16 (possibly 12) other bands at Chillicothe. Still active in 1866

Waynesburg Brass Band

Active in 1852. Leader H.H. Boegel in 1853. Still active in 1856

Waynesville Cadet Band

Active in the 1900's

Weathersfield Brass Band

Active in 1860

Weimer Continental Band

Active in 1922

Weinsberg Brass Band (Dundee)

Active in 1862

Wellington Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1862

Wellington Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Wellston Ladies' Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

West Andover Brass Band

Active in 1860

West Jefferson Old School Band

Active in the 1900's

West Liberty Brass Band

West Union Cornet Band (Adams County)

Founed in 1850

West Unity Band

Active in 1915

Weston City Band

Active in the 1900's

Westville School Band (Urbana)

Active in the 1910's

Whelpey Band (Fayette)

Active in the 1890's

White Motor Company Band (Cleveland)

Active in the 1910's

Whitehouse Concert Band

Active in 1909

Whiteman Family Brass Band (Middletown)

Active around 1900. Consisted of Mr Whiteman and his three children

Wiggonsville Band

Active in the 1900's

Wikesville Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Willoughby Brass Band

Active in 1860

Willshire Band

Active in the 1900's

Willshire Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1884, consisting of D.W. Shaffner (Eb cornet), Hila Vance (1st Bb cornet), Nettie Koeppel (2nd Bb cornet), Maggie Knott (Eb alto), Leonore Patterson (Bb tenor), India Riker (Eb tuba), Z. Edith Croninger (side drum), Emma Richter (bass drum), Annie Richter (cymbals) - average age less than 14 years. Still active in 1885, performing in Monroeville

Wilmington College Band

Active in 1917

Winchester Brass Band

Active in 1863

Woodsfield Band

Active in the 1900's

Woodsfield Brass Band

Active in 1853 to 1873. Leader Professor Collins in 1869. Also known as Woodsfield Democratic Brass Band

Woodsfield Democratic Brass Band

See: Woodsfield Brass Band

Woodsfield German Brass Band

Founded in November 1849. Still active in 1850

Woodville Junior Band

Active in the 1900's

Wooster Brass Band

Active in 1857

Wooster Independent Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Youngstown Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1868. Leader Professor White in 1866. 10 players in 1868

Zaleski Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Zanesville Cornet Band

Active in 1863 to 1873. Leader Mr Atwood in 1863-1868, Mr Bauer in 1872-1873 **Zays Ladies' Band** (Bowerston) Active in the 1910's

USA - Oklahoma



Perkins Ladies' Band, Guthrie

Anadarko Brass Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Anadarko Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1902

Aydelotte Concert Band (Snyder)

Active in the 1910's, conductor A.W. Aydelotte

Bartlesville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Black's Juvenile Band (Nowata)

Active in 1906

Bokchito Band

Active in the 1900's

Braman Cornet Band

Active in 1906

Browns Business College Band

Active in the 1910's

Canton Band

Active in the 1920's

Carmen High School Band

Active in the 1910's

Cashion Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Checotah Ladies' Concert Band

Active in the 1920's. Also known as Polly's Musical Maids

Chickasha Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1900. Also known as the Myosotis Band. Still active in 1901

Chilocco Indian Concert Band

Active in the 1900's, based at the U.S. Indian School in Chilocco

Clark's Juvenile Band (Nowata)

Active in the 1890's

Clinton Rexall Band

Active in 1913

Commercial Club Band (Blackwell)

Active in the 1900's

Davis Cornet Band

Active in the early 1900's, it was re-organised in 1904

Dewar Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Dustin Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Edmond Ladies' Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's. Neva Wilson played piccolo in the band 1902-1904

Edmond's Ladies Band

Active in 1903

El Reno Band

Active in the 1900's

Elk City Band

Active in 1914

Elko Orphans Band (Tulsa)

Active in 1926

Frederick Band

Active in 1909

Hallett Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Hromas Family Band (Waukomis)

The band was active in 1920 and consisted of Anton J. Tonda Hromas (b. 1872) and his sons Frank B. (b. 1904), William Frank "Bill" (b. 1902), Louis William (b. 1900), Charles Louis "Charley" (b. 1897), Joseph Charles "Joe" (b. 1894) and Anton Joseph (b. 1892). Also pictured are his wife Bozena "Bessie" (née Milacek, b. 1873) and daughter Bessie A. (b. 1908)

Hugo Concert Band

Active in the 1920's

Kiowa Indian Band (Hobart)

Active in the 1900's

Marlow Band

Active in the 1900's to the 1920's

Miami Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Morrison Commercial Band

Myosotis Band (Chickasha)

See: Chickasha Ladies' Brass Band

Narin Band (Blackwell)

Active in the 1910's

Norman Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in early 1892

Okla-American Band (Arnett)

Active in the 1900's

Oklahoma City Fire Department Band

Active in the 1930's

Oklahoma State Band (Mountain View)

Active in 1907

Perkins Ladies Band (Guthrie)

Active in the 1900's. Members in 1906 were: Essie Williams, Ola Johnson, Mable Ratliff, ? Carpenter, Leona Wagner, Buela Huffman, Bertha Carpenter, Grace Florence Sillix (cornet), Rose Williams, Nina Stansbury, Edith Williams, Matty Stansbury, Dr. Furrown, (bandmaster), Maud Valil, Laura Jones, Stella Fulwider, Blanche Wagner, Grace Mathias, Maealine Harding, Ada Belle Sillix (euphonium), and Vera Sutherland

Polly's Musical Maids

See: Checotah Ladies' Concert Band

Ralston Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ripley Cornet Band

Founded in 1912 by Fenning Lyn Schatz, and included his five children. Active through to 1918

Stillwater Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in May 1896. The band consisted of Nora Talbot, Myrtle Talbot, Hattie Kirby, Lilly Rices, Gertrude Andrews, George Talbot, Amos Talbot and J.P. Talbot (father of four of the band). The ladies wore blue caps, red waists and blue skirts.

Tahlequah Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Tishomingo Band

Active in the 1900's

Vinson Band

Active in 1909

Wanettee National Band (Wanette)

Active in the 1910's

Watonga Band

Active in the 1910's

Waukomis Brass Band

Active in 1920, when seven members of the Hromas family played in the band ie: Anton Hromas (snr.), Frank, Bill, Louie, Charley, Joe and Anton (jnr.)

Waurika Concert Band

Active in 1909

Wesley M.E. Church Band (Oklahoma City)

Active in the 1920's

White City Band (Woodward)

Winfield Band (Enid)

Active in the 1900's

Wolf Valley Cornet Band (Gage)

Active around 1900 Wynnewood Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in February 1900

Yeoman Band (Cordell)

USA - Oregon



Mayville Cornet Band

Albany Brass Band

See: Albany Mechanics Brass Band

Albany Mechanics Brass Band

Founded in early 1867 with members: George Godley, P.H. Farrell, A.H. Tinker, William Miller, Jonathan Parker, E.D. Waller, Ira Miller, D.W. Wakefield, and Taylor Hill with instructor J. Everest. Still active in 1871. It had disbanded prior to 1881

Albany Young Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in June 1880, when they received a new uniform, with 12 members

Arlington Cornet Band

Active in 1897

Arlington Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1887

Ashland Brass Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Ashland City Band

See: Ashland Brass Band

Ashland Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded around 1898 with seven young ladies

Astoria Band

Active in 1907

Athena Cornet Band (Portland)

Aurora Brass Band

Active in 1866, with 22 players. Still active in 1868

Aurora Colony Band

Founded in 1832, disbanded in the 1920's

Baker City Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, conductor Louis E. Fretag. In 1901 the owner of the White Swan mine presented the band with new uniforms and its name was changed to the White Swan Band. In 1907 he gave them what was then the largest bass drum in the world, six feet in diameter. It later changed its name back to Baker Concert Band

Baker Concert Band

See: Baker City Cornet Band

Beavercreek Boys Band (Clackamas County)

Active in the 1910's

Billy's Brass Band (Portland)

Founded in 1992, disbanding in 2002

Campbell American Band (Portland)

Active in 1913

Canyon City Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Canyon City Ladies' Band

Active in 1897, Katherine Livingston played tenor horn

Carlton Band

Active in the 1900's

Champoeg Union Cornet Band

Active in 1901, with members: Solo B flat cornet, James Parrot; solo B flat cornet, M. C. McKern; solo B flat cornet, R. V. Pratt; first cornet, W. F. Jones; solo alto, T. H. Parrish; first alto S. S. Parrot; second alto A. C. Bristow; baritone, S. Parrish; first tenor, Richard Parrot; second tenor A. C. Parrot; E flat clarionet, Granville Everest; E flat bass, J. A. Parrot; B flat base R. O. Bristow; base drum, Ellis Parrot; snare drum, George Smith. Mr. Parrot, the leader, was a member of what was probably the first band in Oregon, which was organized by his father, Thomas Parrot, in Chelam Valley, some time in the year 1855. All members of this band were either pioneers, or were born and raised within a radius of five miles of Champoeg

Chemawa Indian School Band

Active in 1913

Christian Bible School Martial Band

Active in the 1910's

Clatskanie Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in May 1896, conductor George Badger

Corvallis High School Band

Active around 1910

Corvallis Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1895. They obtained second prize in a band contest at Albany in July 1895. Bessie Datesman (cornet) was a member of the band

Cottage Grove Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1906

Creswell Band

Dallas Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1871. Still active in 1872

Dallas Town Band

Active around 1910

Dayton Band

Active in 1910

East Portland Band

Active in 1881

Ellery Band (Astoria)

Active in 1911

Eugene City Brass Band

Founded in 1859. Active to the early 1870's

Eugene Firemen's Band

Active in the early 1900's

Folda's Dalles Band (The Dalles)

Active in the 1910's

Freewater Band

Active in 1916

Garfield Band

Active in the 1910's

Geddes Gates Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Glendale Town Band

Active in 1908

Gold Hill Band

Active in the 1910's

Gold Hill Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1904, with 14 members, trained by a local physician, J.F. Neilson, with neat blue uniforms. "A large beautiful St Bernard dog attends them and stands in the midst of the circle while they play, and prides himself on being the faithful admirer and supporter of the band". Still active in 1906

Grass Valley Band

Active in the 1920's

Haines Band

Active in 1914

Hebel's Cherry-Bud Band (Salem)

Active in 1910 to 1916

Helix Cornet Band (Portland)

Active in 1902

Heppner Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1896. Still active in 1897

Hillsboro Cornet Band

Active in 1880 to 1910. Records of the band are held in the Washington County Museum Robert L. Benson Research Library, Hillsboro

Hubbard Band

Active in the 1900's

Ione Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Jacksonville Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's to the 1900's

Journal Carriers Association Band (Portland)

Active in the 1900's

Klamath Falls Military Band

Active around 1900

Lebanon Peerless Band

Active in 1910

Letter Carriers and Clerks' Band (Portland)

Active in the 1910's. Contemporary with the Letter Carriers' Band

Letter Carriers' Band (Portland)

Active in the 1910's. Contemporary with the Letter Carriers and Clerks' Band

Linn Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Lostine City Band

Active in 1899, with John McKenzie on horn and Kenneth McKenzie drummer

Majestic Band (Enon)

Active in the 1910's

Mayville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mechanics' Brass Band (Portland)

See: Portland Mechanics' Brass Band

Medford Concert Band

Active in 1908

Meserve Family Cornet Band (Portland)

Performed in front of the New Park Theater, Portland, Oregon, in July 1888.

There were 15 members of the band

Milwaukie Band

Active in the 1900's

Mohawk Brass Band (Eugene)

Founded in 1902. Also known as the Ping Yang Band. Still active in 1913

Molalla Band

Active in the 1910's

Monmouth Cornet Band

Active in 1870, 1871

N.N.V. Band

Active in 1917

Nehalem Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Oak Harbor Band

Active in the 1900's

Oregon Brass Society (Corvallis)

[Current band] - Founded in 2003

Oswego Cornet Band (Lake Oswego)

Active in 1893 to 1926. Members in 1893 included Dan Buzzard, Cornelius de Bauw, Ed Wessler, Walter Todd, George Bullock drummer, R. Worthington, Charlie Haines & Jud Haines

Oxbow Ladies Silver Band

Active in 1908

Pendleton Band

Active in the 1910's

Pendleton Cowboys' Band

Active in the 1910's

Perrydale Concert Band

Founded in February 1911, leader J.P. Caldwell

Philomath Cornet Band

Active in 1880

Portland Fireman's Band

Active around 1910

Portland Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in November 1880, with 12 members

Portland Mechanics' Brass Band (Portland)

Active in 1866 to 1869

Portland Police Band

Active in 1910

Pounds Concert Band (Wasco)

Active in the 1900's

Rockaway Band

Active in 1909

Rogue River Valley Band (Central Point)

Active in the 1910's

Roseburg Band

Active in 1915

Roseburg Girls' Cornet Band

Founded in 1891

Roseburg Ladies' Brass Band

See: Roseburg Girls' Cornet Band

Roy Graves Canning Company Ladies Band (Sheridan)

Active in the 1920's

Salem Amusement Company Brass Band

Active in the 1880's, when members included Joe Farrar, Ed Crawford, Rube Ilaze, Willis McElray, John Farrar, Frank Haas, Fred Levy, Ted Piper, John Cooner, Richard Riley, M.L. Meyers, Theodore Potter, Leonard Mack, Ed Long, Mack Long, John Chase, Eugene England

Salem Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1872

Salem Prison Band

Active in 1910

Shedd Concert Band

Active in 1902

Sheridan Concert Band

Founded on 15 February 1908, with members including: Roy Turner, Roy Simpson, Orval Yocum, Roy Talbot, Claud Brown, Roscoe Talbot, Otis Neal, Otto Schultze, Gene Barber, Ben Bilger, Worthy Lady, Joe Brown, Roy Faulconer, Carl Fenton, Bill Tony, Harry Schultze, Ernest Haas, Charlie Turner, Harry Southmayd, Fred Bradley (conductor), Roy Stockton, Ray Ovaitt, Frank Chapman, John Talbot, and John Brown

Silverton Cornet Band

Active in 1887 - members included Homer Davenport, Tom Riches, Irvine Geer, Jasper Skaife, Frank DeGuire, Till Hutton, Charley Ramsby, Archie Walford, Nill Cooley, Tim Allen, Henry Eeizenhart, Ralph Geer, Harvey Allen, and Jim Smith

Silverton Marine Band

Active around 1890 - around one third of its members belonged to the Steelhammer family

Springfield Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, conductor Tim Wheeler, followed later by Albert Perfect in the early 1920's

Springfield Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded on 7th June 1879, conductor J.H. Brown

Sweet Home Band

Active in 1914

Tillamook Concert Band

Active in 1908

Toledo Cornet Band

Active in 1894, when Ray Arnold, a player in the band, died at the young age of

Turner Commercial Band

Active in the 1900's

Turner Cornet Band

Active from 1890 to 1897. Records of the band are held in the University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives

Union Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

University of Oregon Ladies' Band (Eugene)

Active in 1918. Members were: Jeanette Calkins (saxophone), Katie Dobie (piccolo), Florence Riddle (clarinet), Isla Gilbert (clarinet), Ann Appel (clarinet), Teresa Cox (clarinet), Eva Hansen (clarinet), Vivian Chandler (clarinet), Anna Beck (clarinet), Margaret Mansfield (tuba), Daisy McCloskey (tuba), Caroline Taylor (alto), Evelyn Smith (alto), Claire Gazley (alto), Marian Bowen (alto), Mildred Black (bass drum), Ruth Sweeney (snare drum), Adrienne Epping (snare drum), Wanda Brown (slide trombone), Mrs Peal (baritone), Mary Hitt (cornet), Greta Didings (cornet), Beatrice Thurston (cornet), Frances Wiles (cornet), Leona Masters (cornet), Era Godfrey (cornet), Hester Hurd (cornet), Mamie McCloskey (cornet).

Wendling Cornet Band

Founded in early June 1900, with members Director G W Sage, clarinet; W A Sucher, clarinet; W A Sucher, clarinet; Ed Sundgreen, 1st cornet; Clyde E Gray, 2nd cornet; Myron Whitbeck, alto; George Darling, alto; Marvin Dwyer, alto; G W Skeels, 1st tenor; Pearl Darling 2nd tenor; By Darling, Baritone; Warren McEntire, Bb bass; Rufus Coats, Tuba; Laban Wintz, bass drum; H O Woolen, snare drum.

Weston Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1909

White Swan Band (Baker City)

See: Baker City Cornet Band

Williamson Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the 1920's

Winona Grange Band (Tualatin)

Active in the 1910's

Woodmen of the World Band (Ashland)

Active in the 1910's

USA - Pennsylvania



Cherrytown Band

110th US Infantry Band

Active in 1919

114th Pennsylvania Infantry (Zouaves) Band

Active in 1864

1st Magyar Band (South Bethlehem)

Active in the 1910's

28th Pennsylvania Regimental Band (Philadelphia)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band founded in 1998

2nd Regiment U.S. Marine Band (Allentown)

Active in the 1910's

46th Pennsylvania Regiment Band (Birdsboro)

Active in the 1900's

46th Pennsylvania Regimental Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band formed in 1995

6th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry Band

Active in 1898

8th Regiment Band, Pennsylvania National Guard (Carlisle)

Active in the 1900's

A.F. of M. Band (Warren)

Active in the 1890's

Acme Cornet Band (Emigsville)

Founded in 1872 and disbanded around 1895. A successor band, the current Emigsville Band, was formed in 1906

Acme Cornet Band (Hummelstown)

Active in the 1900's

Acme Cornet Band (Myerstown)

Founded 9th June 1883. Still active in the 1900's

Acme Cornet Band (Wessnersville)

Active in the 1900's

Acosta Miners' Band

Active in the 1910's

Adamsburg Silver Band

Active in the 1900's

Adamstown Cornet Band

Founded around 1880. Active through the 1880's

Akron Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's through to 1900

Albright Cornet Band (Llewellyn)

Founded in December 1897

Alburtis Band

Active in the 1910's

Alcryon Ladies' Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1916, conductor Estelle M. Puhl (who was a reputed baritone horn soloist). Associated with the Pittsburgh Lyceum Glee Club managed by J. Nich Puhl

Alexander's 9th Regiment Infantry Band

Active in 1907

Allbright Cornet Band (Llewellyn)

Founded in 1897

Allegheny Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

[Current band] - Founded in 1984

Allegheny Company Band (Bryant)

Active in the 1890's

Allegheny Cornet Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1874

Allentown Band

Founded in 1828. Still active in 1926

Allentown Brass Band

See: Allentown Band

Allentown Juvenile Band

Founded on 15 January 1907

Allentown Ladies' Band

Founded in 1915, director Joseph Smith

Almelo Concert Band

Active in 1913

Althouse Band (Shoemakersville)

Active in the 1900's

Altoona Brass Band

See: Altoona Works Brass Band

Altoona Citizens' Cornet Band

Founded in 1878. Members in 1880 were: A. Filer (leader), James M. Baird (Eb bass), Thomas Beasom (1st Bb tenor), John Cantner (2nd Bb tenor), William Dibert (2nd Eb alto), G.W. Hikes (solo Eb alto), D.F. Hoffman (Eb bass), H.M. Lindsey (snare drum), C.W. Miller (Eb cornet, Thomas Nolan (Eb clarinet), H.W. Stouffer (Eb cornet), Howard Shade (1st Eb alto), John Speece (cymbals), H.F. Snell (Eb cornet), D.A. Waite (baritone), George Waggoner (bass drum)

Altoona City Cornet Band

Founded in 1855. Active in 1876, contemporary with the Mountain City Cornet Band. Members in 1880 were: Jule A. Neff (leader), A.C. Brown (drum major), Irvin Armstrong (baritone), Patrick Canty (1st Eb cornet), William K. Carr (1st Db cornet), Andrew Clabaugh (solo alto), Newton F. Cunningham (bass drum), Charles L. Fettinger (cymbals), Ignatius Grimme (piccolo), Florian Hammer (1st Eb clarinet), George Hargreaves (2nd tenor trombone), James Hargreaves (euponium), William D. Jones (1st Bb tenor), John Letford (1st tenor trombone), Harry Labe (glockenspiel), James Matthews (2nd Bb tenor), G.M. Stewart (1st alto), John Sidel (2nd alto), Edward Snyder (Eb bass), Charles Stout (bass snare drum), F. Thomasburger (1st Bb clarinet), Edward Willis (2nd Bb cornet), W.D. Westbrook (3rd Bb cornet), Stephen Weidlich (2nd Bb clarinet), William B. Wolf (snare drum)

Altoona Works Brass Band

Active in 1870. Cloyd W. Kerline (1st tenor), L.M. Kuhns (bass), William Meredith (solo alto), Charles C. Patterson (bass drum), Charles W. Renner (1st Bb cornet), J.D. Stouffer (3rd Bb cornet), Jacob Stover (2nd Bb cornet), J.H. Stover (2nd tenor), C.C. Salsburg (cymbals), Judson White (2nd alto)

Anita Band

Active in 1916

Antes Fort Brass Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1896

Anthracite Steam Fire Company Band (Mt. Carmel)

Active in the 1900's

Apollo Band

Active in 1911

Arcadia Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Armstrong Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ashland Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1869

Ashland Cornet Band (2)

Active in the 1910's. Contemporary with the Ashland Military Band

Ashland Military Band

Active in the 1910's. Contemporary with the Ashland Cornet Band

Ashley Independent Band

Active in the 1910's

Athens Band

Active in 1915

Athens Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 18 players

Athletic Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 18 players

Austin's Big Uncle Tom's Cabin Band

Active in 1910

Avis Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Avis Shop Band (NY Central Lines) (Jersey Shore)

Active in the 1900's

Bainbridge Cornet Band

Active in 1919 and into the 1920's

Bally Cadet Band

Active in the 1910's

Bamford Zinc Works Brass Band

Founded in 1876. Members included Frank Watson and William Clegg, cornetists.

Bangor Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Bart Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. Still active in 1892

Bates Girl Band (Villisca)

Active in the 1890's

Beach Lake Cornet Band

Active between 1897 and 1901. Oakley Henshaw was a member in 1898

Beaver Falls Cornet Band

Founded in 1867. Members around 1870 included William Hoon, James Elliott, Lester Noble, Ephraim Chapman, Si Nichols, Jean Bow, Joseph Hoon, Walt Vendy, Harry Mac, I. Webster, Billy Bowers, Joe Mason, and Billy Nichols

Beaver Falls Fireman's Band

Active in the 1910's

Beaver Springs Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1922

Beavertown Band

Active in 1920

Beck's Concert Band (Lilitz)

Active in 1906

Beck's Philadelphia Cornet Band

Active in 1854 to 1856

Bedford Brass Band (Bedford Springs)

Active in 1867

Bedford Democratic Brass Band

Founded in spring 1866, leader Lawrence Defibaugh, instructor G.B. Heffley. In January 1868 an association was formed to adavance the interests of both the Democratic and Republican brass bands

Bedford Republican Brass Band

See: Bedford Silver Cornet Band

Bedford Silver Cornet Band

Founded in May 1866. Still active in 1868. Known as Bedford Republican Brass Band in its early days. In January 1868 an association was formed to adavance the interests of both the Democratic and Republican brass bands

Beek's Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1856

Beethoven Cornet Band (Stroudsburg)

Founded in April 1874, leader Professor Coates

Bellefonte Brass Band

Active in 1859. In September 1860 the band was appointed Brigade Band of the 13th Pennsylvania Brigade, under the command of Captain J.G. McMeen and leader Frederick Smith. Still active in 1861, when George H. Burkett, a member of the band, died in service.

Bellview Band

Active in 1887

Bendertown Band

Active in the 1900's

Benezette Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1896. After the previous men's cornet band failed, the ladies appropriated their instruments and set up their own band

Berger Family Cornet Band

This was one part of the Berger family's musical offerings, which also included their "orchestra". The ensemble reinvented itself regularly to respond to public tastes of the moment. The Berger Family ensemble was made up of Henry Berger, a German American church organist and organ builder based in York, Pennsylvania, his wife Anna, and children Henry, Anna Theresa, Louisa, Fred, Henrietta, and Bernhart. They began performing together as early as 1862, along with their music teacher's son, Ernest Thiele. Under the management of father Henry, they were contracted by the MacFarland Dramatic Company in early 1863, and by mid-1863, following Henry senior's death, were touring with the Carter Zouave Company, a vaudeville troupe that most likely featured the Berger girls in their popular girl Zouave band. After that contract ran out, and now managed by mother Anna, they began performing with the Peak Family, a popular family of Swiss bell ringers, and eventually formed their own bellringing ensemble. In July 1871, the Bergers advertised their wares as "the only complete troupe of Swiss bell-ringers who have ever appeared in this country, parlour orchestra, and silver cornet band - the principal members of which are young ladies (including solo cornettist Anna Theresa Berger)" - the novelty of talented female brass players accounting for a large share of the Bergers' popularity. In January 1870 the band performed on the Crescent City (Evansville), Indiana, band wagon - a member of Crescent City Band remarked on the oddity of seeing women playing through the streets, but also that "any music would sound well in that wagon". They appeared at Haverley's Theater in Chicago, Illinois, in January 1877; and in the Opera House, Rochester, New York in November 1878. At an 1877 concert in Havana, Cuba, Anna Theresa Burger was reportedly showered with money thrown on stage in appreciation of her dazzling cornet solos. Later members of the troupe were Anna T. Berger, Ida Thorpe, Emma Anderson, Etta Morgan, Gertrude Mather, Josie Maddock, Alice Kellog, George Bowron, F.G. Berger, Henry G. Berger and Fleming Adama. They gave their farewell concert in May 1880 at the Academy of Music in Troy, New York.

Berger Family Female Brass Band

Active in the 1860's and 1870's. Consisted of a troupe of children from 8 to 13 years old (in 1865)

Berkley's Mill Band

Active in the 1900's

Berlin Brass Band

Active in 1863 to 1866. Members in 1865 were Gershom B. Heffley (leader), William Heffley (2nd soprano), H. Meyer (solo alto), D.H. Fisher (1st tenor), C.A. Heffley (baritone bass), J.G. Gardill (Eb bass tuba), M.A. Zorn (snare drum), J.L. Zorn (side drum & cymbals), W.A. Powell (driver of the band wagon)

Berlin Cornet Band

Active in 1872, leader A. Heffley

Berwick Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Berwick Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1865. Still active in 1868

Bethany Home Band (Womelsdorf)

A boys' band active in the 1910's to 1924

Bethlehem Brass Band

Active in 1876, with 32 players

Bethlehem Steel Company Band

Active in the 1900's

Big Run Cornet Band

Active in 1897 to 1910

Billtown Brass (Williamsport)

[Current band] - Founded in 2000 and comprised Williamsport Symphony Orchestra's (WSO) brass & percussion players and friends

Black Diamond Post Band (Kingston)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Black Diamond Post, No. 395, of the American Legion

Black Horse Independent Cornet Band (Schulykill County)

Active in the 1900's

Blain Band

Active in 1910

Blairsville City Band

Active in the 1910's

Bloomfield Cornet Band (New Bloomfield)

Active in 1872. Still active in 1874. John B. Shaeffer was a player in early 1872

Bloomsburg Band

Active in the 1910's

Bloomsburg Brass Band (1)

Active in 1858. Also known as Bloomsburg Union Brass Band. Amalgamated with another band in the town to form Hower's Cornet Band in June 1859. Still active in 1861. A successor band was formed in 1865

Bloomsburg Brass Band (2)

See: Citizens' Band of Bloomsburg

Bloomsburg Union Brass Band

See: Bloomsburg Brass Band (1)

Boalsburg Saxhorn Brass Band

Active in 1860

Bowmansville Citizens Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Boy Scouts of America Troop 21 Band

Active in 1915

Boyertown Liberty Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Bradford Citizens' Band

Active in the 1910's

Bradford Italian Band

Active in the 1900's

Brennan Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 21 players

Bressler Band (Schuyl Haven)

Active in the 1900's

Bristol Liberty Cornet Band

Active in 1876 to 1890, conductor Mr McClurg. 24 players in 1876

Broad Top Brass Band

Active in 1843, leader Thomas Cook

Broad Top City Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Brookville Band

Active in 1885 to 1916

Brown Family Band (Freeburg)

Active in 1906. Leader Henry Brown, with his wife on drums and cymbals and his nine daughters on various brass instruments. In 1906 the eldest daughter was 28, the youngest, 11 - all wearing a pretty white and blue uniform.

Brownsville Brass Band

Active in 1853, when the omnibus in which they were travelling was upset, considerably injuring Captain Stoy and Mr Brashers. Still active in 1855

Brunnerville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Bryant Band

Active in the 1890's

Buck Taylor's Famous Cowgirl Band (Willow Grove Park)

Active in the 1920's. Associated with the Willow Grove Park

Buena Vista Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 28 players

Buhl Rifle Band (Sharon)

Active in the 1900's

Burgettstown Brass Band

Active in 1855

Burns Brass Band (Lewistown)

Founded in spring 1867, instructor William Bratton

Burns Family Band (Chicora)

Active in the 1930's, six members including cornet, trombone, euphonium and drums, dressed in kilts and scottish garb

Butler Brass Band

Active in 1864

C of G Band (Neville)

Active in the 1910's

C.T.A. Band (Irwin)

Active in the 1900's

C.V. Hose Company Cornet Band (Shippensburg)

Founded in 1886

C.V.F.C. Hose Company No. 1 Band (New Kensington)

Active in the 1900's

Cadet Band - Soldier's Orphans Industrial School (Scotland)

Active in 1907

California Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Cambridge Springs Band

Active in the 1890's

Canton Borough Schools Band

Active in the 1910's

Canton Brass Band

Active in 1862

Carlisle Brass Band (1)

Founded in 1844. Woodwinds were added to the band in 1866. Still active today as a community concert band. From 1905 to 1925, the Band was mustered into the military as the Eighth Regimental National Guard Band. The Band served with the US Army on the Mexican Border and became part of the 28th Division. The Band ended its military career as the Governors Own 104th Calvary Band. Females were admitted to the band only in the late 1960's

Carlisle Brass Band (2)

[Current band] - A recently formed sub band of the current Carlisle Band (community wind band) that performs as a brass band

Carlisle College Indian Band

Active in 1906

Carlisle Indian School Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Carnegie Tech University Band

Active around 1910

Carrolltown Brass Band

Active in 1868 to 1871

Caskins Military Band (Sunbury)

Active in the 1900's

Casselman Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Catawissa Military Band (Catawissa)

Founded in 1878. Still active in the 1920's

Catawissa Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1869. Still active in 1874

Centerville Brass Band

Active in 1859

Central I.O.O.F. Orphans Home Band

Active in the 1910's

Chambersburg Brass Band

Active in 1856, conductor J.K. Shryock

Chambersburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1867 to 1872

Charlestown Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Cheltenham Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1869

Cherry Tree Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1924

Cherrytown Band

Active in the 1900's

Chester Brass Band

Active in 1867

Chester City Band

Chester Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. Band

Active in the 1910's

Chicora Cornet Band

Founded in 1869, members included F.M. Marshall, W.H. Logan, P.B. Frost, R.B. Dewces, E.O. Holloway, and Edward Snowden. Instruments were bought from Messrs Zugbaum & Young

Churchtown Band

Active in the 1900's

Citizens' Band of Bloomsburg

Founded in August 1865. Rehearsed in Snyder's Hall in 1866. Still active in 1870

Claysburg Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Clearfield Brass Band

Active in 1854, treasurer George W. Sacketts. Still active in 1869

Clearfield Cornet Band

Active in 1869, leader Professor Rowbotham. Still active in 1871

Cleversburg Brass Band

Founded by Prof. Mowers in September 1869, with 12 members

Clintonville Band

Active in 1913

Clymer Ladies' Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1886 to 1888. A professional band consisting of ten members of the Clymer family, including sisters Lizzie, Bella, Laura, Edna, Ferdie, Lulie, Hattie and father "Jake" Ferdie D. Clymer. Also billed as the Clymer Concert and Comedy Company

Coalmont O.U.A.M. Band

Active in the 1910's

Coatesville Cornet Band

Active in 1869. 16 players in 1874

Coffeetown Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Members included Joseph Hemperly, Ralph Noll, Charles Auchenbach, William Seigrist, Charles Noll, John Graybill, Frank Snyder, Samuel D. Blouch, Valentine Keller, Amos Mark, John Poorman, Richard Smith (founder), Philip Poorman, Webster Noll, William Keller, Henry Schaffner, Amos Blauch, Homer L.B. Lehn, Harry Bartels, Cyrus Auchenbach, and George Keller (leader)

College Hill Band

Active in the 1910's

Collegeville Brass Band

Active in 1870

Collinsburg Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Colonial Ladies' Band (Philadelphia)

Active in the 1910's

Columbia Citizens' Band (Columbia)

Active in 1876 to 1880. 13 players in 1876

Columbia Cornet Band (Petroleum Center, Venango County)

Active in 1868 to 1873 - associated with the Columbia Oil Corporation at Columbia Farm, Oil Creek. Also known as Story Farm Cornet Band (after the original name of the farm). 17 members in 1872, including the brothers McKalip. Leader Professor Smith in 1873

Columbian Cornet Band (Stevens)

Active in the 1880's

Commonwealth Band (Easton)

Active in 1936

Commonwealth Band (Springet)

Active in the 1910's

Conestoga Cornet Band

Active in 1915

Conneaut and Westinghouse Air Brake Band (Conneaut Lake Park)

Active in the 1920's

Conneaut Lake Band

Active in the 1910's

Connelsville Brass Band

Active in 1855 and 1910

Cooley & Thom Wonderland Riverboat Band

Active in 1910

Corsica Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Coudersport Brass Band

Incorporated as Coudersport Brass Band Association in September 1858, with officers: John S. Mann, president; N. Shoomaker, vice-president; J.M. Hamilton, secretary; A.C. Taggart, treasurer. Still active in 1859

Coudersport Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Covington Girls' Cornet Band

Founded in January 1903. Snare drum played by Esther Williams. Still active in 1906

Crystal Brass Band (Scranton)

Founded as a boy's brass band in the Petersburg section of Scranton in 1879, the original group counted 17 members. A group of East Scranton young men met at the quarters of Relief Engine Co. No. 3, located now in the 1400 block of Ash St. They had attended a dance the night before, at which the engine company band had put on a great performance. They had enjoyed the band so much, they decided to form a band of their own. The first rehearsal was held in the original A.J. Schrader's home in what is now the 900 block of Wheeler ave. with Thomas Matthews as the conductor. The musicians were, Charles Hussing, Charles Ferber, Philip Schmidt, George Schultz, Edward Fries, Henry Schultz, Frederick Kleeman, Philip Hartman, Edward Wenzel, Henry Baustein, Henry Kleeman, William Matthews, Fred Hoffman, William Mourey, Fred Waltz, and Fred Hartman. A.J. Schrader was a prominent businessman in East Scranton, and had a bottling works company in the rear of his home in the 900 block of Wheeler Ave. and offered the boys rehearsal space. They later increased in members and moved to the Y.M.C.A. George Schultz, a grocery and dry goods emporium owner, a father of one of the original members, purchased uniforms for the boys. At first, Nay Aug Park was a popular place for concerts, and audiences grew steadily. At the turn of the century, regularly performed in Nay

Aug Park on Sunday afternoons, under the direction of Thomas Matthews. However, with America's entrance into World War 1, many of the young musicians went off to serve their country and the group disbanded.

CTAU Regiment Band (Freeland)

Active in 1912

Cumberland County Band

Active in the 1890's

Cunningham Tirol Band (Chicora)

Active in the 1910's

Curwensville Brass Band

Founded in late 1856. Still active in 1860, leader Mr Sykes

Curwensville Citizens Band

Active in 1913

Curwensville Mountain Echo Cornet Band

Active in 1874, secretary E.E. Segner

D.S.O.C. Band (Sharon)

Active in the 1900's

Dagus Italian Band (Dagus Mines)

Founded in March 1910

Damelio Cornet Band (Bristol)

Active in 1876, with 27 players

Danville Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Danville Independent Band (1)

Founded in 1838, members included Abraham Seckler (president & leader), Jesse Shoals, George Sanders, Oscar Moore, Jacob Seckler, Michael Rishel, George Hall, Joseph Hiles, Charles Seckler and Jesse Clark. Renamed Danville Cornet Band in 1855. Leader Charles Stoes in 1857

Danville Independent Band (2)

Founded in 1872 with Abraham Secker as instructor and Mr Gibbons as leader. Disbanded prior to 1881. Contemporary with the Danville Silver Cornet Band

Danville Silver Cornet Band

See: Danville Independent Band

Dauphin Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Dayton Band

Active in 1916

Delaware Water Gap Brass Band

Active in 1889, with 25 players

Delmar Girls' Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1901, conductor W.S. Rundler. Katie Ziers, child cornetist, played in the band

Delmonico Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1867 to 1869

Demorest Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active in 1896 - a company brass band

Denver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Dickinson College Band (Carlisle)

Dillsburg Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Diston Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active in 1893, leader P.J. Stanton. The band was sponsored by the Distin instrument company

Dittrich's Cornet Band (Towanda)

See: Towanda Cornet Band

Douglass Silver Cornet Band (Douglassville)

Active in 1866 to 1868

Dover Gutter Band

Active in the 1930's

Down Town Brass Band (Stroudsburg)

Founded in April 1859

Drab Citizens Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Drexel Institute Band

Active in 1908

Drifton Band

Active in the 1880's

DuBois American Legion Post 17

Founded in the 1990s - disbanded in 2015

DuBois Band

Active in 1900 to 1916

DuBois Community Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2015

DuBois Excelsior Brass Band

Active in 1887, leader John Stanton

DuBois GR&P Shop Band

Active in 1916

Duboistown Brass Band

Active in 1908

Dunbar Mills Brass Band (Philipsburg)

Active in 1869, leader Professor Humphries

Duncannon Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Dunmore Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Dunmore

E.U.B. Orphanage and Home Boys' Band (Quincv)

Active in the 1940's

Eagleville Cornet Band

Active in 1884

East Bangor Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

East Donegal Cornet Band

Active around 1891

East Greenville Cornet Band

Active in 1884

East Stroudsburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's to 1925

East Stroudsburg Military Band

Eastbrook Cornet Band (Hickory Township)

Active in 1892

Easton Cornet Band

Active in 1852 as Pomp's Cornet Band, renamed Easton Cornet Band a few years later. In 1861 when the Civil War began, this band became the regimental band for the 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Leader Mr Coate in 1873

Ebensburg Brass Band

Founded in late 1858, tutor Professor Smith, with initial members Robert Litzinger, C.T. Roberts, John Rodgers, J.N. Kinkead, David Evans, Felix Henle, John Evans, Jeremiah Fagan, and G. Alexander Kinkead. Still active in 1859. Leader Robert Litzinger in 1859-1860

Ebensburg City Cornet Band

Active in 1871, when members included Charles Conrad and Thaddeus Clark. Member John O. Evans died in June 1874. Still active in 1874 with committee members Fes. Lloyd, E.B. Kittell, and Howard Jones

Echo Cornet Band (Milwaukie)

Active in 1903, when members included: O. W. Petty, Alfred Munson, Jacob Kinsman, Peter Bedell, Myron Richards, Abram Blackwell, William Walters and Harry Corselius, Arch Munson, B.F. Reed (conductor), Ira LaCoe, William Blackwell, Robert Walters, Chris Zeiss, Joseph Munson, Harry Landsidle and Andrew Reoglr.

Eddy Cornet Band (Hawley)

Active in the early 1890's. Became known as Hawley Cornet Band from 1897

Edinboro Normal Band

Active in the 1910's

Edward Shippen Military Band (Shippensburg)

Active in the 1900's

Edwin Forrest Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1869, 1870

Effort Brass Band (Monroe County)

Active in the 1880's/1890s

Elderton Band (Gastown)

Active in the 1910's

Elizabethtown Citizens Band

Active in 1912 to 1917

Elizabethtown Cornet Band

Active in 1876 to the 1900's

Elizabethville Citizens Invincible Band

Active in the 1900's

Ellsworth Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 22 players

Elmore Band (Shenandoah)

Active in 1907

Emlenton Citizens Concert Band (Philadelphia)

Active in the 1900's

Emmet Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active around 1832, consisted of members of the Hibernia Fire Company

Emporium Fire Department Band

Endeavor Cornet Band

Active in 1909

English Center Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Enon Valley Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Ephrata Cornet Band

Active in 1887. Constitution established on 22 March 1890. Active through the 1890's

Equinunk Brass Band (1)

Founded in 1880, instructor Charles E. Wright in 1881

Equinunk Brass Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1896, members included Rev. C.W. Alberti (leader), Cain Lord, T. Currie, Edwin Lord, H. Richards, Earl Lord, Everette Green, Shep Warfield, Delos Lester, Will Lord, Austin Lord, Robert Shields, Blake Gray, Charles Bauman and Chris Warfield

Eureka Cornet Band (Cleona)

Founded in December 1912

Everett Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Excelsior Cornet Band (Springdale)

Active in 1887, when members included Nickolas Ganster, William Hannah, R.K. Fink (drum major), Homer Stoup, William Hendrickson, Thomas Pierce, Alexander Hannah, Samuel Clyde Pierce (leader), G. Roy Remaley, John Hutchison, Harry Pierce, Frank H. Hannah, J.W. Stoup, Philip Fisher and James Mellon

Exchange Band

Active in 1907 to 1910

Fairville Cornet Band (East Earl Township)

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Fairville Union Brass Band (East Earl Township)

Active in 1864

Falls Cornet Band (Evans Falls)

Active in the 1890's

Falls Creek Band

Active in 1897 to 1906

Fannettsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1880

Felton Cornet Band (York County)

Founded 11th July 1892. Still active in the 1910's

Fidelity Band (Tylersport)

Active in 1908

Fifth Regiment Band (Clearfield)

Active in 1902

Fiore's Band

Active in the 1900's

First Lithuanian Band (Shenandoah)

Active in the 1910's

First Pennsylvania Scout Band (Lewiston)

Fisk Juvenile Band (Emporium)

Active in the 1900's

Forest Brass Band (Tionesta)

Active in 1871, leader Professor Weber, with 11 players, rehearsing in the "arbitration room" in the Court House. D.W. Clark became leader in March 1872, with Professor Boynton as tutor

Forest City Brass Band

Founded in 1899, bandmaster Truman Dunn

Forest City Cornet Band (Scotia)

Active in 1887

Forest Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 21 players

Fort Allen Cornet Band (Weissport)

Active in 1874

Frackville Miner's Band

Active in 1902

Frank Hartman's Boys Band (Pottstown)

Active in the 1900's

Frankford National Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1869, 1870

Franklin Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1856. Still active as a community wind band

Franklinville Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 20 players

Fredericksburg Cornet Band

Granted a charter in December 1908, when officers were John Hoffa, Martin Wise, Harry Kirst, Frank Brown, and M. L. Wagner. Players in 1913 were Drummer - Peter Reed, Drummer - Charles Bickle, Clarinet - Allen Sharpe, Trumpet - Harry E. Boeshore, Cornet - Harry Kirst - Band Leader, Cornet - Clayton S. Cassel, Cornet - Robert U. Boeshore, Cornet - Wesley Spittler, Alto (French Horn) - Riley J. Morgan, Alto - (French Horn) - Claude M. Gassert, Alto - (French Horn) - Joseph G. Bross, Alto - (French Horn) - Morris L. Wagner, Tenor Horn - John L. Wise, Baritone - John O. Hoffa, Tenor Horn - Martin Wise, Trombone - Charles Brown, Trombone - Guiney Lentz, Trombone - James Darkes, Bass - William H. Boeshore.

Fredericksburg Union Brass Band

Active in the 1870's. After it had disbanded, a number of its members joined the new Fredericksburg Cornet Band

Fulton Brass Band

Active in 1868

Galeton Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's. Members in 1914 were: Harry Lush, Charles Connelly, Ruben Hunt, Walter Smith, Oliver Hinman, Walter Grimes, Harold Rukgaber, Gus Damiano, Charles Breunig, John Appli, Olen Brewster, Donald Near, Donald Rushmore, Marcus Handwerk, Dominic Miglicio, Philip Rukgaber, Morris Damiano, August Massman, Frank Bosek, Billie Allen, Charles Near, Walter Mosch, William Bernard, George Owens, C. Goodwin, Louis Damiano, F. Germaine, Clyde Fogel, and Henry Dandres

Gans Cornet Band

Gaskins Military Band (Sunbury)

Founded in 1882. Still active in the 1900's

Gatchelville Cornet Band

Active in 1894

Gaul's Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1850 to 1852

General Hospital Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1864

General Reynolds Cornet Band (Conestoga)

Active in the 1880's

German Social Cornet Band (Altoona)

Founded in September 1878. Officers in 1880 were: Andrew Auer (president), John H. Schmidt (vice president), George Bender (secretary), John Foster (treasurer & leader)

Germania Band (Quakertown)

Active in 1908 to 1914

Germania Band (Saxonburg)

Active in the 1910's

Germania Cornet Band (Hillegass, Pennsburg)

Active in 1901, leader Frederick Eddinger

Germania Cornet Band (Manheim)

Active in 1905

Germantown Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1868 to 1876. 18 players in 1876

Gettysburg High School Ceremonial Brass Band

Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Gibson Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Gilroys Band (Carbondale)

Active in the 1920's

Gipsy Band

Active in 1910

Girard College Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1870

Glass City Military Concert Band (Jeannette)

Active in the 1910's

Glen Campbell Brass Band

Active in 1900

Glen Carbon Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Glen Rock Cornet Band

Active in 1874, leader N.Z. Seitz

Glenwood Hall Band (Tannersville)

Founded in 1887

Golden Eagle Band (Pleasantville)

Active in the 1910's

Goldsboro Independent Cornet Band

Founded in 1883 by John Kister

Good Shepherd Home Band (Allentown)

Active in 1923

Gordonville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Gouglersville Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Graceton Band

Active in the 1920's

Grampian Band

Founded in 1893. Members in the 1890's included Frankie Maury, Tom Moore, Bob Moran, Ed Moran, Tobie Thompson, Gust Chelgren, Bill Moore, Ed Moore, Bill Dale, Den Doughman, Edson Moore, W.G. Doughman, James Moore, Charles Maury. Still active today in some form

Grant Cornet Band (Shenandoah)

Active in the 1890's

Grant's Cornet Band (Sunbury)

See: Sunbury Cornet Band (1)

Granville Cornet Band (Antes Fort)

Active from 1888 to 1896

Grape City Band

Active in 1910

Grassflat Band

Active in the 1900's

Gratz Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Graybill Cornet Band (Mifflintown)

Active in 1872

Great Bend Brass Band

Active in 1854

Great Western Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1865. Still active in 1876. It had 26 players in 1871, 24 players in 1876. Leader M.B. Weise in 1873

Greater Washington Band

Active in the 1910's

Greenfield Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1853

Greensburg Brass Band

Active in 1853

Greensburg Citizens Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Greenville Band

Active in the 1900's

Greenwood Brass Band (Millerstown)

[Current band] - Founded in 2001

Greenwood Furnace Band

Active in 1890

Greenwood Juvenile Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Griffin's Cornet Band (Palmerton)

Active from 1895 to 1900

Grove City Band

Grove City Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1896, consisted of Bessie Shortz, Hattie Shortz, Daisy Shortz, Blanche Knox, Cora Knox, Ida McKay, Lillian McKay, Myrtle Black, Eula Black, Stella McCoy, Blanche Gilmore, Myrtle Brandon, Katie Atwell and Retta McCandless

Gwilym Gwent Brass Band (Wilkes-Barre)

Founded in 1872 on the Heights by Gwilym Gwent, a noted composer who emigrated to the USA, working in the Empire Colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. David D. Jones was appointed assistant leader, taking over leadership when Gwilym Gwent left to go to Plymouth. The members were David D. Jones (leader), H.Y. Rees, David Clocker, Edward Clocker, William Nesbitt, Isaac Skelton, George Overton, David Thomas, David Jones, Morgan D. Jones, Charles Renowden, Evan L. Evans, Griffith Morgan, Philip Weiss, John Dukes, Daniel Roberts, Robert Challis, Abraham C. Jones and John Hughes. The band disbanded in 1881.

Gwynedd Brass Band

Active in 1876, with 16 players

Gypsy Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Hallman's Family Cornet Band (Zionsville)

Provided entertainment at the cake walk and ice cream festival in Schubert's Grove, Hereford, Pennsylvania, in August 1901, only three months after the band was formed. Other performances were in Bally in April 1902, the Chapel in Hereford and also East Greenville in October 1902, Coopersburg in December 1902, Shoenersville Sunday School Picnic in July 1903, Hereford in September 1903, at the St John's Sunday School picnic in Andreas Grove, near the Little Lehigh, in Lower Mancungie, Pennsylvania, in August 1904. Still active in 1914. They were based in Zionsville, Lehigh County and, in 1909, consisted of William M. Hallman, father and leader; Mrs Amanda Hallman, mother, organist and bass drum; Miss Emma, 17, tuba and euphonium; Miss Elsie, 15, alto horn; Master Norman W., 13, baritone and trombone; Master Lloyd C., 8, cornet; Master Miles Leighton, 5, alto horn and side drum; Wilson Hallman jnr, solo cornet; Percival Hallman, brother of the leader, alto horn

Hamburg Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 26 players

Hamilton Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Hammer Brass Band (Williamsport)

Founded Jan 21st 1882. Conductor John Hazel 1883-

Hanover Shoe Company Band

Active in the 1910's

Hanover Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Harkness Family Band

Active in the 1920's

Harmony Brass Band (Harmony)

Founded in 1864. Leader Ferdinand Winters in 1867

Harris C. & C. Band (Blandburg)

See: Harris Cornet Band

Harris Cornet Band (Blandburg)

Active around 1900. Father Alfred John Harris and several of his sons playing a variety of brass instruments

Harris Family Band (Blandburg)

See: Harris Cornet Band

Harrisburg Band

Active in 1910

Harrisburg Excelsior Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader Jacob Compton. Still active in 1873

Harry Family Band (Carlisle)

Active in 1888 from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, performing in the Metropolitan Hall, Reading. Also in 1897 in Conshohoken, Pennsylvania

Hartman's Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1908

Hastings Military Band

Active in 1914

Haverford Cornet Band

Active in 1869 to 1876. 21 players in 1876

Hawley Cornet Band

See: Eddy Cornet Band

Hayes Family Band (Punxsutawney)

Active around 1923. Consisted of parents Homer Tennyson Hayes (b. 1885), his wife Bessie May (b. 1891, née Bullock) and their six children: Victor Tennyson (b. 1910), Homer Spencer "Nip" (b. 1911), Wallace Hamilton "Wally" (b. 1913), Lucille Vivian "Ceil" (b. 1915), Theodore Harmon "Buddy" (b. 1916) and Bertha May (b. 1918) - playing various instruments from tuba down to cornet. Father Homer had played with the J.P. Sousa Band. The family band expanded to include their other four children in time - Kenneth Owen (b. 1921), Frederick Willard (b. 1923), Ruth Virginia (b. 1926) and Marjorie Eleanor (b. 1928)

Haymakers' Band (Lebanon)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Haymakers' lodge no. 276 (the Haymakers were a side degree of the Improved Order of Red Men masonic organisation)

Haymakers' Band (Mills)

Active in the 1900's

Hazelhurst Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Hazelton Liberty Band

Active in 1919

Heginsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Members included: Elias Williard, Cal Geist, Al Williard, Nathan Klouser, John Dunkelberger, Mr Metzinger, Wills Boyer, Joel Klinger, Rufus Otto, Ed Williard, Henry Herb, William Osman, Frank Boyer (conductor), Harry Hower, Al Schucker, and Charles Ressler.

Held's Cornet Band (Lewisburg)

Active in 1857, 1858

Hellam Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Hellertown Band

Founded on 5th April 1902

Helping Hand Bible Class Band (St John's Reformed Church, Phoenixville)

A ladies' band active around 1920

Hempfield Military Band (Greensburg)

Henry's United Silver Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

See: Henry's United States Brass Band

Henry's United States Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1854, 1855

Hereford Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Herndon Band

Active in 1910

Hershey's Band (Hershey)

Active in the 1900's

Highville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Hillsgrove Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's - John Jackson was a member for 20 years

Hollidaysburg Brass Band

Active in 1852

Holmesburg Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 16 players

Homer City Cornet Band (Indiana County)

Active in 1889

Honesdale Brass Band

Founded around 1880. Members in 1897 were: Daniel Storms (leader), John Metzgar, Henry Wagner, George Conzleman, Fred Gill, Andrew Cowles, Henry Rehbein, Charles McElroy, R.M. Dorin, John Bussa, Prof. Wagner, George Richards, Charles Brown, John Broad, Charles Marsh, Henry Miller and William W. Ham

Honesdale Council Band

Active in the 1910's

Honey Brook Cornet Band

Founded in 1899. Active in the early 1900's

Hoon Family Brass Band (Beaver Falls)

Consisted of James Hoon (b. 1847), daughters Grace Merlynn (b. 1870) and Leola Belle (b. 1873), and son Albert James "Al" (b. 1871) - their mother was Elizabeth Rosalind (née Sterling, b. 1850) who was not part of the band. Their first appearance was when Pat Harris opened his museum on Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They were engaged for a week, but made such a hit that they were retained for three months. They gave a grand concert in White Hall, New Castle, Pennsylvania in May 1883. In March 1884 it appeared at the Hagar, Campbell & Co.'s Dime Museum, 9th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia sharing the bill with Eli Bowen "the legless man", Patrick O'Brien, "the Irish Goliath and his blushing quarter-ton bride", the "strangely spotted Leopard Boy", Miss Amelia Hill "only 12 years old and weighs 320 pounds", Donddretti "the man with the iron jaw" and others. It performed again at the Sixth Street Museum in Pittsburgh in September and October 1884, as a quartette (again with Eli Bowen); and Forepaugh's Dime Museum in Philadelphia in November 1884. They were then engaged at Robinson's Dime Museum, Canal and St Charles Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, in December 1884; Cole's Dime Museum, 319 Felix Street, St Joseph, Missouri, in February 1885 (for four weeks) - sharing the bill with Major Littlefinger and Wife, the Wild Girl, and Carter the Thaumaturgist. In addition to their contracted shows they performed one-off concerts, e.g. at the Masked Ball of the Ladies of the Jewish Congregation, at McLaughlin's Hall, St Joseph, on 2 March 1885. Moved on to St Louis, Missouri in April 1885, performing at Gregory's Dime Museum, when the band was seven in number (sharing the bill this time with the Congress of Fat Women, "over 25 of the largest women in the country being exhibited". Thence to Stanhope & Epstean's New Dime Museum, Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, in June and July 1885 (with the Fire King, or Human Salamander, the Alligator Queen, Josie the fat girls and Hager's waxworks - which included Victor Hugo and Gladstone). The band returned to Robinson's Dime Museum in New Orleans in November and December 1885 (with P.T. Barnum's Zulus, Little Flora, "the child snake charmer", and Lizzie Sturgeon - "who sews, plays the piano, paints, writes and embroiders with her feet"). Further engagements were Stanhope & Epstean's, Chicago, June & July 1886; Sackett & Wiggins' Mammoth Dime Museum, 94 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota, in October and November 1886; Wonderland, Detroit, Michigan, in February to April 1887; with Beckett's Circus at the Princess Rink, Detroit, in April 1887; Wonderland, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C., in December 1887. The family toured for ten years overall until the girls finally married, James Hoon setting up a jewellery business in New York, and his son Al taking to the stage with song illustrations and a moving picture machine

Hopewell Brass Band

Active in 1869

Hosmer Band (Athens)

Founded in 1898

Housel's Band (Watsontown)

Active in 1910

Houtzdale Brass Band

Active in 1886

Hower's Cornet Band (Bloomsburg)

Founded in June 1859 by the merger of Bloomsburg Brass Band and another band in the town. Members in May 1861 were: John Hower, George Rupert, Peter Harman, Frank Rehr, James Jamison, James M. Thornton, William Gilmore, Benjamin Hagenbuch, B. Rupert, John F. Pursel, Daniel Leacock, Daniel Walter, Thomas Barton, Solomon Smith, O.H.P. Pursel, and Charles Rupert

Hughesville Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1896

Huntingdon Excelsior Brass Band

Active in 1857

Huntingdon Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Hygia Female Cornet Band (Steelton)

Active in 1885

Idamar Band

Active in the 1900's

Ideal Boys' Band (Seek, Coaldale)

Active in the 1910's

Independent Cornet Band (Conshohoken)

Active in 1871

Indiana Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1993 - continues playing keyed brass instruments

Ironbridge Cornet Band (Collegeville)

Active in 1884

Iroquois Cornet Band (Lancaster)

Active in 1890 to 1902

Irwin Catholic Total Abstinence Band

Active in the 1900's

Iselin Italian Band

Active in the 1910's

Italian Imperial Band (Farrell)

Active in the 1900's

J. K. Mosser Band (Williamsport)

Active in 1917 - a company brass band

J.L. Mitchell Band (Gallitzen)

Active in 1907

James Liberty Female Band (Philadelphia)

Active around 1900

Jamestown Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Jamison City Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Jefferson Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1869

Jenkintown Brass Band

Active in 1884

Jerome Citizen's Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Jerome Park Band (Elkland)

Active around 1900 with members including: Roy Warren, Frank Barnhart, Fred Slade, Floyd Bates, Reed Stull, Henry Harry, Andy Stevens, John Kyofski, and Leel Kenyon

Jersey Shore Band

Active in 1907

Jersey Shore Brass Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1848

Jersey Shore Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

John Wanamaker Commercial Institute Military Band (Philadelphia)

Active in the 1910's

Johnstown Band

Active in 1909

Johnstown Brass Band

Active in 1857, leader Lewis Williams, contemporary with the Johnstown German Brass Band. Still active in 1866

Johnstown German Brass Band

Active in 1856, contemporary with the Johnstown Brass Band

Johnstown Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1872

Jollytown Band

Active in the 1910's

Jonestown Citizens Band

Active around 1900

Jonstown Band

Active in 1909

Juniata Cornet Band (Mifflintown)

Active in 1867

Junior Greys' Band (Altoona)

Founded on 1 September 1877. Members in 1880 were: G.W. Dunlap (leader), George Blackburn (drum major), S.P. Bolger (baritone), G.W. Davis (Eb cornet), Samuel Foust (bass), David L. Graft (snare drum), Harry Huffman (1st alto), B.D. Jackson (Eb cornet)

K.G.E. Band (Muncy)

Active in the 1890's

K.G.E. Band (Muncy)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle fraternal organisation

K.G.E. Concert Band (Riddlesburg)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle fraternal organisation

Kellettville Concert Band

Active in the early 1900's, conductor F.B. Robbins, secretary Harry E. Murphy. Still active in 1909

Kelly & Jones Band (Greensburg)

Active in the 1910's

Kellyville Cornet Band (Drexel Hill)

Active in 1876

Kensington Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 16 players

Keystoke Marching Band (West Bethlehem)

Active in 1903

Keystone Band (Reynoldsville)

Active from 1880 to 1916

Keystone Band (Rheresburg)

Active in 1936 to 1939

Keystone Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1874

Keystone Cornet Band (Altoona)

Active in 1876

Keystone Cornet Band (Lake Como)

See: Lake Como Cornet Band

Keystone Cornet Band (Mechanicsburg)

Founded around 1854. It became the 7th Pennsylvania Voluntary Infantry Band, led by Harry Greaves, when the members joined the service during the Civil War. It became The Singer Band in 1862, named for David S. Singer, a cornetist of the time, and enjoyed an excellent reputation for at least three-quarters of a century. A successor band (still currently active) was formed in 1980

Keystone Cornet Band (Newville)

Active in 1908

Keystone Cornet Band (Pocono Lake)

Active in the 1890's

Kingston Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Kitanning Band

Active in the 1910's

Klopp's Cornet Band (North Heidelberg)

Founded in 1881 by Morgan B. Klopp

Knauertown Band

Active in 1906

Kreamer Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Kulpmont Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Kunkletown Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Kutztown Military Band

Active in the 1910's

La Belle Brass Band

Active in 1868

Laceyville Brass Band

Active in 1867. Leader B.E. Wakeman in 1868

Ladies Band (Allentown)

Active in 1915

Lairdsville Brass Band

Active in 1862

Lake Como Cornet Band

Active between 1897 and 1901. Also known as Keystone Cornet Band

Lakeville Band (Wayne City)

Active in 1910

Lanark Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 18 players

Lancaster British Brass Band

[Current band]

Lancaster City Cornet Band

Active in 1869, leader Professor Sides. 20 players in 1876. Still active in the 1890's

Lancaster Fencibles Brass Band

Founded in 1856, leader G. Ellinger - the band of the citizens' soldiery the "Lancaster Fencibles", which was commanded by Captain John H. Dinks. Still active in 1857

Lancaster Girls' Brass Band

Founded in September 1908 by Doctor Tschudy. 18 players aged from 10 to 17. Solo cornetist Louisa Helm, ten years old.

Lancaster Municipal Boys Band

Active in 1929

Landisville Cornet Band

Founded on 1 November 1889 with the following members: W. H. Kern, B. G. Kern, M. D. Kern, L. H. Mease, Henry Harry, W. J. Hoffman, M. M. Frank, R. P. Swarr, Henry Souders, Milton Root, D. W. Baker, D. S. Martin, Philip Dattisman, Harry Dattisman, Edwin Barto, E. C. Diffenderfer, Al. G. Dissinger, H. J. Dissinger, C. H. Long and William Seifert. The band for three years had its quarters over Jacob Rutt's cigar factory, near the pike at the Reading Railroad, and for the next four years in Breneiser's carpenter shop. The band was chartered May 1, 1891.

Landisville Mechanics' Band

Founded on 4 September 1858 - Officers: W. D. Reitzel, President; E. D. Golden, Vice-President; Em'l Newcomer, Secretary; J. B. Kern, Treasurer. Disbanded in 1863 as players were called to the war. Players were: W.D. Reitzel (leader), George W. Sener (carpenter by trade), Emanuel Newcomer, Christian H. Newcomer, Jacob Souders, John B. Kern (shoemaker & postmaster), J. J. Golden, E. D. Golden (carpenter), Israel C. Landis (the last band secretary & tenor drummer), Solomon Seamer, Reuben Pickel (bass horn) and Daniel Kern (carpenter & carpet weaver). Other members were: Joseph Musselman, Daniel M. Brown and Christian H. Mayer. The band first met in an old log building, then occupied as a cooper establishment and shoe shop combined; John B. Kern, one of the members, being the shoemaker.

Lansdale Post Cadet Band

Active in the 1920's

Laquin Citizens Band

Active around 1900

Larryville Brass Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1896

Latrobe Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Latrobe Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader M.B. Weise

Lawrenceville Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Le Raysville Brass Band

Active in 1861. Leader Stephen Gorham, with 12 players, in 1865

Le Raysville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Lebanon Band

Active in the 1910's

Leesburg P.O.S. of A. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Patriotic Order of Sons of America fraternal organisation

LeHigh Gap Cornet Band (Palmerton)

Active from 1883 to 1891

Lehigh Valley Shop Band (Sayre)

Founded in 1908. Associated with the Lehigh Valley Railroad

Lehighton Band

Active around 1900. Distinct from Lehighton Cornet Band

Lehighton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's. Distinct from Lehighton Band

Lewis Run Band

Active in the 1890's

Lewisburg Cornet Band

Active in 1873, gaining first place in the contest at the Sunbury Union Park and Agricultural Fair on 9 October 1873

Lewiston P.O.S. of A. Band

Active in 1910. Associated with Washington Camp, no. 462, of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America fraternal organisation

Lewistown Brass Band

Active in 1861, 1862

Lewistown Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1874, leader E. Felsberg

Liberty Cornet Band (Bristol)

See: Bristol Liberty Cornet Band

Liberty Cornet Band (Millersburg)

Active in 1866 when it offered its instruments for sale (3 Eb cornets, 2 Bb cornets, 2 Eb altos, 3 Eb tenors, 1 Eb baritone and 2 Eb bass)

Liberty Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1865 to 1876. Leader Benjamin K. McClurg. 18 players in 1876

Ligonier Cornet Band

Founded in 1892. Members in the 1890's were: James Davis, Frank Murdock, Harry S. Lohr, Clint McConnaughey, Horace Hayes, William Murdock, Harry Wilt, James Murdock, Clarence McDowell, Fred Bitner, Kible Frank, Harry Albright, and Reuben A. Wilt. Milton Edward Geeting was a member in 1908.

Lincoln's Ladies' Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active around 1913-1916, conductor Harry Lincoln

Lindsey Brass Band

Active in 1893

Lin-Ta Hose Company Brass Band (Towanda)

Active in 1860

Linwood Cornet Band

Active in 1876

Lititz Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's and early 1880's

Littlestown Brass Band

Active in 1866

Littlestown Cornet Band

Active in 1872, with members James A. Lefevre (bank cashier), John H. Hinkle (jeweler), Levi Mehring (hardware), Dr E.K. Foreman, Richard Stonesifer (baker), Henry Marks (tobacconist), William Zarker (barber), Dr E.F. Shorn (hardware), Henry J. Miller (editor, Littlestown Press), John Narr (marble works), Jeremiah Adams (coachmaker), William Duttera (tanner)

Llewellyn Fire Company Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Local Union Band (Dubois)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with Local Union No. 523 - B & S Shaft No. 1

Lock Haven Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Locust Gap Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Logon Band (Altoona)

Active in 1900

Long Green Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Long Level Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Lopez Citizens Band

Active in the 1890's

Loretto Brass Band

Active in 1869 - associated with St Francis' College, Loretto

Loretto Cornet Band

Founded in 1873, leader Professor P.J. Braddock. Still active in 1874

Losey Band (Erie)

Active in the 1910's

Louhi Brass Band (Monessen)

Founded in 1900, conductor Akseli Ruuti. Members in 1915 were: Axel Rutti (president), Charles Palomaki (secretary), Arvid Berkowitz (treasurer), Hernab Mullolo (property), John Nevenpara (manager), Charles Passoja (manager), George E. Wahlstrom (bandmaster), and players: Vama Lehto, Eml Laatu, John Rauto, Gust. Saxberg, John Nevenpara, Frank Hendrickson, Toivo Laatu, Charles Palomaki, Issac Saxberg, Hjalmar Loormen, Arvid Saxberg, Efraim Lookkonen, Thomas Tunri, Axel Ruuti, Charles Roe, John Kniittilla, Miss Kseua Tunttari, John Tuntarri, Charles Ruokonen, John Maki, John Dellbarre, Waldemar Wuta, Andrew Houtari, Axel Roos, John Tiita, Arvid Berkowitz, Herman Mullola, Charles Passoja, Issac Ylonen, Gust Dregalla, Matt Punkari, Peter Makela, Hugo Poudila, Eric Hanuksela, Arthur Renstrom, Herman Larmi, Arthur Tuori, Werner Tapio, Werner, Vaisenen, and Jacob Knuuttilla

Lovelton Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1898, with members Ray Hulbirt, John Phinney, Ray Miller, Charles Hunsinger, Burt Inman, Leslie Adams, Bill McNeal, Truson Hoxie, Archie Winslow, Frank Ward, Newell Doty, Jim McNeal, Charlie Grow, Rolla Farr, Loren Adams, Louis Grow, Schuyler Grow, and Walter Wintermute

Loysville Orphans Boys Band

See: Tressler Orphans Home Band

Luken's Band (Coatesville)

See: Luken's Steel Company Band

Luken's Steel Company Band (Coatesville)

Active in the 1900's to 1918

Lumber City Band

Active in the 1900's

Lutz Family Band (Lititz)

Active around 1900. Father, B.F. Lutz was the leader & solo cornet, with children Bennie (solo cornet), Ruth (1st cornet), Winfield (2nd cornet), and John (euphonium).

Lycoming Foundry and Machine Co. Band (Williamsport)

Active around 1916-1917, conductor John Robertson

Lvra Band (Palmerton)

Active from 1901 to 1911

Macungie Band

Active around 1910

Maennerchor Band (Shamokin)

Active around 1890

Mahaffey Cornet Band

Active in 1892

Mahonoy Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's, bandmaster Jacob Britz, Jacob Francis Hollerbach was a member

Malvern Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Manayunk Independent Brass Band

Active in 1869

Mandata Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Manheim Cornet Band

Founded around 1883

Manheim Liberty Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Manor Volunteer Fire Department Band

Founded on 29th May 1895. Still active in the 1910's

Mansfield University Brass Band

[Current band]

Mantua Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 18 players

Maple City Band

Active in 1900

Mapletown Cornet Band (Green County)

Active in the 1900's

Marchand Band

Founded in 1879, disbanded in 1889

Marion Center Brass band

Active in 1910 to 1916

Marshall's Creek Brass Band (Monroe County)

Active in the 1880's/1890s

Marticville Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's and 1880's

Martin Mild's Band (Monaca)

Active in the 1910's

Mason-Dixon Brass Band (Derry)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band founded in 2011

Masten Band

Active in 1915

Mayburg Brass Band

Active around 1901, Clarence Wayne Clark and Claude Royal Clark both played cornet in the band.

Maytown Citizens' Band

Founded around 1881

McClurg's Cornet Band (Bristol)

See: Bristol Liberty Cornet Band

McConnellsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1905

McDonald Band

Active in 1900

McGibeny Family Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Originally from Pennsylvania, this band toured extensively, with 16 members at its peak, even travelling in their own railroad car. The band played from the portico of the City Hotel in Salina, Kansas on 27th February 1878. Reportedly they "did very finely". In March 1880 the family, consisting of father, mother and eight children (aged 17 to 4) were secured for a tour of seven weeks by Mr Mishler of Reading, Pennsylvania, having given nine concerts in that place in October 1879. They gave a concert in the Opera House, Logan, Ohio, in January 1884 (when 11 of a family of 12 performed - and "the baby cries by note"). In January 1887 they performed in the Opera House, San Bernadino, California,

with press comments: "the family, 15 in number, deserves fame outside of their artistic attainments, for in these degenerate days fifteen in a family with the parents yet apparently in the prime of life is enough to entitle any family to mention, if not to fame. The music was characterized by artistic work of brilliant quality". The concert was: "Wedding March" (Mendelssohn) conducted by Master Jamie; song "What we do" with Florence, Dockie, Grace, Carl and Jamie; cornet solo "The Favourite" (Hartmann) by Mr Frank; "The Sleigh Ride" (White); McGibeny Family; string quartette "Largo" (Handel) by Viola, Alice, Hugh and Victor; vocal duet "Where is My Little One" (Perkins) by Mrs McGibeny and Little Leo; violin solo "Cavatina" (Raff), by Miss Viola; vocal quartette "Wandering Down" (McGranahan) Allie, Hugh, Victor and Fred; "Anvil Chorus" (Verdi) McGibeny Family; cornet duet "Swiss Boy" (Bent) Mr & Mrs Frank McGibeny; comic song "Mother Says I Mustn't" (Hobson) Master Jamie; violin solo "2nd Nocturne" (Ernst) Master Hugh; sketch "The Quarrel and Reconciliation" (Greene) Florence and Grace; vocal quartette "The Bridge of Sighs" (Thomas Hood); recitation - Miss Allie; "Grand March, Tannhauser" (Wagner) McGibeny Brass Band

McKinney's I.O.O.F. Band (Youngsville)

Active in the 1900's

McVeytown Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1867

McVeytown Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Meadville Band

Active in the 1900's

Meadville Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Meadville Prohibition Band

Active in the 1900's

Meadville Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Meadville

Mechanics Cornet Band (Marietta)

Active in the 1870's

Media Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 18 players

Medix Run Band

Active in the 1900's

Merion Cornet Band

Active in 1884

Meyersdale Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1914, conductor C.W. Baldwin, with 15 young ladies

Middleburgh Cornet Band

See: Stetler's Cornet Band

Middletown Brass Band (West Middletown)

See: West Middletown Brass Band

Mifflin Cornet Band

Founded in 1866, instructor Mr Rowbotham. Still active in 1874

Mifflinburg Brass Band

Active in 1857. Leader Mr Yearick in 1861

Millerstown Brass Band

Founded in 1855 by fourteen young musicians, with Frederick T. Lobst as bandmaster. In 1861, Peter J. Weiler, one of the original band members assumed the responsibilities of Director. Under his direction the band gained a renowned reputation. He had an ear for music that enabled him to rewrite the scores of tunes by memory. Mr. Weiler continued as director for more than 40 years until his death in 1906. At the start of the Civil War, the "Millerstown Brass Band" (as it was known at the time) volunteered as an entire unit. In early November of 1861, the band began its ninety day tour of duty as the 54th Regiment Band, Pennsylvania Volunteers. They served as guards and sentries on the railroad tracks at Berkley Springs, Virginia. At the completion of their duty most of the bandsmen returned home, but a few enlisted and saw combat later in the war. In 1875, Millerstown residents renamed their borough "Macungie", which is American Indian for "Bear Swamp" or "Bear's Feeding Place". Accordingly, the band also changed its title and became known from then on as the Macungie Band. By then, woodwind and reed instruments had been added to the band - in which format it survives to this day - as Macungie Band

Millersville Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's. Still active in 1880

Millheim Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Millville Cornet Band

Active in 1867 and the 1890's

Milton Brass Band (Milton)

Active in 1858

Minersville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Minnehaha Cornet Band (Womelsdorf)

Active in 1880 with members John F. Petree, John Fessler, Calvin Smith, Charles M. Petree, John F. Haak, Thomas P. Anspach, Harry Heckaman, Isaac Scharff, Willie Scharff, George Siebert, Frank Zerbe, Elmer Heckaman, William I. Scharff, John L. Scharff (leader), William Ringler, and William Noll

Monessen Liberty Band

Active in the 1900's

Monroe Cornet Band (Brodheadsville)

Active in 1885

Montgomery Cornet Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1896

Montoursville Brass Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1886 to 1914

Montrose I.O.O.F. Band

Active in 1908

Moravian Church Trombone Choir (Emaus)

Active in the 1900's

Morris Run Cornet Band

Founded in 1887. Members included John Reid, H.A. Munro, John Waddell, Sam Woodhouse, Sandy Woodhouse, William Hayes, Ed. St. Peter, William Woodhouse, Robert Waddell, Donald Curry, John MacLaughlin, James Woodhouse, Thomas V. Keefe, Robert McBlane, and William MacLaughlin

Mount Airy Cornet Band (Durlach)

Active in the 1880's to the late 1890's

Mount Carmel Cornet Band

Active in 1873, gaining second place in the contest at the Sunbury Union Park and Agricultural Fair on 9 October 1873

Mount Joy Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's. Members in 1904 were: Amos Shickley, Wes Walternyer, Eli Shickley, Max Nentwig, Ralph Gibbons, Clayt Hendrix, Will Shickley, Bobby Rhinehart, Clarence Gibbons, Elmer Heisey, Eddie Shiers, Abe Gauby, George Shickley, Al Heagy, Harry Rhaum, Harvey Sumpman, John Horstick, and Abe Shiers

Mount Pleasant Boys' Band

Active in the 1900's

Mountain City Brass Band (Altoona)

Active in 1868 to 1871

Mountain City Cornet Band (Altoona)

Founded in 1875, contemporary with the Altoona City Cornet Band. Members in 1880 were: Nelson Graham (leader), M.M. Rush (drum major), George W. Burkett (1st alto), Edward Black (cymbals), M.M. Barkheimer (bass drum), John B. Burkett (2nd Eb cornet), B.J. Coyle (snare drum), Abraham Davis (snare drum), George W. Ehrhart (tuba), Howard Elliott (Bb cornet), Robert Forry (solo alto), George Kipp (Eb tuba), Roman Mintell (baritone), Ellsworth Myers (piccolo), ? Miller (2nd tenor), Henry F. Shoemaker (2nd Bb cornet), Joshua T. Ward (trombone), Joshua F. Wahl (1st tenor), William Ward (2nd alto), Charles L. Walters (solo Bb cornet)

Mountain Echo Cornet Band (Curwensville)

See: Curwensville Mountain Echo Cornet Band

Mountain Springs Rifles Band (Ephrata)

Active in 1907

Mountville Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Mozart Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1868. This was a colored band

Mt Wolf Cornet Band

Active in 1886, leader Anson C. Hartman

Muhlenburg Brass Band

Active in 1882

Muncy Citizens' Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1896

Muncy Junior Cornet Band (Lycoming County)

Active in the 1880's

Musical Mountaineers Cornet Band (Spragueville)

Active in 1889

Mutual Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 20 players

N.A.C. Band (Beaver Falls)

Active in the 1900's

N.S. Pittsburg Excelsior Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in the 1910's. The band was associated with the Norfolk Southern Railway at Pittsburgh

N.S. Pittsburg Superior Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in the 1910's. The band was associated with the Norfolk Southern Railway at Pittsburgh

National Brass Band (Waynesburg)

Active in 1867

Nauvoo Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Navassar Ladies' Band

Active in 1908, conductor Augusta Dial, with 40 players. Members included Louise Horne (cornet soloist), Jean Johnson and Marian Gibney (both from Indianapolis)

Nazareth Band

Active in 1922

Nazareth Brass Band

Active in 1858 to 1866

Neptune Brass Band (Pittsburg)

Active in 1876, with 20 players

Nescopeck Band

Active in the 1910's. Officers C.C. Herr and M.C. Bond

Nesquehoning Coal Miners' Band

Active in the 1890's

New Castle Citizens' Cornet Band

Active in 1887, conductor Scott Kirk

New Castle Mechanics' Band

Active in 1887

New Freedom Cornet Band

Active in 1874

New Freeport Cornet Band

Active in 1890

New Geneva Cornet Band

Founded on 7th June 1876, with initial members James Sandusky, William Davenport, John P. Eberhart, William P. Davenport (treasurer), Hugh Eberhart, Hugh C. Davenport, Frank D. Eberhart, William A. Williams (secretary), J.E. Eneix, Reuben P. Rhoads, C.E. Atchison, Hugh H. Davenport (president), J.G. Shibler, and John A. Couch. They employed Captain William H. Stoy as their teacher. The band was still active in 1886

New Holland Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 18 players

New Hope Cornet Band

Active in 1865. Still active in the 1890's

New London Brass Band

Active in 1852

New Park Union Band

Active in the 1900's

Newberry Citizens' Band (Lycoming County)

Founded on 20 March 1908, conductor C.S. Shields

Newcastle City Band

Active in 1917

Newmanstown Band

Newry Brass Band

Active in 1854 to 1864

Newry Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Newton Hamilton Band

Active in 1910

Newtown Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active in 1904, later known as Williamsport Marine Band

Newtown Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Newtown Junior Cornet Band

Active in 1902

Newville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1872. W. Paris Chambers (composer of the march "Chicago Tribune") was conductor of the band in the 1890's

Nicholson Cornet Band (Nicholson)

Active in 1868, leader H. Steinbeck

Nickel Mines Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Nitschmann High School Band (Bethlehem)

Active in the 1920's

Norris Hose Company Band (Norristown)

Active in the 1910's

Norristown Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1876. 16 players in 1876

North Shenango Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1911

North Ten Mile Brass Band (near Amity)

Active in 1853. Still active in 1855. Probably associated with the North Ten Mile Baptist Church

Northumberland Cornet Band

Founded in early 1866, leader John Ulp. Still active in 1871

Northumberland Military Band

Founded in 1903

Northwestern Band

Active in the 1900's

Noss Family Band (New Brighton)

Also known as the "Noss Jollities of Musical Comedy". They were a family of eight including the parents, Henry Noss (b. 1837) and Charlotte (later Mary after Charlotte died), the children being Flora (b. 1865), Ferdinand (b. 1866), Charlotte (b. 1868), Frank (b. 1870), May (b. 1872), and Bertha (b. 1877). Their first professional local performance was in Homewood, around 1880, where a circus man from Maine saw them in action one day and offered to manage them on a 16-week tour of Maine. Their career took off from then. They played at the Library Hall in Indiana, Pennsylvania in November 1886; the Ralston Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in February 1887; and the Skating Parlour, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, in March 1887. When the parents dropped out of the act, Ferd, Flora, Lottie, Frank and Mary billed themselves as "The Five Musical Nosses" and made for New York. There they became a vaudeville success. They retired in 1925 with the coming of the "talkies". They toured the entire United States, Canada, Cuba, and Mexico many times over

Noss Family Musical Novelty Company (New Brighton)

See: Noss Family Band

Nottingham Silver Cornet Band (East Nottingham)

Active in the late 1800s

Nuremberg Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Oak View Brass Band (Bartonsville)

See: Wesley Chapel Brass Band

Oakville Band (Shippensburg)

Active in the 1910's

Oakville Cornet Band

Founded in 1908, members included: Earl Beidler, John Wolf, Clarence and Frank Dunkelburger, Wilber Cramer, John Thrush, Wilbur Forney, Ray Dewalt, Ralph Mouer, Charles Brewster, Leland Thrush, Jesse McCaleb, Harvey Hoch and James Chamberlin

Oakville Town Band

Active in the 1900's

Octorara Cornet Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Oil City Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Oil City Cornet Band

Founded in May 1872, leader Frank Montford

Oil City I.O.O.F. Band

Active in the 1900's

Old Forge P.O.S. of A. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Camp 583 of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America fraternal organisation

Onset Independence Band

Active in 1914

Orange Home Band (Hatboro)

Active in the 1910's

Orangeville Brass Band

Active in 1867, 1868

Orbisonia Cornet Band

Founded in November 1880, with 15 members. First officers were W.T. Browning (president), R.J. Coons (vice-president), T.J.C. Ripple (secretary), D.R.P. Enyeart (treasurer), W.C. Wilson (leader), Professor D.N. Craft (teacher). The band met on Tuesday and Friday evenings in the public school building, Cromwell Street, and had 27 members in 1883.

Orbisonia Independent Band

Founded on 20 January 1881, with members: N.E. Otto (president), Thomas Wear (vice-president & leader), Z.B. Taylor (secretary and Major), George Trexler (treasurer), Horace Gratz, W.T. Gratz, Jacob Conrad, Samuel Glant, C.S. Lewis, Oliver Carothers, John B. Chilcoat, Eddie Williams, Joseph Pearce, E.B. Chilcoat, Lewis Keffauver, and Newton Sunderland. It was re-organised on 18 July 1881 and renamed Oribisonia Silver Cornet Band, having bought new silver instruments costing \$600.

Order of the Owls Band (McKeesport)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Nest 81 of the Order of the Owls fraternal organisation

Orefield Brass Band (Lehigh County)

Active in 1872

Orphans Home Band (Claysville)

Active around 1905

Orpheus Band (South Birdsboro)

Founded in 1906

Orwell Brass Band

Active in 1861

Orwigsburg Band

Active in the 1900's

Osceola Cornet Band

Founded in 1855. Still active in 1900

Osterburg Brass Band

Active from 1899 to 1911

Our Band (Shamokin)

Founded in 1875 with a membership of 12 musicians, conductor William H. Borden. Rehearsals were held in the Rescue Fire Company home, which at the time was a one-story frame structure. Because of the "adverse" conditions, rehearsals were moved to the second floor of the Liberty Fire Company. In 1906, the "Our Band" elected Walter Seiler as director, followed by Walter Seiler, William "Billy" Crone, Harley Hastings and William "Billy" Milbrand, who served as the last director before the band became inactive in 2004

Our Boys Band (Minersville)

Active in 1907

Our Star Band (Mountain)

Active in the 1910's

P. & L.E.R.R. Cornet Band (McKees Rocks)

See: Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Cornet Band

P.O.S. of A. Band (Leesburg)

See: Leesburg P.O.S. of A. Band

P.O.S. of A. Band (Lewiston)

See: Lewiston P.O.S. of A. Band

P.O.S. of A. Band (Old Forge)

See: Old Forge P.O.S. of A. Band

P.O.S. of A. Band (Somerton)

See: Somerton P.O.S. of A. Band

Paradise Band

Founded in 1893

Parish Manufacturing Corporation Band (Reading)

Active in 1916

Park Hill Brass Band (near Waynesboro)

Founded in May 1883, with members John Embly (leader), Henry Jacobs, Isaac Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Harvie Jacobs, Samuel Miller, Jacob Lehman, Walter McGee, William Funk, McClellan Hoke, William Smith, William Hoke, David Zentmyer, John Smith, Jacob Funk and David Wishard

Parryville Band

Founded in 1908

Parryville Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Patterson Band

Pattonsville Brass Band (Morrison Cove)

Founded in 1868, first public appearance at Woodbury on 14 November 1868. Still active in 1869

Pavia Cornet Band

Active from the early 1900's to around 1920

Peerless Band (Reading)

Active in the 1900's

Penn I.O.O.F. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Resolution Lodge, no. 609

Penn Township Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Penn View Brass Band (Norristown)

[Current band] - Founded in 2008

Pennsylvania Cornet Band (McVeytown)

Active in 1860

Pennsylvania Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Company Band

Active in the 1910's

Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphans Industrial School Band

Active in the 1900's

Perrysville Cornet Band (Ross Township)

Active in 1870 to 1874. Also in 1897 to 1899

Perseverance Brass Band (Lebanon)

Founded in 1857 as part of the Lebanon Perseverance Fire Company. 25 players in 1876. Still active today as a community wind band

Perseverance Cornet Band (Lebanon)

See: Perseverance Brass Band

Pfaff Family Cornet Band

Performed at the 50th anniversary ceremonies of the Ridge Valley Reformed Church, Argus, Pennsylvania, in September 1904. The band included mother Mary Ellen Pfaff, daughter Sallie and sons Lewis, Walter, Calvin, Fred and Horace

Philadelphia Brigade Band

Active in 1863

Philadelphia Excelsior Cornet Band

Active in 1872, leader Frank Jones

Philadelphia German Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1935

Philadelphia Harmonic Brass Band

Active in 1856, 1857

Philipsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1867, leader E.W. Thomas. Still active in 1869

Phillipsburg Band

Active in 1899

Phoenix Brass Band (Stroudsburg)

Active in 1859

Phoenixville Brass Band

Active in 1869 to 1876. 24 players in 1876

Phoenixville High School Band

Pillow Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Pine Forest Brass Band (McMichaels)

Active in the 1880's/1890s

Pine Grove Mills Brass Band

Active in 1871

Pioneer Band (Youngs)

Active around 1910

Pitcairn Citizens Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Cornet Band (McKees Rocks)

Active in the 1900's

Pittsburgh Area Boys Band

Active in the 1900's

Pittsburgh Brass Band

Active in 1855

Pittston Young Mens Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1875, when Anthony G. Kenney, a player in the band, died in a rock fall at the age of 25

Pleasant Gap Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Pleasant Mount Brass Band

Founded in 1897. Still active in 1901

Pleasantville Cornet Band

Founded in 1870. Still active in 1874

Plymouth Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Polish Band (South Sharon)

Active in the 1900's

Polk Cornet Band (Kresgeville)

Founded in summer 1873, with 16 players, leader Adam Green, purchased Stratton's back shoulder valved instruments, with instructor J.C. Hoffmann

Polk Mental Institution Band (Polk)

Active in 1920

Polk Mental Institution Ladies Band (Polk)

Active in 1920

Pomp's Cornet Band (Easton)

See: Easton Cornet Band

Pomp's Cornet Band (Stroudsburg)

Active in 1855

Pottstown Band

Active in 1905

Pottsville Band

Active in 1911

Pottsville Boys Band

Founded in 1910

Pottsville Cornet Band

Active in 1860 to 1861

Pottsville Liberty Band

Powder Valley Cornet Band

Active in 1902, performing at Hereford, conductor Enos Krause

Prohibition Band (Meadville)

Active around 1900

Prospect Cornet Band (Lower Windsor)

Active in 1886, leader William A. Haines

Providence Brass Band (Scranton)

Active in 1865

Pulaski Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Punxsutawney Citizens Band (1)

Founded in 1903, disbanded in 1918

Punxsutawney Citizens Band (2)

[Current band] - Founded in 2014

Punxsutawney Glass Works (Eldred) Band

Active in 1908

Punxsutawney Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Quakertown Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Quarryville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1912

Quincy Orphanage Home Band

See: U.B. Orphanage and Home Band

Rathmel Cornet Band

Active in 1899

Rawlinsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Reading American Ladies' Band

Active in the 1910's

Reading Band

Active in the 1890's

Reading Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 19 players

Reamstown Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Red Lion Asso' Band

Active in the 1910's

Reliance Band (Saxton)

Active in the 1900's

Renfrew Brass Band

Active around 1905. Members included Al Andrews, Andy Watson, Floyd Ramsey, David Weber, Forest Bowser, Everett Kirkpatrick, Dean Marshall, James Marshall, Roy Ramsey, Clyde Marshall, Harry Redick, Cliff Hoon, Hubert, Logue, Frank Bowser and Charles McKelvey

Repasz Brass Band (Williamsport)

See: Williamsport Brass Band

Resolute Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876

Resolution Lodge Band (Penn)

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Lodge no. 609 of the I.O.O.F.

Ridgway Band

Active in 1907

Ridgway Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1872, instructor I. Crowther, leader D.B. Day, secretary I.O.W. Bailey. Still active in 1874. President Fred Schoening and secretary C.W. Barrett in 1873

Rimersburg Firemans' Band (Clarion County)

Active in 1935

Ringgold Brass Band (Reading)

Active from the late 1850's to the 1880's. Papers of the band are held by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Ringing Rocks Cornet Band (Fleetwood)

Active in 1884 to 1887

River City Brass Band (Pittsburgh)

[Current band] - Founded in 1981

Roach Family Brass Band (Canonsburg)

Were closely associated with the Center Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, and performed there many times between July 1913 and January 1916

Roaring Branch Cornet Band

Active in 1896

Robert A. Packer Band (Sayre)

Active in 1892, with members: Charles Smith, Jay Eisenberg, Bill Drugan, Benny Emery, John Daly, Jim Kendall, Bob Matthews, James Daly (leader), James Sheehan, and Jacob Hoffman

Robesonia Band

Active in the 1900's

Rochester House of Refuge Brass Band

Founded in spring 1869, using second hand instruments

Rockdale Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 18 players

Rockefeller Band (Stroudsburg)

Active in the 1900's

Rocky Grove Band (Franklin)

Active in the 1910's

Rohrerstown Cornet Band

Founded around 1894, rehearsing in Stehman's warehouse. It disbanded around 1899

Roma Band (Adrian/Crawfordstown)

Active from 1904 to 1917

Roseto Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1924

Rossiter Concert Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Roth's Band (Oil City)

Rothsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's through to 1900. Members in 1899 included Harry Neidemeyer, John Fry, Wayne Landis, Joseph Mohn, Horace Schaeffer, Walter Reber, Walter Sauder, Ammon Hess, Graybill Pfautz, William Neidemeyer, Ed Murr, Isaac Schaeffer, Frank Spickler, John Reinhold, Allen Butzer, Joseph Butzer, George Butzer, and Mr Stork.

Rough & Ready Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Roulette Band

Active in the 1890's

Roulette Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1905. Members included Laura Lyman, Maude Sullivan, Mrs Weston, the Meyers sisters, Josie Fulnecky, Flossie Raymer, Grace Cullen and Lizzie Sullivan

Rouseville Cornet Band

Active in 1872, leader J. Slingerland, with 12 players including Billy Wadsworth

Rowley's Concert Band (Wilkes-Barre)

Active in 1906

Roxborough Cornet Band

Active in 1869

Royal Band

Active in the 1900's

Rural Valley Brass Band

Active in 1905 to 1916

Saegertown Band

Active in the 1900's

Sagon Cornet Band

Active around 1900

St Anthony' Cornet Band (Hazleton)

Founded in 1899

St Cecilia Cornet Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in 1874

St Clair Family Gospel Band (Clymer)

Composed of Rev. Robert St Clair, a Methodist minister, his wife Elsie and seven of their eight children (the youngest joining the band in 1932). The band gave numerous concerts in the Pennsylvania and Ohio from 1930 to 1937. In 1931 they spoke and played in 12 different states. The children were Esther (b. 1912), Mildred (b. 1915), Virginia (b. 1916), Helen (b. 1919), Ivagene (b. 1921), Roberta (b. 1924), Robert (b. 1926) and Richard (b. 1930)

Saint Clair Perseverance Band

Founded in 1916, conductor Sam Lee. Still active in 1918

St Francis' College Brass Band (Loretto)

Active in 1860, composed of students at the college. Conductor George F. Miller in 1861

St John River City Band (Pittsburgh)

[Previous name of current band] - See: River City Brass Band

St Joseph's Silver Cornet Band (Girardville)

Active in the 1890's

St Mary's Brass Band (Ebensburg)

Active in 1868

St Mary's Brass Band (Holidaysburg)

Founded in early 1868 by members of the St Mary's congregation

St Mary's Brass Band (Ridgway)

Active in 1866 to 1868

St Mary's Brass Band (St Marys)

Founded in 1892 with 21 members, which included John Laurent, John Heiser, Nicholas Heiser, and Lawrence Heiser. Still active in 1906

St Mary's Silver Cornet Band (New Castle)

Active in 1887, conductor James Rogan

St Michael's Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1866, associated with St Michael's Church in the city

Salladasburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1896

Saltillo Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Salunga Cornet Band

Founded in September 1896 by H. K. Way, a talented musician, with sixteen members. The band was incorporated in 1903, with these charter members: H. K. Way, musical director and solo cornetist; Dallas Weidman, Oscar Way, John Aston, Albert Hiestand, Allen Keller, Arthur Diffenderfer, William Habecker, John Weidman, William Myers, Eugene Diffenderfer, and Frank Montooth. Members in 1905 were: H. K. Way, director and clarionetist; Dallas Weidman, solo B flat cornet; Oscar Way, E flat cornet; Allen Way, first cornet; John Way, baritone; William Way, E flat bass; Edgar Diffenderfer, E flat bass; Allen Keller, second trombone; Arthur Diffenderfer, first slide trombone; Frank Montooth, third trombone; Albert Hiestand, baritone; Henry Hiestand, solo alto; Charles Myers, second alto; William Habecker, third alto; Frank While, fourth alto; Harry Musselman, bass drum; Edgar Way, snare drum.

Schaefferstown Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1870. Still active in 1918, conductor C.J. Hickernell. Members in 1910 were Harry Moyer, Elmer Reist, "Sis" Hickernell, Paul Miller, Valentine Strickler, Jeff Landis, Harvey Brendle, David Beamesderfer, Mr Leslie, C.J. Hickernell (conductor), Samuel Mock, William Reinhold, Charles Moore, Thomas Dissinger, Ed Landis, Frank Bucks, William Kreiger, Richard Bedger, Oscar Miller, John Wike, John Brunner, Adam Trostle, James Wike, Jacob Hartman, Adam Ream, George Beamesderfer, Harry Rhoads, George P. Miller, Samuel Wike, and George Wike

Sciota Brass Band (Monroe County)

Active in the 1880's/1890s

Scranton Brass Band

Active in 1854

Scranton Scout Band

Active in 1925

Seipstown Cornet Band (Weisenberg Township)

Active in the 1880's

Selinsgrove Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Selinsgrove L.O.O.M. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Lodge no. 1173 of the Loyal Order of Moose

Seven Points Cornet Band

Active in 1873, gaining third place in the contest at the Sunbury Union Park and Agricultural Fair on 9 October 1873

Shamokin Band

See: Our Band

Shamokin Brass Band

Founded in late 1857 or early 1858

Shanksville Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Sharpsburg Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Sharpsville Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Sheffield Band

Active in 1912

Shinglehouse Band

Active in 1911

Shinglehouse Concert Band

Active in 1909 to 1913

Shinglehouse Excelsior Band

Active in the 1900's

Shippensburg Cornet Band

Active in 1872, with 12 members, conductor Prof. F. J. Keller

Shoemakersville Band

Active in the 1890's

Shrewsbury Brass Band (1)

Active in 1857

Shrewsbury Brass Band (2)

Active in 1871

Silver Spring Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Silver Tone Ladies' Cornet Band (Espeville)

Active in 1914

Singer Band (Mechanicsburg)

See: Keystone Cornet Band

Sinking Valley Cornet Band (Altoona)

Active from the mid-1880s through to the 1900's

Sixth Ward Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active in 1886, later known as the Williamsport Citizens Cornet Band. Still active in the 1910's

Slatedale Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's - George L. Williams played cornet

Slippery Rock Band

Active in 1908

Smithfield Cornet Band

Active in 1866, leader W. Dittrich

Smith's Band (Williamsport)

Founded 3 December 1876. Disbanded 3 June 1881

Smithton Community Band

SMS Band (Arnot)

Active in 1915

Soldiers' Orphans School Band (Chester Springs)

Active in 1905

Somerset Brass Band

Active in 1864

Somerton P.O.S. of A. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Camp 20 of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America fraternal organisation

Sons of Veterans Band (Brookville)

Active in the 1900's

Sons of Veterans Band (McClure)

Active in the 1900's

Soucies Band (Newport)

A ladies' band active in the 1910's

South Side Cornet Band (South Williamsport)

Active in 1886 to 1896

South Williamsport Independent Fire Co. Band

Active in the 1910's

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Active in the 1910's

Sporting Hill Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Spring City Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 17 players

Spring City Liberty Fire Company Band

Active in 1905

Spring City Temperance Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Spring Grove Silver Cornet Band

Founded in the 1890's. Disbanded in the late 1920's

Springdale Band (Foustown)

Active in the 1900's

Springhill Brass Band (Spring Hill)

Active in 1861

Springville Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Spry Band

Founded on 3rd October 1903. Still active in the 1910's

Star Band (Coatesville)

Active in 1900

Starbird Cornet Band (Corry)

Active in 1871, 1872, leader C.D. Buss

Starboard Cornet Band (Corry)

See: Starbird Cornet Band

Starview Cornet Band

Active in 1886, instructor Anson C. Hartman

State Normal School Band (West Chester)

Active in the 1910's

Stephen Girard Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876, with 20 players

Stetler's Cornet Band (Middleburgh)

Founded 7th September 1871. Still active in 1921 with leader John F. Stetler

Stevens Family Brass Band

Active from September 1883, when they were on the bill of Hagar & Campbell's Dime Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advertised as "the Greatest Musical Marvels of the Age". They continued to perform in and around Philadelphia for the next few years. The band was resident in Reading, Pennsylvania in July 1888, when they took a contract to tour with the Rexford Brothers' Circus for the season

Stewartstown Imperial Band

Active in 1908

Stoe's Silver Cornet Band (Danville)

See: Danville Silver Cornet Band

Stokes Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active in the 1870's. An Afro-American band

Stoneboro Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1901

Stopper Brass Band (Williamsport)

Active in 1859, leader Fred Stopper. Became Williamsport Silver Cornet Band after the Civil War. Served in the 106th Regiment, PA, Volunteer Infantry for one year during the Civil War

Story Farm Cornet Band (Petroleum Center, Venango County)

See: Columbia Cornet Band

Strasburg Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Strasburg Citizens' Band

Founded around 1885

Strasburg I.O.G.T. Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Strausstown Citizens Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1910

Strohl Family Cornet Band

Active in 1870. It provided music for the Baptist Sunday School excursion to Crystal Cave, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in July 1883. Professor William H. Strohl (b. 1836), his wife Esther Z. (née Erb, b. 1841) and their children Charles (b. 1868), Emma (b. 1873), George (b. 1864), Rose (b. 1880), Thomas (b. 1858), Rebecca (b. 1866), Michael (b. 1860), Marie "Mamie" (b. 1871), William (b. 1862) and Esther (b. 1875)

Stroudsburg Brass Band

Active in 1850

Stroudsburg Cornet Band

Founded in 1851. Leader J.A. Miller in 1851, Gottlieb Ketterer in 1858, Mr Moran in 1874. Conductor William H. Wolf, secretary William Hollinshead in 1859-1860. Still active in 1887. In 1851, a small group men held a band concert at Courthouse Square in downtown Stroudsburg. Led by J.A. Miller, members of this small group played the trumpet, trombone, French horn and a cornopean, entertaining the crowd with a selection of marches, polkas and waltzes. Many young men who heard the concert were inspired to form their own bands. Five years after the concert at the courthouse, what started off as a small group grew in size, became better organized and called themselves the Stroudsburg Cornet Band. William H. Wolf became the director, and by 1859,

the Stroudsburg Cornet Band was in great demand. The group performed at many venues, including the Kittatinny House and Brainerd House in Delaware Water Gap and picnics, parades, and public meetings across the county. The start of the Civil War in 1861 saw a major decline in area bands; many men enlisted in the Army, some of them serving in military bands. When the Civil War ended and the men came home, the interest in town bands was renewed. The Stroudsburg Cornet Band immediately reorganized itself in 1866.

Sugar Grove Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Summerville I.O.R.M. Band

Active in 1911

Sunbury Brass Band

See: Sunbury Cornet Band (1)

Sunbury City Band

Active in the 1910's

Sunbury Cornet Band (1)

Founded in September 1854. In 1860, with leader Thomas D. Grant, president Jarid C. Irvin, they offered up their instruments for sale - 12 brass instruments, several of them with rotary valves. Still active in 1866. It did not last much beyond that as an attempt to raise a replacement silver cornet band for the town was made in September 1868. Also known as Grant's Cornet Band

Sunbury Cornet Band (2)

Founded in summer 1871. Did not last long as a successor band was formed in 1872

Sunbury Cornet Band (3)

Founded in May 1872 by Thomas D. Grant, Thomas M. Pursel, and Jared C. Irwin, with 12 players, instruments costing \$550. Teacher J.D.C. Clymer appointed in December 1872. Still active in 1874

Sunbury I.O.O.F. Orphans Home Band

Active in 1918

Sunrise Brass Band (Shawneee)

Active in 1885

Superior Band (Pittsburg)

Active in the 1900's

Susquehanna Shop Band

Active in 1910 - the band of the Erie Railroad Shop in Susquehanna

Swanson Family Band (Kane)

Based in Kane, Pennsylvania in the 1930's. It consisted of Mr & Mrs Clifford Swanson and their children Melvin, Paul and Isabel. Gave a concert at the Swedish Mission Church in Kane in March 1931, at Warren in April to June 1931, Fagundas in August 1931. The band continued giving concerts around the area through to November 1933

Swede Hill Home Band

Active in the 1900's

Swengel Cornet Band

Founded in January 1884, disbanded in 1919. Members in 1909 included Harry Ruhl, R. Ernest Ruhl, Archie Walter, Charles Knauss, Roy Krebs, James E. Catherman, Lester D. Ruhl, Albert Linn Catherman, Adam Krebs, Jacob Knauss, Clarence Feaster, Newton Schreckengast, Charles F. Ruhl and Gibson Rote.

Sykesville Band

Active in 1907 to 1916

Sykesville Boys' Band

Active in the 1920's

T.A.B. Cornet Band (West Chester)

Founded in 1874, leader William S. Bowen. Lasted for five years

Tamaqua Miners' Band

Active in the 1890's

Tanawa Cornet Band (Paradise)

Active in the 1880's and 1890's

Tannersville Brass Band

Active in 1852

Taylor Brass Band (Scranton)

Founded in 1890 and active through to around 1910. Revived in 1915 under the leadership of D.E. Jones

Thomasville Band

Active in the 1900's

Thompson Vocational School Band

Active in the 1910's

Tidioute Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Tobyhanna Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Towanda Boys Band

Active in 1923

Towanda Brass Band

See: Towanda Cornet Band

Towanda Cornet Band

Active in 1857, leader Mr Dittrich. Still active in 1865. In 1860 it had 10 players, with secretary J. Bill Means

Tressler Orphans Home Band (Lovsville)

Active in 1906 to 1938

Trevorton Brass Band

Founded in early 1857, leader Thomas Foulds

Trout Run Brass Band (Lycoming County)

Active in 1889, conductor Herdic Wood. Still active in 1915

Troutville Silver Cornet Band

Founded on 5 May 1853, with leader Professor John Volkwein. In 1886 there were 14 members, conducted by George W. Miller

Troy Engine Company Band

Active in the 1910's

Tunkhannock Brass Band

Active in 1866, leader George S. Tutton. Still active in 1868. Bandmaster R.P. Ross in 1867-1868

Turbotville Brass Band

Active in 1857

Turtle Creek Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Tuscarora Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

U.B. Orphanage and Home Band (Quincy)

Active in 1908

Ulster Brass Band

Active in 1859. Still active in 1866. It procured a handsome band wagon in 1860, manufactured for them by A.P. Stevens of Athens, PA. Leader William Dittrich in 1860-1866

Uncle Tom's Cabin Band

Active in 1908

Union Bricklayers' Band (Bethlehem)

Active in the 1910's

Union City Band

Active in the 1910's

Uniontown Brass Band

Active in 1853 to 1855

United Mine Workers' Band (Brady)

Active in the 1890's. Members included Ben Taylor, Taylor, Skinner Startzel, Art Gaughan, Harrison Bautsbach (leader), Lott Hepner, William Shegan, Thomas Hepper, Albert Delong, William Heck, Grant Hummel, Charler Miner, Ray Felix, John Delong, John Hummel, Grant Dindorf, Jake Dindorf, Harvey Back and Bill Heck

Upland Brass Band

Active in 1876, with 17 players. Still active in the 1910's

V.M. & I. Band (Sharpesville)

Active in the 1900's

Valley Forge Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 20 players

Verona Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Victa Cornet Band (Westmoreland County)

Active in 1876

Victory Cornet Band (Meckville)

Active in the 1900's

W.Y.P. Band (West York)

Active in the 1900's

Wagner's West Shore Band (Lemoyne)

Active in 1922

Wakefield Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 17 players

Wakeman's Cornet Band (Laceyville)

Active in 1860, leader Benjamin E. Wakeman

Walston Brass Band

Active in 1902 -1911

Warren Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1871

Warren Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Warriors Mark Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Washington Brass Band (Freeburg)

Active in 1854, leader Professor Eckart. Still active in 1855

Washington Cornet Band (Annville)

Founded in 1856, with 9 players under the leadership of John Henning. Woodwind instruments appeared in the band around 1879. The band is still active today as a community wind band (Washington Band of Annville)

Waterford Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Watrous Band

Active in 1906

Wattsburg Women's Brass Band

Active in 1895

Waynesboro Cornet Band

Founded in 1889. Early members included Mr Granaman, Elmer Baker, Will Webb, Wid Pilkington, Ed Lidy, Walter Baker, Bill NcNew, Guy Price, Bryan, Harvey Jacobs, Barry Schildknecht, Vernie Barnhart, Frank Neildeldt, and Amos Noll.

Waynesburg Brass Band (1)

Active in 1853 to 1855

Waynesburg Brass Band (2)

Founded in late 1859. Still active in 1860

Weatherly Band

Active in the 1900's

Weccacoe Legion Cornet Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1876

Weetman's Military Band (Glenwillard)

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Wellesboro Military Band

Active in 1910

Wesley Chapel Brass Band (Bartonsville)

Active in the 1880's/1890s. Later known as Oakview Brass Band

West Alexander Brass Band

Active in 1855

West Bangor Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1874

West Berwick Grinders Club Dutch Band

Active in the 1910's

West Chester Brass Band

Founded in 1870

West Chester Cornet Band

Active in 1892, when James Dulin was a member

West Chester Liberty Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

West Freedom Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

West Middletown Brass Band

Active in 1853. Still active in 1861

West Milton Band

Active in 1909

West Philadelphia Brass Band

Active in 1868

West Philadelphia Cornet Band

West Springfield Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Westfield Band

Active in the 1900's

Westinghouse Band (Pittsburgh)

Active in the 1920's

Westville Cornet Band (Washington Township)

Active in the early 1900's, when members included Fredrick Anderson, John A. Anderson, Helding Anderson, and Carl Anderson

Wheatland Band

Active in the 1900's

Wickboro Band

Active in 1911

Wiconisco Amateur Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Wiconisco Independent Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Wildcat Regiment Band (105th PA)

Founded in 1993, disbanded in 2017

Willett's Brass Band (Philadelphia)

Active in 1867

Williamsport Brass Band

Founded in 1831. Leader Daniel Stubblebine in 1860. Later also known as Repasz Brass Band

Williamsport Citizens Cornet Band

See: Sixth Ward Brass Band

Williamsport Excelsior Band

Active in 1831. Did not last long

Williamsport Marine Band

See: Newtown Brass Band

Williamsport Redmen Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Tallalula lodge of the Red Men organisation

Williamsport Silver Cornet Band

See: Stopper Brass Band

Williamstown Citizens Band

Active around 1910

Willow Cornet Band

Active in 1876, with 19 players

Willow Street Cornet Band

Active in 1914

Willow Street Liberty Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Winfield Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Winona Band (Reading)

Active in 1909 to 1910

Wolf Family Cornet Band

Led by Uriah Wolf (b. 1859) with his two sons, Irvin (b. 1888) and Elwood (b. 1892), and his two daughters, Edna (b. 1886) and Verna (b. 1890). They lived in Jackson, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and played at the 60th birthday celebrations of Mrs Theodore F. Krauss in Allentown, in April 1902

Womelsdorf Band

Active in the 1910's

Woodbury Cornet Band

Active in 1883

Worthington Gay Nineties Band (Armstrong)

Active in the 1890's

Wynoma Cornet Band (Meshoppen)

Active around 1900

Yardley Citizen's Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's. [the Yardley Historical Association holds the band's minute book, 1884-1885]

Yatesboro Citizens Band

Active in 1916

Yawter Excelsior Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Yeagertown Band

Active in 1910

Yoe Citizens Band

Active in 1910

York Citizens' Band

Active in 1871

York City Band

Active in the 1900's

Yorkville Union Cornet Band

Founded in 1881. Still active in the 1890's

Young America Band (Allentown)

Active in 1903 to 1908

Youngstown Brass Band

Active in 1850, conductor Mr White. Also active in the 1880's

Zion Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

USA - Rhode Island



Westerly Band, 1885

Albion Band

Active in the 1890's

American Brass Band (Providence)

Founded in 1837 under conductor Joseph Green, and soon became known as one of New England's finest brass bands, performing a variety of engagements ranging from concerts to balls to military musters. Members in September 1860 were: Joseph C. Greene (leader), W. Haskell, W.E. Whiting, W.W. Hull, B.G. Reynolds, W.L. Reynolds, I.P. Tanner, S.G. Whittemore, A. Heise, E.A. Paine, S.R. Sweet, J. Lothrop, J. Wheaton, S.J. Sweet, A.E. Dickerson, A.M. Pond, W.L. Dunbar, G.W. Griffith, W.B. Kingsley, J.C. Harrington, W.W. Maxfield, S.D. Spink, and J.O. Reed. In April of 1861 the Band, whose members served as stretcher-bearers for the wounded, saw action at the battle of Bull Run. Its only casualty was the loss of its bass drum during the Union retreat. In 1866, David Wallis Reeves, a renowned cornetist with the famous Dodwarth Band of New York, was hired to lead the Band. Reeves added woodwinds to the formerly all-brass group, and the ensemble became known as Reeves American Band. The band is still active today as a symphonic concert band

Block Island Boys' Trumpet Band

Active in the 1920's

Brigade Cornet Band (Providence)

Active in the late 1840's and early 1850's

Bristol Cornet Band

Brown University Brass Band (Providence)

Active in 1893

Carolina Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Columbus Band (Natick)

Active in the 1910's

Empire Band (Providence)

Active in the 1900's

Fanfare du College du Sacre Coeur (Central Falls)

Active in the 1910's

First Light Infantry Band (Bristol)

Active in 1918

Greenville Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Greenwich Bay Brass

[Current band] - Founded in 2006, MD Leif Reslow

Harrisville Band

Active in the 1900's

Hillsgrove Band

Active in the 1900's

Hope Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Jillson's Cornet Band (Hope Valley)

See: Mechanics' Brass Band

Kenyon Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Kinney's Brass Band

A family band active in the 1880's or 1890's

Lafayette Cornet Band (North Kingstown)

Formed in the mill village of Lafayette in 1882 and served as the focus of village social life by performing at lawn parties, socials and band fairs which were threeday entertainment extravaganzas. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, the band was led by the captain of the steamer General and entertained on moonlight excursions between Wickford and Newport. At the opening of the Sea View Railroad running from Wickford to Narragansett Pier in 1899, the band led the celebration from its own railroad car. The band is still currently active as Lafayette Community Band.

Mechanics' Brass Band (Hope Valley)

Founded in 1867. Instructor Joseph C. Greene in 1868, leader James D. Jillson. Known as Jillson's Cornet Band from 1872. Disbanded in 1887

Millville Brass Band

Active in 1892. Harry Phillips (late bandmaster of Truro City Band, Cornwall) and his daughter Katie (cornet) were members in 1892

Newport Brass Band

Active in 1875

Newport Municipal Band

Active in 1915

North Kingston County Band

Active in the 1900's

Pascoag Brass Band

Pawtucket Cornet Band

Active in 1875

Peace Dale Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Providence American Brass Band

Active in 1869

Providence Brigade Band (1)

Founded in 1846. Comprised of tradesmen and professional people who were musicians by avocation. Numbered among them were a music professor, a carpenter, a blacksmith, and a jeweler.

Providence Brigade Band (2)

Active in 1880

Providence Brigade Band (3)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Rockland Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Sacred Heart College Brass Band (Central Falls)

See: Fanfare du College du Sacre Coeur

Scituate Brass Band

Active in 1849, leader Robert Sheldon Thornton

Sockanosset Band (Cranston)

Active in 1905

U.S. Navy Training Station Band (Newport)

Active in the 1900's

Westerly Band

Active in 1885 to 1926

Woonsocket Cornet Band

Founded on June 22, 1865. Its officers were: Emory A. Paine, president; Andrew J. Varney, vice-president; Enos A. Clarke, clerk and treasurer. It's first leader was Mr. E. A. Paine, and under him it won many laurels. But the gentleman to whom it is chiefly indebted, and under whom it has become an institution of which Woonsocket feels justly proud, is Mr. B. W. Nichols. He was chosen leader May 4, 1868; and, with the exception of a short time during which it was under the leadership of Mr. William Sparry, filled the position, with eminent ability, at least until 1876. The band was chartered by the General Assembly at the January Session in 1874. Conductor Prof. Joseph A. Emid in 1871, with 21 players. Still active in 1915

Woonsocket United Brass Band

Active in 1846, leader Augustus Brown, secretary C. C. Gates. It rehearsed in a building that was later (1876) occupied by the Woonsocket Machine Company as offices.

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Converse Band

7th Regiment Brass Band (Edgefield)

Founded in autumn 1853, tutor Mr Bohler. Still active in 1857. Secretary William Lott in 1855. Also known as Edgefield Brass Band

Abbeville Brass Band

Active in 1871

Allen Brass Band

Active in 1917

Anderson Brass Band

Active in 1861 to 1871

Bethel Cornet Band (York)

Incorporated in August 1856

Bethel Cornet Band

Founded in 1890 by Lacy K. Armstrong at Glenn & Riddle's General Store. They practiced in a one-room gingerbread house lent them by S. S. Glenn. Known as "Buttons and Braid and Bugles." The band was chosen as the official band for the laying of the Winthrop College cornerstone on May 12, 1894. Gov. Ben Tillman was present along with more than 10,000 witnesses to this historic occasion. The Bethel Band, like most others, was always present at political speakings.

Bishopville Temperance Brass Band

Active in 1852

Blairsville Cornet Band

Formed in 1883 to represent the western part of York County under the direction of T. B. Herndon. The band had 11 members, 6 of them bearing Plexico as a surname, 4 Robinsons and William Lucas

Bullock Creek Brass Band

Active in 1859 - this was a temperance band

Calhoun County Brass Band (St Matthews)

Active in 1908

Camden Brass Band

Active in 1871

Camden Colored Brass Band

Founded in 1872 with instruments bought from Wateree Cornet Band

Chester Brass Band

Active in 1868. It was formerly the Band of the Sixth Regiment

Chester Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1872

Chicora Cornet Band (Charleston)

Founded in 1870. Still active in 1873. Members in 1871 included Benjamin E. Holloway (leader), Joseph P. Howard, Frederick O. Marshall, Roswell R. Desverney, William Logan, Sidney C. Eggart, William B. Chase, John R. Edwards, James M. Holloway, John L. Fowler, and Shallo Bacaise

Claflin University Brass Band (Orangeburg)

Active in the 1900's

Columbia Brass Band

See: Columbia Silver Cornet Band

Columbia Firemen's Brass Band

See: Columbia Silver Cornet Band

Columbia Silver Cornet Band

Founded in August 1868 Columbia Firemen's Brass Band, with initial members including W.B. Stanley, John McKenzie, T.W. Radcliffe, W.D. Peck, and R.C. Shiver. It was renamed Columbia Silver Cornet Band in April 1872, leader Mr LyBrand. Still active in 1873.

Converse Band

Active in the 1910's

Davis Concert Band (Calhoun Falls)

Active in the 1910's

Due West Brass Band

Active in 1869

Ebenezerville Brass Band (Rock Hill)

Founded in 1860, tutor Professor Weiss

Edgefield Brass Band (1)

See: 7th Regiment Brass Band

Edgefield Brass Band (2)

Founded in late 1859

Etheredge Band

See: Etheredge Family Brass Band

Etheredge Family Brass Band (Saluda County)

The band consisted of the Etheredge brothers Samuel, Mark, Henry, Martin and some of their siblings Letha, Watkins, Tyre, William, Arthur and West. They took their name from their former slave owner, Joseph Etheredge, of Edgefield County, who sold some land, 195 acres, to Samuel Etheredge, who parcelled it up to his sons around 1900

Eutaw Brass Band

Active in 1864. It was the band of the 25th South Carolina Volunteers, in General Hapgood's brigade. In December 1864 it played a concert at the Metropolitan Hall, Richmond, Virginia, consisting of: Overture to Norma (Bellini), Hebstblumen Waltzes (Labitsky), Casta Diva from Norma (Bellini), Alice Schottische (Labitzky), Duet from Lucrezia Borgia (Donizetti), Eclipse Polka (Charles d'Albert), Overture to Nabucco (Verdi), Elbe Klange Waltzes (Petrack), Miserere Scene from Il Trovatore (Verdi), Camilla Schottische (Strauss), Sounds from Home (Gung'l), Pervigilie Galop (Hensel)

Festive Brass (Myrtle Beach)

[Current band] - Founded in 1998

Graniteville Military Band

Founded in 1905

Greenville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854 to 1860

Greenville Brass Band (2)

Active in 1868. In 1872 it was described as a "colored band with a vast deal of wind, playing long and loud, and as much out of tune as it was possible, and kept up the discord until midnight"

Highland Park Mill Brass Band (Rock Hill)

Active around 1900

Hoodtown Silver Cornet Band

Founded in December 1883, conductor Capt. S. S. Plexico. The band had 10 members, two of them just boys. Robert Lee Hood, 6, played the drum and Henry Hood, 12, played first E flat cornet. The band's first concert involved a parade from Black's Station to the top of Whitaker's Mountain where a newlybuilt observatory was unveiled

Infantry Replacement Center Band (Camp Croft)

Active in the 1920's

Jenkins Orphanage Band (Charleston)

Active in the 1900's. It performed throughout the United States and even toured England raising money for the support of the orphanage. As many as five bands were on tour during the 1920's. It finally disbanded in the 1980s. [Further information, see: The Jenkins Orphanage Band - Bibliolore: the RLIM blog - 13 March 2014 - (https://bibliolore.org/2014/03/13/the-jenkins-orphanage-band/); The Jenkins Orphanage Bands, in: Black Europe - Bear Family Productions, Hambergen, 2013; Rockwell, Anne F. - Hey, Charleston!: The True Story of the Jenkins Orphanage Band - Carolrhoda Books, 2013. ISBN: 0761355650; Chilton, John - A Jazz Nursery: The Story of the Jenkins' Orphanage Bands - Bloomsbury, 1980. ISBN: 095012902x]

Jocassee Brass Band

Active in 1858

Lancaster Brass Band

Active in 1860

Lockhart Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

LyBrand's Silver Cornet Band (Columbia)

See: Columbia Silver Cornet Band

Mettler's Banda Familia (Gaffney)

It was recognised for many years as the champion family band of the county, in Gaffney, South Carolina. It performed, in its own bandwagon drawn by six beautiful spotted Shetland ponies, at the Lawrenceburg Fall Festival, Indiana, in September 1931. Over the years they travelled from coast to coast, from lakes to gulf, with circuses and shows, culminating with the Bantley All American Show playing at the Cherokee County Fair in Gaffney, in September 1937. Mary Mettler played mellophone, little brother Gene was known as the world's youngest animal trainer. There were five children, including George Mettler

Mitchell's Brass Band (Charleston)

Active in 1867

Newberry Cornet Band

Founded in early 1872, leader Mr Ollever. Still active in 1874

Oconee Band

Active in the 1910's

Olivet Brass Band (York)

Active in 1859 - this was a temperance band

Orangeburg Military Band

Founded in 1907

Palmetto Brass Band

Founded in early 1854, leader R. Turner. Still active in 1860

Palmetto Cornet Band (Camden)

Active in 1873, 1874

Palmetto Fireman's Brass Band (Columbia)

Active in 1871, leader Captain W.H. Lybrand, associated with the Palmetto Fire Company in Columbia

Phoenix Brass Band (Charleston)

Founded in 1869, composed of colored men. Still active in 1871, leader W.R. Fordham

Pickens Brass Band

Active in 1869

Piedmont Cornet Band

Active in 1889 with members J. Summey, J. Iler, A. Noblet, W. Iler, H. Cobb, F. Cox, S. Buchanan, B. Summey, W. McCall, S. Owens, A. Lycan, A. Iler, W. Rector, and E. Hammett

Republican Brass Band (Columbia)

Active in 1869

Richland Volunteer Brass Band (Columbia)

Founded in spring 1866 with 10 players

Rock Hill Cornet Band

Founded around 1876, with 12 members made up mostly of Main Street merchants with John Gary Anderson playing the bass drum. It had its own band wagon painted in gold and yellow much like a circus cart. Band members rode on top the wagon which was pulled by either 2 or 4 horses. Still active in 1909

St Patrick's Brass Band (Charleston)

Founded in July 1871, associated with the St Patrick's Benevolent Society, secretary W. Baker. Still active in 1872, with 15 players

Sandy River Brass Band

Active in 1860, leader Captain Lucas

Spartanburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Sumter Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854

Sumter Brass Band (2)

Founded in early 1871

Thompson's Brass Band (Columbia)

Active in 1871. This was a colored band

Timmonsville Brass Band

[no information]

Tyger Brass Band (Spartanburg)

Active in 1855

Unionville Brass Band (Union)

Walhalla Brass Band

Founded in spring 1869

Wateree Cornet Band

Founded in late 1871, with instruments costing \$200. Still active in 1872, leader Professor Fons

Yorkville Brass Band

Active in 1870, leader Captain J.A. Owen

Young American Cornet Band (Anderson)

Founded in June 1893 with initial members Sam Trowbridge, Eb cornet, leader, age 13; Jow Trowbridge, Bb cornet, age 11; Sam Payne, 1st alto, age 9; Clarence Payne, 2nd alto, age 11; Julian Fant, 1st tenor, age 16; Ben Daniels, tuba, age 14; Ben Fant, snare drum, age 13; Will Webb, bass drum, age 13; Jim Leak, cymbals, age 13; Guy Daniels, drum major, age 7

USA - South Dakota



Iona Concert Band

3rd Regiment Band (Mitchell Corn Palace)

Active in 1903

4th Infantry National Guard Band (Watertown)

Active in 1909

Alcester Union Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Angus Band (Raymond)

Active in the 1910's

Arlington Cornet Band

Active in 1909, leader E.R. Doren

Avon Brass Band

Active in 1908, performing at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota

B.M.S. Band (Hot Springs)

Active in 1917

Bancroft Band

Active in the 1910's

Bates Township Brass Band

Founded in 1890, with original members F. J. Feller, Alvin C. Feller, and Frank Bates, cornets; Charles Weeks, clarinet; Charles V. Matthews, George N. Holder,

Lloyd Robinson, altos; Ed Haywood and Charles Hite, tenors; Will Burdick, baritone; Chauncy Haywood, bass; Eugene Hite, snare drums; and Jason D. Feller, bass drum. The band became the Pioneer Band of Bates and Scotland Township in 1911, and was still active through to the 1930's

Bath Township Brass Band

Founded in January 1886

Beresford Band

Active in 1911

Bower Family Band (Vermillion)

Active in the Black Hills of South Dakota in the 1890's and 1900's. Members were father John Calvin Bower, his wife Keziah, and children John Sidney (cornet), Nettie (tenor horn), Louisa (Lulu) (euphonium), Rose (trombone), Warren Mayo (cornet), Rhoda Alice (drums), and Quinnie (tuba). Rose Bowers spent time working for the suffragettes in New York in 1915, and used her bugling skills to aid their work. In 1870, Calvin and Keziah (called Kizzie) Bower set out from Lodi, Wisconsin headed for Vermillion, Dakota Territory in a covered wagon with four small children, two boys and two girls. The family lived in Vermillion for about fifteen years and added four more girls to the family. The oldest girl, Alice, was nicknamed "Od". In 1885, the whole family moved to the Black Hills in two groups. The first group pulled a prairie schooner loaded with John Deere farm equipment and the second group travelled in a covered wagon. Most of them claimed homesteads on Battle Creek below Hermosa. The Bower Family Band soon became the leading musical organization of the central Black Hills. They played at all kinds of entertainments, led Fourth of July parades through the streets of Keystone and provided band music when presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan made a whistle stop in Hill City. Laura Bower Van Nuys, the youngest of the Bower family, wrote a biography of the family, "The Family Band, From the Missouri to the Black Hills, 1881 - 1900", published in 1961 by University of Nebraska Press. Walt Disney Studios bought the rights to the story and produced a movie in 1968 based on the book called, "The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band". The Original Band, with Jimmy Baldwin as the leader was cornets: Mayo Bower, Ned Bacon and Joe Hayes; baritone horn: Ed Hayes; trombone: Nattie Bower; tenor horns: Patsy Hayes and A.C. McDonald; alto horns: Laura Bower; Carrie Bower; Aubert Canfield and Willie Graham; tuba: Quinnie Bower; drums: John Hayes, Cliff Pike and Charles Canfield

Bridgewater Brass Band

Active in 1908, performing at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota

Bridgewater Colony Band

Active in the 1920's to 1933. The "World's only Colony Band honoring General W.W. Howes, Acting Post-Master General"

Brookings Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's to the 1900's

Bruce Band

Active around 1900

Bushnell Band

Active in 1909

C.G. & T. Band (Central City)

Active in the 1890's

Canova Concert Band

Active in 1912

Centennial Cornet Band (Elk Point)

Founded in 1876, with fifteen members

Chamberlain Brass Band

Active in 1887

Clear Lake Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Collins Family Cornet Band (Sioux Falls)

There were eight members of the family, playing nine instruments, Robbie Collins doing the double act of tuba and bass drum

Cottonwood Band

Active in the 1890's

Crow Creek Indian Brass Band

Active around 1900

Czech Brass Band (Tabor)

Active in 1890, members included A. Krejcik, Jim Petrik, Joseph Petrik, Matt Petrik, Albert Melmer, Charles Skorpil, John Schuch, and Tom Sinek

Dakota Territory Band (Clear Lake)

Active in 1885

Dakota Wesleyan Band

Active in 1911

Dallas Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Deadwood Redmen Band

Active in the 1900's

Dell Rapids Band

Active in 1908

Dixon Brass Band

Active in 1912

Eagle Band (Millbank)

Active in the 1910's

Earharts Boys Band (Platte)

Active in 1910

Emery Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Eureka Concert Band

Active in the 1920's

Fairfax Band

Active in 1911

Faith Concert Band

Active in 1912

Farwell Brass Band

Active in 1908, performing at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota

Firemen's Volunteer Band (Hot Springs)

Active around 1910

Flandreau Cornet Band

Active in 1909, leader John Woods

Gate City Band

Active in the 1900's

Gettysburg Band

Active in the 1910's

Hartley Municipal Band

Active in the 1910's

Highland Park Brass Band (Lead)

Active in the early 1900's

Hill City Band

Active around 1900

Hot Springs Fireman's Volunteer Band

Active in the 1910's

Hurley Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Huron Band

Active in the 1910's

Huron Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in August 1890. Initial members included Anna Wardall, Mary Clark, Nellie Johnson, Mary Bronham, Ella Thomas, Louise Harvey, Daisy Shelton, Unie Milne, Madge Elson, Mary Sterling and Cora Wood.

Iona Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Iroquois Cornet Band

Active in 1909, leader T.S. Walrod

Isabel Band

Active in 1911 to 1914

Lennox Band

Active in 1908

Letcher Cornet Band

Active in 1909, leader H.W. Askew

Liberati's Famous Band (Mitchell)

Active in the 1910's

Liberty Famers Band

Active in the 1900's

Maccabee Band (Miranda)

Active in the 1890's

Madison Cornet Band

Active in 1891, contemporary with the ladies' band

Madison Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in May 1891, with members: Maggie Koehler, Fannie Flitcroft, Delia Flitcroft, Lottie Slifer, Florence Slifer, Myrtle Myars, Aggie Stewart, Eloise Olmore, Lila Elwell, Mary Marquart, Emma Marquart, Grace Barton, and instructor Professor Rhinolds

Miller Juvenile Band

Active in 1908

Mitchell Wesleyan University Band

Active in 1910

Mobridge Band

Active in the 1900's

Mount Vernon Band

Active in 1916

N.S. and A.S. Cornet Band (Lesterville)

Active in the 1890's

Nunda Band

Active in the 1900's

Philip City Band

Active in the 1900's

Pierpont Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Pierre Indian School Band

Active in the 1900's

Platte Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Pleasant Valley Cornet Band

Active in 1909 to 1915

Pukwana Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Rapid City Band

Active in the 1910's

Redfield Brass Band

Active in 1908 to 1910

Redfield Fireman Band

Active around 1890, with 14 members

Richfield College Band

Active in the 1900's

Rose Bud Band (Bonesteel)

Active in 1907

Salem Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Savo Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Schurch Family Brass Band (Exline, Spink)

The girls were Rose (b. 1917), Bertha (b. 1914), Mabel (b. 1912), Pearl (b. 1920) and Ethel (b. 1915). Father was Henry Ernest Schurch (b. 1887), wife Lena (née Nuhring, b. 1897). The boys were Henry (b. 1923), John (b. 1926) and Wesley (b. 1929). The band was active in the late 1930's and 1940's

Severs Band (Redfield)

Active in the 1900's

Sioux Falls Brass Band

Active in 1908, performing at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota

Sioux Falls Municipal Band

Founded in 1919. Still active in 2019 as a concert band

South Dakota State Band (Aberdeen)

Active in the 1900's

Spearfish Band

Active in the 1900's

Spencer Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Springfield Normal Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in 1898

Stickney Brass Band

Active in 1908, performing at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota

Sulphur Springs Brass Band (Jerrauld County)

Active in the 1890's

Tabor Brass Band

Active in 1882

Tripp City Band

Active in the 1910's

Tripp Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Tyndal Commericial Club Band

Founded in 1912, leader W.R. Glenn. Other band members at that time were Henry Abbott, George Thompson, Peter Hahn, Harry Thompson, John Pletka, Frank

Hajek, Martin Bochman, Check Bollinger, Ed Hajek, Joe Bollinger, Norris Curl, Billy Flamming, Leo Phoenix, Bill Bollinger, John Bouza, Charles Davey, Lou Chladek,

Jack

Flamming, Jim Stanicek, George Schanel, and Frank Stanicek

Tyndall Brass Band

Founded in 1882

Tyndall Cornet Band

Active in 1904 - probably a successor to the Tyndall Brass Band

Tyndall High School Band

Active in the 1900's

Vermillion Band

Active in 1906

Vermillion Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1888, conductor G.W. Collins

Vernon Band

Active in 1916

Vienna Brass Band

Active around 1900

Wall Brass Band

Active in 1914

Waubay Kids Band

Active in the 1900's

Waubay M.W.A. Band

Active in the 1910's

Wessington Springs Brass Band

Founded on 20th January 1886. The initial members were A.E. Turrill (leader), Al Sturgis (drum major), Jake Rosenthall. Augustin La Point, G.R. Bateman, W.I. Bateman, Ed Campbell, Bert Campbell, Omar Schryock, Charles Schryock. Tommy Schryock, George Wicks, Ed Andrew and Will B. McDonald.

Woonsocket Brass Band

Active in 1908, performing at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota

Young Democratic Colony Band (Bridgewater)

USA - Tennessee



Culleoka Brass Band

Allardt Brass Band

Active in 1899

Arnold's Cornet Band (Memphis)

Active in the 1880's

Athenæum Juvenile Brass Band (Columbia)

Active in 1857 - consisted of boys who attended the Athenæum School

Athens Brass Band

Active in 1850 to 1869. Leader Professor Knabe in 1855

Athens Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader Thomas A. Cleage

Bemis Brass Band

Active in 1902

Bluff City Brass Band (Memphis)

Active in 1868

Bolivar Brass Band

Active in 1866, leader W.S. Brooks. Still active in 1868

Bonning's City Brass Band (Nashville)

Active in 1857, leader Professor Bonning. Still active in 1859. 12 players in 1858 with secretary J.P. Barthell

Brass Band of Nashville

[Current band] - Founded in November 2008

Bristol Brass Band

Active in 1868, leader A.P. Johnson. Still active in 1870

Brownsville Brass Band

Bumpus Mills Woodman of the World Brass Band (Stewart)

Active around 1910, when members included: Sidney Hargis, Charlie Miller, Edison Fentress, Henry Williams, Burley Bibb, John Robertson, Willie C Hargis, Willie Fentress, Wayne Clark, Elmer Holland, Charles Hargis, Joe Williams, Carlon Clark, James Edward Pugh, Stephen Lionel Hargis, and Jessie Ezell

Cedar Hill Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Chattanooga Cornet Band

Active in 1870, 1871 and 1889

Chattanooga Municipal Band

Active in 1911

Christian Brothers High School Band (Memphis)

Active in 1889 to 1900

Clarksville Brass Band

Active in 1859, leader Mr Dedrickson

Clarksville Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1873

Clarksville Mechanics' Brass Band

Active in 1869

Cleveland Brass Band (1)

Active in 1859

Cleveland Brass Band (2)

See: Cleveland Cornet Band

Cleveland Cornet Band

Active in 1871 to 1874

Clinch River Brass (Norris)

Founded in 2000. Still active in 2003

Columbia Brass Band (Pulaski)

Active in 1868

Cookeville Boys Band

Active in the 1920's

Crossville Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Culleoka Brass Band

Active in the 1900's. Members included: Berlin Rieves, Leonard Crews, Turner Hunt, Clayton Demastus, Leonard Rieves, Ewing Richardson, George Mitchell, Will Moore, Will Richardson and Bailey Richardson.

Dresden Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Still active in 1874

Dyersburg Cornet Band

Founded in 1870

Elizabethton Brass Band

Active in 1867

Estill Springs Band

Active in the 1900's

Eureka Brass Band

Active in 1859

Farrgut Band

Active in the 1900's

Fayetteville Silver Cornet Band

Founded in April 1869, teacher Mr Saunders. In 1873, president was C.A. Fulton, vice president Jack Renegar, treasurer Frank Carter, and secretary L.B. Wiley. Still active in 1874. Members in 1874 included W.H. McNelley, F.W. Carter, Jack Renegar

Fort Oglethorp Band (Chickamauga)

Active in the 1910's

Franklin Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1870

Gallatin Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1872

Garrett Brass Band (Jackson)

See: Paducah Cornet Band

Gibson's Silver Cornet Band (Nashville)

See: Nashville Silver Cornet Band

Greeneville Brass Band

Active in 1871

Greeneville Red Men Band

Active in the 1900's

Harris Family Band (Tullahoma)

Active in 1897. Members included Mr Harris, his daughters Maggie and Callie Lou, and sons Harry, Claud and Walter

Hessing's Brass Band (Memphis)

Active in 1858, leader Professor Hessing

Hibernian Cornet Band (Memphis)

Founded in 1872. Still active in 1873. Associated with the Hibernian Mutual Relief Association in Memphis

Holston Brass Band (Knoxville)

Active in 1871, leader Mr Rudder. Its instruments were those of the band of the 6th Tennessee Infantry in the Civil War

Horne's Brass Band (Nashville)

Active in 1861

Huntingdon Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader William S. James. Still active in 1874

Jackson Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1874. Leader Milton Clark in 1873

Jericho Brass (Chattanooga)

[Current band] - Founded in 1998

Jonesborough Band

Active in the 1910's

Jonesborough Cornet Band

Founded in late 1868. Leader C.E. Dillworth up to November 1873. New instruments received in August 1871

Kingston Brass Band

Active in 1852

Knoxville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1850. A successor band was formed in 1866

Knoxville Brass Band (2)

Founded in spring 1866. Still active in 1870, reorganising in 1871 with new silver instruments

Knoxville Mechanics' Cornet Band

Active in 1871, leader M.A. Williams, secretary D.J. Richards. Still active in 1874. A concert in July 1871 was Flying Trapeze Quickstep, German Waltz, Pat Malloy Quickstep, Bohemian Polka, Dixie with variations, Willoughby Polka, Williams' Quickstep, Old Hundred. A number of their instruments were destroyed in a fire at the new markethouse in Knoxville in April 1872

La Grange Cornet Band

Active in 1872, leader F.J. Firth

Lawrenceburg Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Lebanon Brass Band

Active in 1869

Lewisburg Brass Band

Active in 1870. Members in 1871 included Bob Champ (leader), W. Bills, L. Bowden, Bob Allen, J. Ewing, Trim Kerchival, and John Bills

Lookout Mountain Band

Active in 1872

Lynchburg Cornet Band

Active in 1874 and into the 1890's

Marshall County Brass Band

Active in 1871

Martin Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Maryville Cornet Band

Active in 1871, 1872

McGowan's Harmonicon Cornet Band (Nashville)

Active in 1874

McLemorsville Brass Band

Active in 1910

McMinnville Brass Band

Founded in autumn 1870. Still active in 1901

McTeer Peerless Band (Maryville)

Active in 1897. Conductor H.T. Hamilton in 1899

Medina Cornet Band

Active in 1916

Memphis Brass Band

See: Old Memphis Silver Cornet Band

Memphis Fire Company Brass Band

Active in 1858 - associated with Fire Company No. 6

Memphis Municipal Band

Active in 1895 to 1911

Mme. Frederick von Stechow and her Band (Nashville)

Active in 1916

Montezuma Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Morristown Band

Active in the 1910's

Morristown Cornet Band

Active in 1873. In 1874 it played from the cupola of the local Baptist Church, and was led by D.W.C. Davis

Mossy Creek Brass Band

Active in 1890

Mount Pleasant Brass Band

Founded in early 1870, leader Frank Ricket, with 7 players

Mr Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band (Lynchburg)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band founded in 1972

Nashville Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854

Nashville Brass Band (2)

Founded in 1856, leader Mr Plike

Nashville Excelsior Cornet Band

Active in 1874, leader L.N. Pickett

Nashville Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1871, with members J.A. Gibson (leader), Mr Smith (drum major), J. Schelhamer, H. Montgomery, G. Hanlon, L. Abel, L. Ashley, C.C. Atkinson, A. Bergman, L. Bernhart, Z. Carey, Z. Cummings, H. Downs, C. Dunne, F. Drobny, J. Eret, A. Fassell, W. Gore, G. Hablesreither, T. Hayes, R. Hennessey, F. Kelina, C. Katzinsteen, C. Love, A. Poretti, C. Truebe, J.A. Wagg, and J. Zims. Still active in 1874

New Providence Brass Band

Founded in January 1861, leader Edward C. Johnson. Still active in 1867

Odd Fellows' Silver Cornet Band (Springfield)

Active in 1868 to 1872. Leader F. Colby in 1870

Old Memphis Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1861 to 1874. Leader Captain Andrew Smith in 1868 until his death in November 1870, Frank Arnold in 1874. John Wynne was a member of the band at the time of his death in September 1870. Also known as the Old Memphis Brass Band

Paducah Cornet Band (Jackson)

Active in 1869 to 1874, leader T.L. Garrett

Pale Face Band (Nashville)

See: Wilson's Cornet Band

Pole Bearers Brass Band (Memphis)

Active in the 1880's

Pulaski Cornet Band (1)

Founded in June 1868 with original members Willie Ezell (leader), W.J. Pierce, J.N. McKenzie, J.M. Ezell, Edward Batie, Thomas Pankey, Sterling C. Paine, and John Kirk, with tutor Bob Champ. It had folded by summer 1871

Pulaski Cornet Band (2)

Founded in October 1871, under the tuition of Professor Johnson. Leader Thomas Pittman, second leader Mr Richardson in 1872. Still active in 1874

Purdy Brass Band

Active in 1871

Ripley Brass Band

Founded in early 1871

Rock City Brass Band (Nashville)

Active in 1871

Rock City Silver Cornet Band (Chattanooga)

Active in 1872

Rogersville Brass Band

Rugby Cornet Band

Active in 1884

St Joseph's Silver Cornet Band (Nashville)

Active in 1873. Associated with St Joseph's Total Abstinence Society

St Peter's Silver Cornet Band (Memphis)

See: St Peter's Silver Cornet Band

Saulsbury Brass Band

Active in 1868

Savannah Brass Band

Active in 1871 to 1889

Sewanee University Brass Band

Active in 1878

Sodality Cornet Band (Memphis)

Founded in May 1868, with 12 players (although a later report, in September 1868 noted they had only been playing for six weeks, had 13 players with bandmaster William H. Warrington, president Albert Jones, secretary W.J. McKeon, treasurer John J. Duffy). Associated with the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church. 15 players in 1870. Still active in 1874

Somerville Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Southern Stars Symphonic Brass (Crossville)

[Current band] - Founded in 2008

Starr Mountain Brass (Etowah)

[Current band]

Stonewall Jackson Silver Cornet Band (Memphis)

Founded in summer 1869. Some of the Sodality Cornet Band members joined it **Swiss Brass Band** (Nashville)

Founded in spring 1856, members included Sam Brown and Mr Kinley

Trenton Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1871. In early 1874 the band lost around \$1000 worth of instruments etc. in a fire that swept through a quarter of the town square. President Matt Wilder, secretary D.M. Sholars in 1874

Tucker's Cornet Band (Columbia)

Active in 1867 to 1869

Tullahoma Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Turnverein Cornet Band (Knoxville)

Active in 1872, performing a concert on the river by Upper Ferry consisting of: Mandeline Q. St. (Knabe), Barcarola (Kucken), Kathleen Mavoureen, Mizerere in Trovatora (Verdi), Excelsior Polka (Muller), Mars Q. St. (Knabe), Jolly Brothers Galop (Budike), Louiza Waltz (Knabe), and Home Sweet Home

Union City Band

Active in the 1900's

Union City Brass Band

Active in 1871

Vogt's Cornet Band (Nashville)

Founded in early 1871

Vogt's Cornet Band (Nashville)

See: Vought's Brass Band

Vought's Brass Band (Nashville)

Active in 1871, leader August Vought. Another advert a few days later gives the band's leader as Professor Lewis Vogt

W.H. Horn's Brass Band (Nashville)

Active in 1860

Wardlow's Conservative Brass Band (Memphis)

Active in 1868. A colored band

Warren House Cornet Band (McMinnville)

Founded in in 1871 and was sponsored by the Warren House Hotel. It performed for the hotel guests, as well as the community at large. During the first 50 years of its existence, the name of the band changed, but the core group of the community musicians remained the same. After the Warren House Hotel went out of business, the band was supported by the Southern College of Photography of McMinnville. The founder of the college, "Dad Lively," as well as many of the faculty and students became a dedicated part of the McMinnville community band along with other members of the community. In 1920, the McMinnville Community Band officially became the McMinnville Silver Band. Still active currently as the McMinnville Silver and Gold Band

Waynesboro Cornet Band

Active in 1872, when it ordered new horns. Still active in 1873

Wilson's Cornet Band (Nashville)

Active in 1869, leader William Wilson. Became known as the Pale Face Band from June 1869

Winchester Brass Band

Active in 1858. Members in 1859 included Hop Turney, Dick Sims, John Vaughan, Abe Frizzeli, Baldie Henderson, William Vaughan, John Ochmig, and Nath Frizzell

Winchester Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1869, leader Jonathan F. Vaughan. Reorganised in July 1874 with leader Joe Logan

Young Men's Amateur Cornet Band (Memphis)

Founded in spring 1869, members included F.A. Jones (president), D.E. Brittenum (secretary), J.D. Murtaugh (treasurer), F.J. Turnbull, James Mulkey, James McKeon, M. McKeon, C.A. LeClerc, M. Jones, William Wetter, William Gray, and J. Rohr, all under the supervision of the pastor of St Patrick's Church

USA - Texas



Crafton Band

11th Cavalry Regiment Band (San Antonio Carnival Parade)

Active in 1911

165th Depot Brigade Band (Camp Travis)

Active in 1917 at the YMCA for Colored Soldiers

16th Cavalry Regiment Band (San Antonio)

Active around 1920

1st Cavalry Regiment Band (Fort Clark)

Active in 1906

20th Century Brass Band (Little Elm)

Active in the early 1900's. The band in 1908 consisted of: Leslie Hale, Clifford Robertson, Cell Squires, A.D. Clark, Sid Seagraves, Tom Brashers, Alvin Smith, Roy Borger, E.E. Clark, Bert Smith, Jim Harris, Will Collier, Luter McReynolds, Dr. Stover, Alvin Thomas, Ben Witt, Clark Gibson, Dr. Dudley, Ralph Killingsworth (conductor), Henry Thomas, Tom Boyles, C.N. Clark and George Bone.

22nd Infantry Regiment Band (Fort Sam Houston)

Active in 1911

23rd Infantry Regiment Band (Fort Clark)

Active in the 1890's

24th Michigan Infantry Regiment Band (San Antonio)

Active around 1865

25th Infantry Regiment Band

Active around 1924

27th Infantry Band (Texas City)

Active in 1912

2nd Division Band (San Antonio)

3rd Regiment Military Band (Bellville)

Active in the 1890's

67th Regt. Band W.O.W. (Altoga)

Active in 1914

A&M College Band (College Station)

Founded in 1900

Abilene 25,000 Club Band

Active in 1907

Abilene Town Brass Band

Founded in 1886 by 12 players, including: T.A. Lipps, Pete Kauffman, Adolph Heyck, Dave Kauffman, J.T. Tarpley, Will Woodward and Turner Lesslie. Conductor J.H. Lucas appointed in 1889, when it was called Abilene Light Infantry Band, and it purchase new uniforms, instruments and a bandwagon. M. P. Kavanaugh was band instructor in 1891. Known as Abilene Firemen's Silver Cornet Band in 1896, Abilene Citizens' Band in 1904, with conductor H. N. Holderness. Still active in 1910, conductor Luther Lane.

Alessandro's Band (Waco)

Active in the 1910's

Alexander Brass Band (Stamp)

Active in the early 1900's

Altoga Band

Active in the 1900's

Alvarado W.O.W. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with lodge 215 of the Woodmen of the World fraternal organisation

Austin Blind Institute Band

Active in 1902

Austin Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2005 as Austin Wonder Brass. Renamed Austin Brass Band in 2011

Austin Wonder Brass

[Previous name of current band] - See: Austin Brass Band

Band of the 24th or 25th Infantry (Fort Brown)

Active in the 1870's

Band of the 9th or 10th Cavalry (Colored) (San Antonio)

Active in 1898

Bangs Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Barry Brass Band

Active in 1909

Beaumont Brass Band

Active in 1876, leader J.E. Jirou

Belton Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Bernhardt Brass Band

Active around 1890

Bexar Brass Band (San Antonio)

[Current band]

Blessing Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Blevins Band

Active in 1897

Blooming Grove Brass Band

Active in 1909

Bradshaw Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Brandenburg Socialist Brass Band

Active in 1911

Buffalo Gap Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's, conductor J.S. Million. Still active in 1915

Byers Band

Active in the 1910's

Carbon Lone Star Band

Active in 1896

Castroville Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Cat Spring City Band

Active in 1915

Cat Springs Boys' Band

Active in the 1910's

Celina I.O.O.F. Band

Active in the 1900's

Center Brass Band

See: Samford's Concert Band

Childress Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Chillicothe Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Concordia Band (Tours)

Active in the 1890's

Corsicana Cornet Band

Founded on 21st October 1876

Corsicana State Orphans Home Brass Band

Active in 1911. Funds were provided for instruments for a brass band. The Superintendent reported to the Governor, "The Home possesses a well organized and trained brass band of its own, so that now our boys and girls do not have to sit out in front of the building and listen with tears in their eyes to the band of the Odd Fellows Home."

Crafton Band

Active in the 1900's

Dallas Brass Band

Founded in spring 1868, leader Professor Judson H. Steffee. Still active in 1872

Dallas City Cornet Band

Active in 1873, leader Professor Lawrence. Still active in 1874

Dallas Cornet Band

Active in 1908

El Dorado Park Band

Active in the 1900's

Ellinger Band

Active in the 1900's

Emory Brass Band (1) (Rains County)

Active in 1890, leader R.T. Brack. A successor band was formed in 1913

Emory Brass Band (2) (Rains County)

Founded in April 1913. Initial members were Pat Oliver, President; H.D. Garrett, Secretary-Treasurer; John Henry, Ed Hogue, D.W. Taylor, J.B. Reeves, Ed Cooke, W.P. Melton, Dock Burnside, O.B. Cline, Jesse Woosley, Milton Plunk, Polk Plunk, Chesley Ray, Mack Parker, & Melvin Nix. They engaged E.A. Davidson as their instructor. It played at the Smyrna supper in July 1913 - their first visit away from home and the comments on their playing were all highly complimentary. On Dollar Day in Emory, 19th July 1913, the band gave the following concert: March "Albion", Waltz, "Della", "Grand March", "McCosh's Favorite", Quartet: "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"; "Three Wandering Jews", Schottish "Elkwood", Waltz "Silvertone", "Serenade", Good-night: Gallop "Elidia". During August 1913 there was a "High Class Moving Picture Show" in Emory every night, interspersed with music by the band, which obtained onethird of the proceeds. Band Master Davidson departed in September 1913, and the leadership of the band then devolved on Herman D. Garrett and J.B. Reeves, In November 1913 the E.U.F. organization undertook to sponsor the band and provided a liberal donation to be applied on uniforms for the band boys.

Farmers' Band (Sutherland Springs)

Active in the 1910's

Fort Worth Stock Show Band

Active in 1919

Fred Chant's Big Show Band (Haltom City)

Active in 1914

Friend Hobo Band (Scoville)

Active in 1914

Frontier Brigade Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2000. A historical re-enactment band

Frost Brass Band (Navarro County)

Founded in early 1909, instructor Dr Lindley

Gainesville Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Goldthwaite Cornet Band

Active in 1892, with members B.A. Harris, Fred Peck, Will Gresham, James Lammers, J.D. Urqhart, Mr Boyer (leader), Joe A. Price, John Roberts, Jim Vickers, Newt Cole, A.J. Gatlin, I.G. Abney, and Jack Carswell. Still active in 1908

Gonzales County Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Grand Saline Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Grapevine Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Halsell Cornet Band

Active in the 1920's, when members included: Jess Arnold, Arthur Short, Perry Whitehead, Luther Denney, Ace Short, Bunk Whitmire and Otto Forester

Heritage Brass Band (Dallas)

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Hermleigh Lone Star Band

Active in the 1920's

Hoo-Hoo Band (Lufkin)

Active in 1906

Houston Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2000

Houston Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Hutto Cornet Band

Active around 1905. Members included John Spong and Alex Spong

Indianola City Brass Band

Founded on 10 December 1865, with the following charter members: C.H. French, Louis Budde, Fred Holzenheuser, G. Wasserman, Philip Holzheuser, Louis Busch, John Freund, Louis Bernard, H. Nitsche, B. Evers, A. Mylius, Anton Bauer, and C. Wolk

IOOF Widows and Orphans Home Band (Corsicana)

Active in 1910. Contemporary with the Corsicana State Orphans Home Brass Band

Iredell Board of Trade Band

Active in the 1900's

Jacksboro Cornet Band

Founded in 1887. Members around 1890 were: C.M. Whipp, Charles Siebley, J.C. Ames, Graham Wills, Brady Knox, S.O. Callaghan, Harry Bell, E.S. Dann, Rush McConnell, Mr Gardner, H.A. Wills, Oscar Leach and James Harper.

Jasper College Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Joe P. Wagner's Silver Cornet Band (Victoria)

See: Victoria Silver Cornet Band

Jolly Jaspers Band (Jasper)

Active in the 1910's

Juanita Cornet Band (Denton)

Active in 1896, when a list of its members was included with other papers and documents inside the cornerstone of the new courthouse in Denton

Judia's Band (Cisco)

Active in the 1900's

Junior Rotarian Band (Mineral Wells)

Active in 1921

Kossa's Farmer's Band (Ammansville)

Active in 1910

Latimer Band

Active in the 1900's

Lavaca County Cornet Band

Active around 1900. Members included Ernest Lucke, Ernest Schultz, Frank Effenberger, Louis Rothbauer, Henry Fehrenkamp, Barney Morris, Herman Schultz, August Stock, Paul Rother, Joe Rothbauer, George E. Schultz, Lorance Rothbauer, Charles Kasper, Edmund Etlinger, Julius Schultz, C. M. Koerner, Kasper Darilek, Jacob Tomasco, Ambrose Rother, F. A. Rother, Ed. Thulemeyer, O. F. Knape, Eddie Lucke, Charles Rother, August Elster, and Ludwig Heinrichs

Lone Star Brass Band (Carbon)

Lone Star Brass Band (Novohrad)

Active in the early 1900's, members included Joe Darilek, Willie Pavlas, Charles Darilek, Felix Pavlas, Adolph Pavlas, Alfred Geiptner, Jim Pavlicek, Frank Fotjik, Willie Fotjik and Emil Fotjik

Lubbock Band

Active in 1907

Manor Brass Band

Founded in 1889. Members in 1899 were: A. K. Anderson, leader and tuba, Gust. Abrams, second tuba; A. Finn, baritone; Albert Peterson, E-flat cornet; Charles Howser, solo cornet; Herman Meyer, first cornet; Felix Lundgren, first tenor; Gust Meyer, second tenor; Ahlin Peterson, first alto; Gust Felder, snare drum; Franke Hanke, bass drum.

Marble Falls Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Marlin Juvenile Band

Active in 1915

Marshall Brass Band

Active in 1869

McKinney Municipal Band

Active in 1928

Menardville Cornet Band (Menard)

Active in the 1890's. Members in 1904 included Prof. Million; George Crawford; EdwardToepperwein; Will Graham; N. H. Rose; Walter Turner; Henry Vanderstucken; Tom Hall; Charlie Graham; Will Waller; Blake Thompson; Jimmy Bevans; Robert Murray; and Emil Toepperwein

Mexia Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Mineral Wells Knights of Pythias Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with lodge 212 of the Knights of Pythias

MK & T Band (Walnut Springs)

Active in 1915

Montague Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mount Pleasant Ladies' Brass Band

Founded in spring 1913

New Boston Cornet Band

Founded in 1888 by Ed Shedlebar. Members included W.M. Bloxham, Lee Bryan, Ed Shedlebar, C.B. Dublin, Jay Holstein, M.A. Hart, Andy Black, Tom Knapp, Jim Jones, Will Leigh and John E. Anderson.

New Ulm City Band

Active in the 1910's

Nocona Girls' Brass Band

Active in 1904

Nordheim Brass Band

Active in the 1930's

North Texas State Normal College Band

Active in 1918

Odessa Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Oil City Cornet Band (Corsicana)

Olfen Brass Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Orange Brass Band

Active in 1859

Palacios Marine Band

Active in 1910

Palestine Fire Department Band

Active in the 1880's - members were Mr Dillar, P.A. Kolstad, Professor Armenda, John Hunter, Lee Wallace, P. Burkett Ezell, A.O. Lovely, Michen Micheaux, J.B. McKnight, James Swinney, and Mr Olsen

Palo Pinto Band

Active in the 1900's

Philippine Scouts Band

Active in 1905

Plainview Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Post Hill Band

Active in the 1900's

Princeton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Quanah Fire Department Band

Active in 1893

Reissig Band (Shiner)

Active in the 1900's

Richardson Concert Band

Active in 1915

Roanoke Brass Band

Active in 1893, teacher Mr Hatcher

Rockhouse Brass Band

Active in 1908

Rockwall WOW Band

Active in 1906

Rowena Brass Band

Active in 1912, with members: William H. Ruppoert, Joe Pavlicek, Charlie Beach, Arthur Ruppert, Ed Cervenka, Henry H. Ernst, Mike Feist, John Schuhmann, Alfred Ruppert, Hubert Cervenka, Joseph Zak, and Anton Pustka

Ruekus Stock Co. Band (Dallas)

Active in 1907

Samford Family Band (Center)

See: Samford's Concert Band

Samford's Concert Band (Center)

This was formed when a Mr. Jones taught members of the band to play a horn. The five Samford brothers learned to play the horn, then bought their own horns. The Samfords formed the Elm Grove Band. They were Duke Wright (b. 1886), John Thomas "Johnnie" (b. 1873), [William] Ownie (b. 1881), Herman Merrill (b. 1874) and Matthew (b. 1883). Later they changed the name to the Center Band and other people were added to the band. The name changed again to the Samford Band. They played throughout Texas at fairs, concerts, political gatherings, etc. Once, they marched in a parade in Houston, competing with other bands

San Angelo Military Band

Active in 1911

San Antonio Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2017

San Marcos Citizens Band

Active in the 1890's

Schulenburg Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Shaws Bend Band

Active in 1912

Southern Amusement Company Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Stamford Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Stella's Band (Galveston)

Active in the 1900's

Stratford Band

Active in 1909

Streit Family Cornet Band (Vernon)

Active in 1912. Fred Streit (b. 1862) and his seven sons formed the band. His sons were Fred jnr. (b. 1883), George (b. 1886), Carl (b. 1888), John (b. 1890), Albert (b. 1891), Oscar (b. 1893) and Ernest (b. 1901)

Stubblefield Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Sweetwater Concert Band

Active in 1909

Terrell Municipal Band

Active in 1915, conductor Edwin Booth, performed a concert at the Lyric Theatre, Terrell in September 1915 of: The Orpheum (Mutchler), Evening Shadows (Stubblebine), Wang selection (Morse), Impassioned Dream (Rosas), Alma Where Do You Live? (Briquet), Dance of the Skeletons (Allen), Romance of a Rose (O'Connor), Down the Mississippi (Laurens)

Texas Central Railroad Band (Walnut Springs)

Active in 1911

Texas Star Brass Band (Dallas)

[Current band] - Founded in 2011

Throckmorton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Tyler's Kid Band (Tyler)

Active in 1908

University of North Texas Brass Band (Denton)

[Current band]

Valley View Band

Victoria Silver Cornet Band (Victoria)

Active from 1836 to the 1900's. Members in 1897 included August Wagner (leader), Richard Wagner, Adam Jatho, Albert Schier, Leopold Leuschner, William Wagner, Adolph W. Neumeyer, Otto Hauschild, Louis M. Braun, Charles A. Leuschner, Henry Braden and Charles R. Alden. Also known as Wagner's Cornet Band. An earlier membership roster included John Haskell, E.L. Jecker, Henry Schneider, Fred Schneider, Frank Wagner, August Wagner, August Klein, Albert Schier, Adam Jatho, L.M. Brown, Charles A. Leuschner, Fritz Berner, and H.A. Neumeyer

W.B.A. Ladies' Brass Band (Houston)

Active in 1922, consisting of 17 members of the Review 58 Woman's Benefit Association

Waco Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1867 to 1874

Wagner Family Band (Winedale)

Active around 1890. Leader Joseph George Wagner

Wagner's Cornet Band (Victoria)

See: Victoria Silver Cornet Band

Ward's Concert Band (Hamlin)

Active in the 1910's

Waxahachie Brass Band

Active in 1869

Weser Brass Band

Active around 1900, members included Willie Albrecht, Johnny Arnold, Sam Pfenninger, Anton Albrecht, Ferdinand Dohmann, William Loest, Frank Gudat, Ben Arnecke, Werner Dohmann, Ben Arnold, Eddie Boehl, and Henry Arnecke

Westwinds Brass Band (Lubbock)

[Current band] - Founded in 1986 an outgrowth of the Lubbock Municipal Band

White City Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Wichita Band (Wichita Falls)

Active in the 1910's

Winters Brass Band (Runnels County)

Focus of social life during Winters' early years, the band played throughout the area for box suppers, old settlers reunions, and political campaigns. Charles Grant organized the group in 1901 (several years after the town was incorporated) and conducted when it played for the coming of Winters' first railroad in 1909. Grant served as bandmaster for fifteen years. Sunday afternoon concerts were presented in the bandstand (then located in Tinkle Park), and members traveled in a bandwagon drawn by four white horses to play in small towns nearby. Favorite tunes were "The Anvil Chorus," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and "Poet and Peasant." New uniforms, blue with gold stripes, cost \$14 in 1905. After 1920, the retired members helped the city school organize a band by lending some of their instruments to the students.

Woodward Davis Family Band (Mineral Wells)

Active in 1914 to 1918. Led by William Walker Woodward (b. 1879) and his sister, Mrs E.L. Davies (Minnie, b. 1876), with their ten children, aged from 5 to 16 years. They were known to be active around 1914-1918. William had five children with his wife, Maude Lesley Campbell, who were: Guy (b. 1900), Lois (b. 1909), Les (b. 1912), William Dale (b. 1913) and another. Minnie had five children through her marriage to Edward Lee Davies: Lawrence (b. 1900), Vaughan (b. 1902), Dorothy (b. 1906), Ellen (b. 1910) and Edward jnr. (b. 1910). William Woodward ran a jewellery store in Mineral Wells, and Minnie was a secretary at the Retail Merchants' Association. The band also served as the "Gem Theater Band". They both also ran the local Junior Rotary Band in Mineral Wells in 1924, which their children also played in. In 1924 Guy Woodward was principal cornet of the Rotary band and conducted two other bands. Dorothy played cornet in the band while teaching violin and piano.

USA - Utah



Morgan Brass Band

Adams Cornet Band (Uintah County)

Founded by George Adams in 1895. Still active in 1908

Adam's Cornet Band (Vernal)

Founded in 1893 by George Ellsworth Adams. Still active in 1900. Band members included George E. Adams (leader), S. P. Hansen, Richard Jensen, J. Couple, L. Sorenson, E. F. Harmston, George Bartlett, Leslie Ashton, A. C Emert, H Meadows, J Merkley, Curtis Hadlock, Stanley Ashton, H. Belcher, Bart Mowrey, M. Pope, W. HIgley, J. Pope, W. Tucker, J. Ritter, and Ashley Bartlett

Ajax Family Brass Band

William Ajax was born in Llantrisant, Wales and emigrated to Utah. With his wife Emma he raised nine children who formed the family band. He ran a very successful mercantile store in Centre, Utah, known as the "Eighth Wonder of the World" - to the extent that the town was named after him, eventually becoming a ghost town after his death and the closure of the store. His family band entertained the visitors to the town

American Fork Brass Band

Active in 1866 to 1886. In the latter part of 1866, a committee from American Fork waited upon William Grant in Salt Lake City, and induced him to undertake the leadership and instruction of a newly organized brass band. The band consisted of twelve regular members and attained prominence as a musical organization, being invited by Brigham Young to play at a party in Salt Lake City given by him; and next to the Ogden City band, was considered to be the musical dean in the state in priority of organization. The band played at many public functions, both locally and elsewhere, and its services were in demand. After twenty years of faithful service, the band was disorganized.

Members around 1870 included William Paxman, William W. Robinson, Isaac Abel, Joseph Wild, Joseph Robinson, Cyrus Gough, William Grant (leader), Thomas G. Steele, William B. (Gallimore) Dunn, Edward Lee, Frank Pulley and Martin Hansen

Bear River City Brass Band

Active around 1895, with members: Andreas Carl Andreasen, Casper Andreasen, Carl David Holmgren, Chrest Christen Johnsen, Olof V. Olson, Knud Hansen Fridal, James Peter Christensen, Peter Carl Jensen, Peter Mathias Marker Hansen, Jens Carl Vilhelm Jensen, Ole Larsen Miller, Alvin Ipsen, Christen Petersen, and Jens Peder Ipsen

Beaver Brass Band

Active in the 1870's, with members Wayne Blackburn, George Jameson, William Burns, Bill Dotson, Cy Bradfield, Tine Bingham, Foss Rollins, George Bradshaw, Ezra Walker, B.J. Shinderling (leader), Lawrence Dotson, Ed Rollins, Petee Dotson, and Sim Murdock

Beaver Silver Band

Founded in 1891, leader George W. Woodhouse

Beaver Star Brass Band

Active in the 1880's, conductor George W. Woodhouse

Benjamin Brass Band

Active in 1880, members included Francis Alfred Peay, Henry Hone, Paul Ludlow, Messrs Stewart, Richardson, Hands, Hawkins, Clayson, and Hickman

Bountiful Silver Band

Active in the early 1900's, president Ira Stoker

Brigham City Military Band

Active in 1892

Brigham Young University Band (Provo)

Active in the 1900's

Cedar City Brass Band

Active in 1884, when members included Cornelius C. (Neal) Bladen, Thomas Perry, Hyrum Perry, William Unthank, O. P. W. Bergstrom, Thomas Wright, Thomas Bladen, Bengt Nelson Jr., Joseph Fife, Joseph M. Perry, William T. Jones, Myron D. Higbee, Randle Lunt, George E. Perry, and Joshua H. Arthur. Still active in the 1910's, when members were: LeRoy Frisby (conductor), Elmer Matheson, George Middleton, Waldo Higbee, Dolph Andrews, Lawrence Marker, Ray Dalley, Le Roy Frisby, Dolph Grimshaw, John Perry, Karl Fife, Leon Hall, Carl Gardner, Thurman Higbee, Joseph Moroni Perry, Arthur Fretwell, LaMont Higbee, Leland Perry, Henry Houchen, and Ray Perry

Clearfield Silver Band

Founded in 1908, president Ira Stoker

Deseret Brass Band (Farmington)

Founded on August 10, 1856. Henry Pugh of Great Salt Lake City was appointed teacher of the band. The first meeting was held Aug. 24, 1856. Professor Henry Pugh had the band exercise on some pieces which he arranged for them while he was on a tour south giving concerts with the Nauvoo Brass Band. Thomas Steed was a founder member, and still with the band in 1866

Dixie Brass Band (St George)

Founded in 1883. Active to 1920. It was the first band to play in the new Zion National Park in Zion Canyon, in 1920, when its members were Sheridan Ballard - trombone, Leonard Sprowl - second cornet, Samuel Bleak - bass, Miss Iona Bleak - trombone, Earl J. Bleak - solo cornetist and leader, Mrs. Earl J. Bleak - french horn, Dr. Sam Bleak - solo cornet, Miss Hazel Bunker - french horn, Claud Worthen - snare drum, Eldon Larson - slide trombone, Leonard Carter - saxophone, Karl Larson - baritone, Edward Christian - B flat bass, and John Stewart - bass drum

Draper Brass Band

Active in the 1910's, members included Stanley Albert Rasmussen and Erastus Soren Rasmussen

Elsinore Band

Active in the 1890's

Emery Band

Active in 1904

Emery Stake Academy Band

Active in 1906

Enoch Brass Band

Active around 1915. Members in 1917 included Frank Armstrong, Arnold Grimshaw, Milton S Rogerson, Ray Jones, Bill Gibson, Thorton Jones, Reuben W. Jones, Roy Jones, Stella Jones, Hyrum Pidding Jones, Blanche Jones, William H Grimshaw, Eldon Jones Belle Jones, and Myron Jones

Ephraim Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's, leader James F. Clawson

Eureka Cornet Band

Founded in June 1898. Members were: Frank Beesley (solo cornet), Paul Ludlow (solo cornet), Miss May Gitchell (first cornet), Miss Josie Gitchell (second cornet), J. Bostwick (first alto), George Moore (second alto), George Gitchell (slide trombone & leader), John Hood (baritone), John Dooly (Bb bass), Mike Cammon (tuba), Frank Morley (side drum), James McCurdy (bass drum & cymbals)

Ferron Brass Band

Active in 1895

Fountain Green Municipal Band

Active in the 1900's. Also known as Wool City Brass Band.

Franklin Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Goshen's Brass Band

Active in 1900

Grantsville Brass Band

Active in 1882

Grouse Creek Band

Active in the 1900's

Hansen Band (Richfield)

Active in the 1890's

Holden Juvenile Band

Active in 1908

Hooper Brass Band

Active in the 1880's - Oliver Belnap was a member. Charles Henry Oleson played 2nd cornet in the 1890's

Huntington Brass Band

Founded in in 1886 with the following members: Peter E. Johnson, Samuel S. Grange, Milas P. Johnson, Don C. Woodward, Flemming Wakefield, Oliver T. Harmon, Lewis W. Johnson, Edgar Johnson, James V. Leonard, Charles R. Johnson, James P. Johnson, William Green, Sr., Ernest Grange, Milas Wakefield, Ulysses Grange, Henry A. Fowler, with Amos P. (Uncle Ame) Johnson as the leader. This group bought new instruments and obtained blue suits trimmed with brass buttons. Joseph Gordon and Ray Grange provided fine teams and wagons and took turns transporting the brass band to the various entertainments and celebrations. Still active in 1895

Joseph Silver Band

Active in the 1890's

Kanab Silver Band

Active around 1910

Kaysville Brass Band

Active in the 1890's to the late 1910's - Clifton Barton played baritone/euphonium around 1918

Kemp's Junior Band (Mercur)

Active in the 1900's

La Farge Brass Band

Active in 1910

Ladies G.A.R. Military Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the "Grand Army of the Republic"

Ladies Military Band (Provo)

Active in 1918

Ladies Mountain Echo Band (Ephraim)

Active around 1915

Laketown Band

Active in the 1910's

Lehi Silver Band

See: YMMIA Silver Band

Lewiston Band

Active in the 1900's

Logan Brass Band

Active in 1883, with members William Smith (Mill owner, Smith Brothers Lumber), Truman Osborne Angell (Architect for Logan Temple, Cache County Courthouse), Richard Berntson (Musician and violin maker), Hyrum Wahlstrom (musician), Al Clark (farmer), George McCulloch (Policeman), Ezra Hyde (Printer, set type for Utah Journal), Mr. Halverson, Andrew Nelson (Farmer), Hyrum Bunce (Cabinetmaker), Anthon Anderson (Lumber Dealer)

Mammoth Brass Band

Active in 1906, members included: Heber Clayson, Bill Evans, Joe Briggs, Owen Humphrey, Ed Daws, Steve Humphrey, Hugh Done, Robert Towers, Dan Eden, and Art Fisher

Manti Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Mapleton Brass Band

Active in 1904, when members included Edwin J. Marchbanks, Joseph Malmstrom, Levi Gregory Metcalf, Joseph Allan, Wayne Johnson, Charles Allan Jr., Edwin M. Snow, Charles Allan Sr., Tom Watson, and Will Allan

Midway Boys' Brass Band

See: Robert Krebs Boys' Brass Band

Midway Brass Band

Active in the 1890's. Members in 1899 included: Walter Burgener, Fred O. Haueter, Will Buehler, Frank Abplanalp, Peter Boss, Laurence Epperson, Bennie Clark, Will Bigler, John Sonderegger, Arnold Burgener, Ephraim Mohlmann, Simon Epperson, William Mathews, Fred Burger, and Henry Zenger

Millville Brass Band

Founded in 1893. Members in 1894 were: Jack Dowdle, Oscar Jessop, Moroni Jessop, Alma Larson, Israel Yeates, August Larson, Peter Anderson, Wells W. Whitney, James Hansen, Eugene Fullmer, Alf Fullmer, Emmanuel Hulse, Daniel Scott, Lorenzo Humphreys, Joseph Jessop, Carl Larson, James Berger, Joseph Jessop jnr., Ephraim Jessop, Joseph Eliason. The band teachers were Daniel Walters, Prof. Henry Otte, Prof. Lavern Bunn. The band disbanded around 1900

Minersville Brass Band

Active in 1898, when members included Wayne Blackburn, George Jameson, William J. Burns, Will Dotson, Cyrus Bradfield, Tine Bingham, Ernest (Foss) Rollins, George Bradshaw, Ezra Walker, Mr Shinderling (conductor), Lawrence Dotson, Ed Rollins, Julian Rollins, Peter Dotson, and Sim Murdock

Montpelier Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Morgan Brass Band

Active in 1902

Moroni Brass Band

Active around 1900. James Yorgason was the snare drummer

Murdock Academy Ladies' Band (Beaver)

Active in the 1900's

Nauvoo Legion Brass Band (Salt Lake City)

Founded in 1842. Still active in 1861. Initial members were William Pitt, trumpet; James Smithers and Charles H. Hales, trombones; Stephen Hales, James Standing, Martin H. Peck and George McKenzie, clarinets; Geo. Hales and John Kay, French horns; Wm. Cahoon, bass drum; Andrew Cahoon and David Cahoon, piccolos; and Edmund Ellsworth, cavalry cornet. Some time later the following were also enrolled as members: Robt. T. Burton, trumpet; John Blazard and David Smith, key bugles; Jacob Hutchinson, E-flat clarinet; and Gustavus Hill, arranger and copyist of music; numbering eighteen in all. In 1850 E. P. Duzette was named chief musician of the Legion; William Pitt. captain; and the following as members of the old band: James Smithers, John Kay, David Smith, James Standing, William Clayton, J. F. Hutchingson [sic], Stephen Hales, Ed E. Ellsworth, Charles Hales, George Hales, Robert Burton, William Cahoon, J. Cahoon, M. H. Peck, Jacob Peart, Charles Smith, Ed Martin and H. K. Whitney. The following new members were voted on: E. Averett, J. Armstrong, J. Anderson, William Glover, George Wardle. It was moved and carried that J. Anderson be sustained as temporary leader of the band until William Pitt arrived. It was also moved and carried that the band adopt a straw hat for the covering of the head, a white dress coat and white pantaloons, a sky blue sash and a white muslin cravat as their uniform, and a committee was appointed to commence negotiations for such a uniform. At another meeting held April 12, 1850, a committee was appointed to make some arrangements

relative to procuring a band carriage, and by unanimous vote Brigham H. Young was appointed to the office of standard bearer in the place of William H. Kimball, resigned.

Nephi Brass Band (1)

Active in 1864

Nephi Brass Band (2)

Active in the 1890's and 1900's. Members included John S. Hawkins, leader; Richard Skillicorn, William Jenkins, Henry Hawkins, Charles Henry Sperry, Joseph Darton, Charles Haynes, Thomas Pexton, and Isaac H. Grace

Newton Brass Band (Cache County)

Active around 1900, with members: Edwin Fish, Ezra Cooley, Joseph J. Larsen, George Ecklund, James Johnson, Wilford Jenkins, Alphonso Christensen, Horace Jenkins, Parley Rigby, Eli Hansen, James Nielsen, Emil Wennergren, Elmer Hansen, Parley Petersen, and Raymond Jenkins

North Ogden Brass Band

Active in the 1900's, when members included: William Deamer, Thomas Storey, Charles E Ellis, Charles Storey, Lamoni Holmes, Harry Chandler, Freddie Ellis, Jimmie Dudman, Mason Blaylock, Joseph Ellis, Andrew Clark, Joseph Storey, Charles Jones, Chris Lind, and Arthur Berrett

Ogden Brass Band

The Brass Band - Ogden Standard Examiner, 13 March 1886 - by Thomas Rhodda Thomas - "In 1861, in Cardiff, Wales, I organized a brass band of ten instruments. The following are the names of the members:: Wm. Pugh, A. Pugh, T.K. Thomas, H. Hancock, William Gibbons, Dan Tozer, Wm. Evans, Jas. Wilkes, Wm. Davies, and G. Packman [Parkman]. These young men did not know anything about music or playing instruments. We practiced two nights a week, and in about six or nine months they were able to play in public. About this time Mr. Toozer, that fine cornet player, joined the band. He and I had been together in a band for eight years. In 1862 we took a trip to Bristol, England, and played in the Zoological Gardens. By this time, the boys could play pretty well, and in the fall of the same year Mr. C.W. West, Bishop of Ogden City, came to Cardiff, and the members of the Church gave an entertainment, in which the band took part. Bishop West was well pleased, and said he would like very much if the band was in Ogden. Next day he came to my house to find out my opinion about the band emigrating to Utah, as there was no brass band in Ogden. We called a meeting to talk the matter over, resulting in all agreeing to go, except two. From that time we took extra anxiety in studying music, until June 4th, 1863, when we left Cardiff for London, and shipped on board the ship Amazon, which on a future trip was burned. On reaching New York there were several gun-boats in the harbor, it being the time of the Southern rebellion, and when we began playing, other bands began also. In a short time a boat, with officers and men, pulled alongside of our ship. One of the party asked for the leader of the band. On introducing myself, he said he was told we were from London. On being informed, he offered us a position on board one of the ships, but as we were going to Utah, we refused his offer with thanks. Landing in New York we took a train to St. Joseph; from there we went up the river Missouri to Omaha, making many friends at the several stopping points. At Omaha my little daughter died suddenly. While at this place we were engaged to play, and I think we stayed eight or nine days. On the 4th of August we started to cross the plains. Mr. Thomas Ricks, of Logan City, was our captain, with Mr. Miles H. Jones, his assistant. We had a good time at Forts

Kearney, Laramie, Three Crossings of Sweetwater, Bridger, and on the Platte—giving at each place a vocal and instrumental entertainment. We arrived in Salt Lake City on October 3rd, 1863.... Ephraim Hesmer was a member of the band at some time". Band's first public appearance was on July 24th 1866, the band being: Walter Baker (leader), Alfred Barret, Richard Douglas, John Farley, William Poulter, Abraham Chadwick, C. Sanson, Joseph Robinson, William Ashton, John Evans, John Storey and John Pincock.

Paragonah Brass Band

Founded in 1916 by Mr Eccles. Subsequent leaders were George H. Durham and Amasa Stones

Park City Brass Band

Active around 1895

Park City Independent Band

Active in 1915

Parowan Brass Band

Active around 1890, with members: Johnny Rasmussen, Ralph Wilcock, Wallace Mortenson, William Prichard, Jess Mortenson, Jimmy Connell, Mahonri Decker, James Connell, Caleb Orton, and Hans Mortenson

Pleasant Grove Brass Band (1)

Active in the 1880's. A successor band followed

Pleasant Grove Brass Band (2)

Active in the early 1890's, with members: Frank Humphries, Ernest Halliday, B.N. Walters (conductor), Lewis Hebertson, Harry Wadley, Olof Monson, Charles B. Harper, Charles Sundberg, John Z. Brown, Carl Hanson, Samuel H. Smith, and Ferdinand Neilson

Pleasant Grove Brass Band (3)

See: Pleasant Grove Silver Cornet Band

Pleasant Grove Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1904. Members around that time included: Ernest Halliday, Lewis Herbertsen, Alma Christiansen, Orson Swensen, Niels Paulsen, Niels K. Nielsen, Hogan Nielsen, Hans Rasmussen, Carl Hansen, Samuel Smith, Ole Christiansen, William Devereaux, John Holdaway, Jens Fugal.

Pond Town Band (Salem)

Active in the 1890's, with members including: Olie Sarn, Teddie Hanks, William Devro, Daniel Jackman, Rueben Hatch, Kinian Davis, William Gardner, Sam Gardner, Andrew Hatch, Frank Davis, Sam Devra, and Neils Frederickson

Provo Brass Band

Active in 1859

Provo Silver Band

Active in 1887, with members: James H. Wallis (leader & solo Eb cornet), John McAdam (secretary & solo Bb cornet), Lars L. Nelson (treasurer & baritone), Henry Saunders (librarian), George Peay (1st Eb cornet), John Saxey (1st Bb cornet), Herman Knudsen (solo Eb alto), Oscar Wilkins (1st Eb alto), Owen Johnson (1st Bb tenor), Oscar Flygare (2nd Bb tenor), William Lewis (tuba), Walter Cox (bass drum), and William Peay (Eb clarinet)

Redmond Band

Active in the 1890's

Richfield Band

Active in the 1900's

Richmond Silver Cornet Band

Robert Krebs Boys' Brass Band (Midway)

Active in 1898, when the members were Charles Bonner, Wallace Epperson, Elmer Burgener, Clarence Shields, Jess Bigler, Rolland Krebs, David Provost, Emery Epperson, Ellis Epperson, Walter Burgener, Charles Van Wagoner, Tracy Watkins, Nephi Sulser, Roswell Blood, Edward Burgener, Amos Epperson, Robert Krebs (leader), Ernest Sonderegger Jr., and Roger Roper

Rockport Brass Band

Active in the 1900's. Albrey Gibbons was a horn player in the band

St George Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Salem Silver Band

Active in the 1890's, members included: William Gardner, Samuel T. Gardner, Lewis A. Hatch, Frank B. Davis, Samuel Devereaux, Niels Frederickson, Ole Soren, Edward J. "Teddy" Hanks, William Devereaux, Daniel W. Jackman, Reuben Hatch, and K.T. Davis

Salt Lake City Post Office Band

Active in 1931

Smithfield Brass Band

Active in the 1890's, with members including Sylvester Low, Osborne Low, and William Pilkington

Snow Academy Band

Active in the 1900's

Spanish Fork High School Band

Active in the 1910's

Springville Brass Band

Active in 1853

Taylor Brass Band

Founded in 1910, organised by Edward Barnes, Lafayette T. Farr, Bernard E. Farr, James F. Hunter, Stephen C. Hadley, and Thomas Hayes. Each member contributed \$15.00 to pay for the instruments that were ordered from Sears Roebuck and Company. Henry Anderson, a member of the band, remembers, "It was a great night for us, the night the instruments arrived. Edward Barnes brought them down to us in his bob sleigh to the old white school house, where we opened the box containing the instruments, in what we called the little room. Never before had so many different sounds and honks been heard in the old school house as we heard on that night. The members were: cornet: Arnold Staker, Henry Anderson, Eric Larson, and Thomas Hayes; clarinet: Ray Barnes, Walter Hayes, and Richard Kingston; Bass: Lafayette Farr; Tenor: Stephen C. Hadley; Baritone: Edward Barnes; valve trombone: Joseph Hadley; Alto: Will Gibson, and Will Neilson. James F. Hunter and Charles Staker played the bass drum as well as the trombone. Joseph R. Gibson played the snare drum. A music teacher from Ogden by the name of Fred Williams was hired. We each gave 25c a week for our lessons. The first time we appeared in public was at the Relief Society Bazaar. We were on the program for two numbers; however, we were encored, for reasons unknown to us, so we played four numbers. If they had requested more we would have had to play the same ones over, because that was all we knew at that time. On the 24th of July we would serenade the town as soon as it was light. Lawrence Wilson and Albert Hunter had charge of arrangements. They would trim a beet box with flags and bunting and pull it with four head of horses. Lawrence Wilson and John Favero Sr. owned the horses and did the driving. We enjoyed this very much. We were treated with cake and many good things to eat. Some treated us with 5% beer, which was brewed in those days. Many funny incidents happened. One 24th we had serenaded the town and came back to the meeting house and played a number out in front. One good old brother came up to us and remarked, 'Fine music, boys, fine music. I heard you early this morning and the farther away you are the better it sounds.' Once [when] we were seated in the choir seats in our new meetinghouse we played a number, Edward Barnes was conducting. It sounded terrible, however, the people wanted us to play again. Brother Barnes said, 'Boys, you've played rotten before, but that last number beats anything I've heard yet. Let's play "Hail Columbia" next.' One of the members of the band whispered, "My hell, Ed, "Hail Columbia" next, and I just got through playing it.' As always happens in a small ward, some of the boys went on missions, some married and moved away, others went away to work, and the band finally disbanded about 1915."

Tenth Ward Brass Band (Salt Lake City)

Founded on March 25, 1868 in the Tenth Ward, Salt Lake City, by George Parkman, an emigrant from Wales. This was the first ward band in Salt Lake City, and soon became a very popular and interesting organization. Two of the members of the band were George Cheshire and Sam Baxter, who married Elizabeth, youngest daughter of George and Elizabeth. The band was much in demand for all important festivities and on all celebrations. The band performed at all July 4th and 24th festivities in 1868, 1869, and 1870. It was also present January 10, 1870, at the laying of the last rail for the Utah Central Railroad, Salt Lake City's link to the transcontinental line completed in 1869. One of the band's most dramatic appearances was described in the Deseret News. September 2, 1933, as follows: "Fifty-six years ago, Sept. 2, in Utah. Flags are flying at half-mast, and a quarter of a million are mourning the passing of a great leader. Funeral services are being held in the Tabernacle and thousands unable to gain entrance to the building are lining the roped off streets from the Tabernacle grounds by way of the Eagle Gate to a burial plot on First Avenue. As the great cortege bearing the body of President Brigham Young to its last resting place moves out of the grounds, the Tenth Ward Brass Band. under the direction of Charles W. Symons, strikes up the funeral march." Unlike most recorded band appearances in the 1860's and 1870's, only one band performed on this occasion. The Tenth Ward Brass Band was affiliated with the first Regiment of the Nauvoo Legion in Salt Lake City. They proposed to make an effort to obtain uniforms so the Band may be a complete honor to their Regiment on occasions of drill." The band was later reorganized several times, but had a continuous existence tor many years. The "Salt Lake Herald" of June 28, 1878, published the following: "Tenth Ward Band Uniforms: The uniforms of the gentlemen composing this band arrived yesterday, and those we saw presented an appearance that will make them quite an attraction. There are fourteen suits, coats, single breasted, of dark blue cloth, cuffs and flies trimmed with scarlet and three rows of large gilt buttons; gold trimmings on sleeves, back and lapels; pants of light blue with wide scarlet and gold stripes; shako of dark blue, ornamented with plate, with red and white standard plume; belt and music pouch of enameled leather, black; the captain has French gilt epaulets: orderly sergeant, scarlet and white epaulets. The goods were manufactured to order by John Boylan, manufacturer of military clothing. New York."

Thompson's Children's Brass Band (St George)

Active in the 1890's. A band of 11 local children (perhaps from an orphanage?), playing various brass instruments, directed by William Henry Thompson

Tongan Free Wesleyan Brass Band (Salt Lake City)

Active in the 2000s

Union Band

Active in the 1900's

Utah Premiere Brass

[Current band] - Founded in 2000

Walton Family Band (Salt Lake City)

Active in the 1890's. Consisted of father Wesley Kimball Walton (b. 1850) and his ten sons - Donal (b. 1885), Thaddeus (b. 1887), Lester (b. 1878), Paul (b. 1889), Reuel (b. 1880), Charles (b. 1877), Reuben Dyke (b. 1882), Simpson (b. 1890), Mark (b. 1895) and Arthur (b. 1898)

Washington Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Washington Silver Band

Active in 1909. Members included Ina Neilson Winsor, LaMar Pearce, Della Nission, Misha Neilson Bigler, Israel ("Id") Neilson, Calvin Hall, Emmaline Sproul, Jim Copper, Mazel Sproul, Byron ("By") Baron, Ed Nisson, Angus Sproul, Laif Jolley, Frank Staheli, and Willard Nisson

Wellsville Brass Band

Active in the 1890's, members included: Daniel P Walters; John Ryan; David Kerr: John Riggs; William P Walters; Henry Ames; Walter P Walters; Daniel L Walters (leader); William R Poppleton; Levi Croshaw (Crawshaw); and William S Poppleton

Wool City Brass Band

See: Fountain Green Municipal Band

YMMIA Silver Band (Lehi)

Founded in March 1887, conductor Joseph Kirkham, leader George William Thurman. Original members were Andrew B. Anderson, Thomas Clark, Andrew Fjeld, Daniel Fowler, David Jones, Jack Jones, George Goates, William Goates, Samuel I. Goodwin, Charles Gray, James M. Kirkham, Joseph Kirkham, Joseph H. Kirkham, Franz Salzner, George A.. Smith, John Y. Smith, James Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Thomas A. Taylor, William T. Taylor, and Walter Webb. Disbanded during WW1

USA - Vermont



Barnet Brass Band

1st Regiment Vermont National Guard Band

Active in 1909

5th Vermont Regiment Brass Band

Founded in September 1861, leader James Rice, with players: Albert L. Wood (Strafford), Franklin Sowies (Franklin), F.T. Bickford (Montpelier), N.D. Morse (Hartford), E. Carpenter (St Johnsbury), T.P. Robinson (Stowe), George H. Fuller (Montpelier), Lorenzo Daw (Strafford), E. Wells (Waterbury), George H. Rand (Hartford), Justus Sargent (Hartford), George C. Perkins (Hartford), David Goodwin (Montpelier), W.W. Johnson (Bradford), Henry Keeler (Hydepark), B. Sowies (Franklin), J.C. Dow (Strafford), W.D. Stevens (Craftsbury), and W. Dodge (Montpelier)

Albany Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Altimont Cornet Band (Ludlow)

Founded in 1866. Still active in 1892. Leader Carlos Warner, with 20 players in 1873, Solon Wakefield in 1874. New German silver instruments in 1874

American Brass Band (Rutland)

Founded in July 1871, with 16 players, rehearing in Buffum's Block, No. 8 Merchants Row

Badger's Brass Band (West Randolph)

See: West Randolph Cornet Band

Barnet Brass Band

Active around 1890

Barre Brass Band

Active in 1862

Barre Cornet Band

Active in 1886, leaders Messrs Coburn and Spaulding. Conductor Professor Waterman (of Wetherbee, NY) in 1893

Barton Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Bellows Falls Cornet Band (1)

Founded in June 1855. Still active in 1860. In 1858 there were 17 players in uniform of light blue with high bearskin caps. Conductor S.F. Merrill in 1855-1859. A successor band was formed in 1869

Bellows Falls Cornet Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1869. Still active in 1900. Members in 1873 were: P.W. Taft (leader, Eb cornet), W.F. Turner (Eb cornet), S.A. Day (Eb cornet), H. Campbell (alto octava grava), F.H. Brown (Bb cornet), F.M. Taft (Bb cornet), F.L. Amadon (Bb cornet), J.J. Raleigh (Bb cornet), A.S. Granger (solo alto), A.N. Kidder (1st alto), F.J. Blake (2nd alto), J.D. Perkins (1st Bb tenor), G.B. Wheeler (baritone), G.H. Stone (Bb bass), A.P. Crossett (tuba), J.W. Furman (tuba), H.E. Bowtelle (bass drum), G.S. Blake (side drum), and H.A. Reynolds (cymbals)

Bennington City Band

Active in 1900

Bennington Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1853, leader F.M. Crosset. In 1861 the band was adopted by the 2nd Vermont Regiment during the Civil War. Members of the band in 1861 were F.M. Crossett (leader), W.H. Colton, G. Foster, R.C. Holbrook, William B. Shaw, D.H. Cross, G. Monroe, R. Moon, J. Dorr Chapman, M.V. Peters, Chauncey Marsh, Joseph H. Lottridge, G.W. Fisk, W.G. Felch, Charles White, D. Abell, Edward Norton, George M. Marsh, T.A. Hutchins, Norman Puffer, W.W. Puffer, B.F. Childs, Charles W. Warren, and John Kehoe

Bennington Cornet Band (2)

Founded in spring 1870, leader E.J. Masche, with 10 players. Leader Gordon Monroe, with 17 players in 1873. Leader F.E. Gage in 1874.

Bethel Cornet Band

Active in 1873 to 1900

Bradford Brass Band

Founded in 1859. Still active in 1915. 18 members in 1860. Leader H.B. Chase in 1871 with a new set of instruments; R.E. Whitcomb, with 16 players, in 1873

Bradford Italian Band

Active in 1908

Brandon Brass Band

Founded in late 1869, leader Joseph B. Kelly, with 15 members. Still active in 1871, teacher Frank Wilson, and other members: W.H. Sanderson, John A. Wiley (leader), Charles O. Dyer, E. Selden, Charles Hendry, O.E. Paige, G.T. Bush, C.F. Ahn, W.J. Kimball, O.H. McArthur, W.P. Bartlett, William H. Simonds, George R. Barker, and Alonzo E. Lord. A concert in May 1871 included Whirlwind Polka (cornet solo), Let the Dead and Beautiful Rest, Passion Flower, Emele (polka), Softly and Slowly Should Music Flow (serenade), Leisure Hours (waltz), and The Night Belle (galop)

Brandon Citizens Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Brandon Cornet Band

Active in 1855. 13 players in 1858. Disbanded some time before 1866

Brattleboro Boys' Amateur Cornet Band

Founded in 1877 with Fred C. Leitsinger as leader. Members in 1878 were Arthur E. Knight, Julius C. Timson, Frank G. Knight, Ed F. Leitsinger, Arthur D. Wyatt, Fred H. Holden, Fred C. Leitsinger, Julian R. Rand, Frank H. Brasor, Wallace W. Putnam, Fred A. Veet, William R. Stuart, Frank C. Williams, John A. Lindsey, and Carlos K. Jones. It rehearsed in Lewis Putnam's Harness Room

Brattleboro Cornet Band (1)

Founded in early 1855, leader Charles C. Ellis. Disbanded in April 1873. It acquired new uniforms in 1856, of a blue coat, drab pantaloons, and a high crowned cap with broad visor, the whole trimmed with gilt lace."Such a dress will give their appearance a coincidence with their musical capabilities". Charles Schuster appointed musical director in April 1859. Consisted of 19 players in 1870. Leader George W. Clark in 1871, with 17 players

Brattleboro Cornet Band (2)

Founded in summer 1873, with 17 players, leader George W. Clark, drum major Bob Hardy. Still active in 1874

Bridgewater Cornet Band

Founded in spring 1866, leader C.M. Cobb, secretary C. Raymond, and played continuously for 46 years. Horace Ayer was the drum major for many years. Also known as Cobb's Cornet Band

Bristol Cornet Band

Active in 1872, rehearsing in a room over Drake, Farr & Co.'s store. Leader Smith W. Hatch, with 16 players in 1873. Still active in 1886

Brookfield Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Burlington Cornet Band (1)

Founded in January 1851. Still active in 1856. A successor band was founded in 1858

Burlington Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1858, leader James Rice, with 15 players, uniform of dark blue and buff. Dissolved in 1859

Burlington Cornet Band (3)

Founded in early 1860, leader Nelson Adams

Burns Military Band (West Burke)

Active in 1907

Cabot Cornet Band

Founded in 1859. Still active in 1900

Calais and Worcester Cornet Band (Calais)

Active in 1900

Cambrian Cornet Band (Fair Haven)

See: Fair Haven Cornet Band

Cambridge Cornet Band

Founded in 1870, leader Willis C. Waite, instructor Professor Whipple, with 10 members. Still active in 1910

Castleton Corners Cornet Band (Castleton)

Active in 1900

Charlotte Cornet Band

Founded in early 1868. Still active in 1871. Reorganised in January 1873 with 17 members and officers: George Foot (president & treasurer), O.H. Alexander (leader), M. Williams (second leader), F.R. Hill (secretary), and C. Lewis (director)

Chelsea Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Chester Brass Band (1)

Active in 1856 to 1860. Leader Warren W. Richardson in 1860

Chester Brass Band (2)

See: Chester Cornet Band (2)

Chester Cornet Band (1)

See: Chester Brass Band

Chester Cornet Band (2)

Founded in early January 1870, leader W.W. Richardson. Still active in 1886. Leader A.B. Strait in 1873, M. Whitman in 1886

Chester Cornet Band (3)

Active in the 1900's

Chittenden Independent Band

Active in the 1890's

Cobb's Cornet Band (Bridgewater)

See: Bridgewater Cornet Band

Colburn's Cornet Band (Norwich)

Active between 1872-1884, based at Union Village

Colchester Brass Band (Milton)

Active in the 1900's

Craftsbury Cornet Band

Active in 1858. Conductor James Whitney in 1860. Leader Ezra Bagley in 1873

Crosset's Cornet Band (Bennington)

See: Bennington Cornet Band

Danby Cornet Band

Reportedly founded in 1867 as the Union Cornet Band - however there was a Union Cornet Band in Danby active in September 1866, instructed by A.B. Williams. Still active in 1869. Leader B.F. Eddy in 1868. There was an attempt to reorganise it in July 1873, which was successful enough, as the band lasted to at least 1900

Danville Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Still active in 1900

Derby Center Cornet Band

See: Derby Cornet Band

Derby Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1873

Dewey's Mills Cornet Band (Quechee)

Active in 1900

Donna Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1902, conductor Helen Louise Eaton

East Arlington Cornet Band (Arlington)

Active in 1873, 1874. Still active in 1907

East Bethel Progressive Band (Royalton)

Active in 1913

East Corinth Cornet Band

Active in 1900

East Rupert Cornet Band

Founded in early 1868

East Wallingford Cornet Band

Founded in June 1866, with 15 players. Active to 1874. Leader A.B. Williams in 1866-1868. 13 players in 1870. Willie W. Fuller, a player in the band, died at the young age of 18, in 1869

Eden Cornet Band

Active in 1860 to 1900

Enosburg Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1874

Essex Junction Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Factory Point Cornet Band (Manchester)

Active in 1861

Fair Haven Citizens Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Fair Haven Cornet Band

Founded in October 1867 - most of the players were Welshmen. Still active in 1874. Also known as the Cambrian Cornet Band

Fairhaven Brass Band

See: Fair Haven Cornet Band

Farmer's Cornet Band (Sunderland)

Active in 1900

Fayetteville Cornet Band (Newfane)

Active in 1870, 1871

First Regiment Vermont National Guard Band

Active in 1906

Franklin Cornet Band

Active in 1859. Still active in 1900

Gay's Cornet Band (Stockbridge)

See: Gaysville Cornet Band

Gaysville Cornet Band (Stockbridge)

Founded in 1870 - however there was a Gaysville Cornet Band active in June 1869. Still active in 1872

Georgia Brass Band (Franklin)

Active in 1897. Wilbur Bushnell played cornet, Titus Bushnell bass drum, and Augustus Bushnell cornet. Still active in 1900

Georgia Cornet Band (Georgia)

Active in 1900

Glade Cornet Band

Active in 1884

Glover Brass Band

Active in the 1880's. Still active in 1900

Grafton Brass Band

Active in 1871

Grafton Cornet Band (near Rockingham)

Founded in January 1868, leader Professor S.F. Merrill. Re-organised by Francis Phelps in June 1870, with a set of new instruments, after many of the previous members had moved away. Leader Samuel H. Leonard in 1873. Still active in 1900

Granville Cornet Band

Active in 1869. Reorganised in 1873 under the leadership of Seth Culver

Gray's Cornet Band (Pownal)

Active in 1869, leader W.F. Gray, who resigned as leader in June 1870, being replaced by Robert P. Bath

Green Mountain Brass Band (Rochester & Granville)

Active in 1858

Green Mountain Brass Band (Stowe)

[Current band] - Founded originally as the Vermont Catamont Brass Band

Green Mountain Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Greensboro Brass Band (1)

Active in 1861, tutor James Rice. A successor band was formed in 1869

Greensboro Brass Band (2)

Founded in spring 1869, leader W.W. Goss

Greensboro Cornet Band

Active in 1868, leader Professor Fales

Griswold's Cornet Band (Poultney)

Active in 1863

Groton Brass Band

Active in 1866. "On Friday Aug 31 1866 a four-horse team containing part of the Groton Brass Band, with two ladies, was returning from a Sabbath School Festival at East Topsham, and descending a hill near Groton, the ring of the neck-yoke broke, letting the carriage upon the horses which at once became unmanageable and ran furiously down the hill, throwing out the whole party numbering eleven and severely injuring nearly all of them. One of the number, a Mrs Vance, had her ribs crushed in and it is feared is fatally injured"

Hardwick Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1859

Hardwick Cornet Band (2)

Active in the 1900's

Hartford Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Hartland Brass Band

Active in 1869

Highgate Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Hinesburg Cornet Band

Founded in winter 1865/1866. Still active in 1900. Members in 1867 included: J.F. Miles (chairman), F.H. Baldwin (secretary), Harmon A. Beecher (1st leader), Daniel Patrick (2nd leader), H.T. Benedict (3rd leader), H.W. Frazer, H.H. Post, J.H. Allen, D.K. Patrick, G.D. Leonard, William Andrews, H.M. Livermore, W.A. Martin, R.M. Livermore, G.W. Flanagan, W.H. Toby, John Elwin, Charles P. Boynton, John S. Patrick, George Sherman (instructor)

Hinesville Cornet Band

Founded in 1866

Hunts Silver Plate Show Band (East Dorset)

Active in 1907

Hyde Park Cornet Band

See: Morrisville Cornet Band

Ira Riverside Cornet Band

Irasburg Band

Active in 1907

Irasburg Brass Band

See: Irasburg Cornet Band

Irasburg Cornet Band

Active in 1861 to 1867

Island Pond Brass Band (Brighton)

Active in 1865

Jacksonville Cornet Band (Whittingham)

Founded in April 1871. Still active in 1874

Jeffersonville Brass Band

Founded in early 1870

Jericho Brass Band (1)

See: Jericho Cornet Band

Jericho Brass Band (2)

Active in the 1910's

Jericho Center Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Jericho Cornet Band

Active in 1862 to 1871

Johnson Brass Band (Lamoille County)

Founded in 1861. Still active in 1863 (when it was the only remaining band in the county)

Lafayette Cornet Band (Burlington)

Founded in May 1870 by French citizens in Burlington, leader T. Talbot, with 16 members, instruments costing \$300, president William Harbour, secretary J. Freeman, treasurer M. Leprond

Lamoille Brass Band

Active in 1860 to 1861

Leland and Gray Seminary Cornet Band (Townshend)

Active in the 1910's

Lincoln's Cornet Band (North Bennington)

Active in 1873

Londonderry Brass Band

Active in 1860

Londonderry Cornet Band

Founded in 1862. Conductor H.A. Hayward in 1868. Still active in the 1900's

Ludlow Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1869. Teacher Mr Merrill in 1856. Also active in the 1890's and 1900's

Lyndonville Town Band

Founded in 1867

Manchester Cornet Band

Founded in 1858. Disbanded in November 1863 when several of its members joined the new regiment forming that autumn

Marble Valley Brass Band (Rutland)

Active in 1862 to 1865

Marble's Brass Band (Northfield)

Active in 1850

Marlboro Band

Active in the 1900's

Marshfield Cornet Band

Active in 1900

McClure's Student Band (Groton)

Active in the 1920's

Middlebury Brass Band

Active in 1852, leader R.E. Whitcomb, clerk T.L. Frary. Still active in 1900

Middlebury Cornet Band

Active in 1873, tutor George W. Sherman. Leader E.L. Hatch in 1874

Middletown Springs Cornet Band

Active in 1886

Missisco Cornet Band

See: Missisquoi Cornet Band

Missisquoi Cornet Band (Troy)

Founded in 1861

Missisquoi Cornet Band

Active in 1861, tutor George E. Kingsley

Montgomery Brass Band

Active in 1900

Montpelier Brass Band (1)

Founded in late 1851. Still active in 1859. A successor band was formed in 1866

Montpelier Brass Band (2)

Founded in July 1866, leader H. Fales. Still active in 1869

Montpelier Cornet Band (1)

Founded in January 1859, director James Rice, with a set of brass instruments provided by the members. Leader H. Fales in 1868-1871. In early 1860 they purchased a set of German silver instruments. In August 1861 the bands costs over the previous two and a half years were \$2,200, but the band had only raised \$1,700. In debt to the tune of \$500 they were considering disbanding. A successor band was formed in 1873

Montpelier Cornet Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1873, leader Horace W. Kempton, tutor Mr Grant, with 14 players. Still active in 1874

Montpelier Military Band

Active in 1905

Moretown Military Band

Active in 1909

Morrisville Cornet Band (Morristown)

Founded in summer 1868, leader Professor Whipple. In 1869 it lost a number of instruments when the G.A.R. Hall in the town burnt down. Still active in 1900. Also occasionally known as Hyde Park Cornet Band

Morrisville Military Band (Morristown)

Active in the 1900's

Mount Holly Cornet Band

Active in 1874 to 1879

Newbury Cornet Band

Founded around 1857 with Henry W. Bailey and C. H. Clark as their early leaders. On July 4, 1860 they played for over a thousand people at the dedication of the Summit House on Mount Moosilauke. It re-organized in 1863 with Bailey as their leader and with members from several neighboring towns. It continued until 1886.

Newfane Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Newport Band

Active in the 1900's

Newport Cornet Band

Founded in 1862 [although there is a report of a Newport Cornet Band in August 1861]. Still active in 1907. 14 players in 1872

Newton Brass Band (Montpelier)

Active in 1851, composed of mechanics and tradesmen

North Hero Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1874, with 14 players. Still active in 1907

Northfield Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1856, 1857. A successor band was formed in 1859

Northfield Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1859. Still active in 1907. 18 members in 1860. Leader F.E. Grant in 1872

Orwell Brass Band

Active in 1871

Orwell Citizens Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Pawlet Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Pawlet Military Band

Active in 1912

Peacham Cornet Band

Active in 1870

Perkinsville Brass Band (Weathersfield)

Active in 1861, 1862

Pethville Brass Band (Braintree)

Active in 1900

Pittsford Cornet Band

Active in 1900 and into the 1910's

Plainfield Brass Band

Active in 1866, 1867

Poultney Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Poultney Juvenile Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Proctor Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Proctorsville Brass Band (Cavendish)

Active in 1900

Proctorsville Cornet Band (Cavendish)

Active in 1884

Quechee Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Oueen City Cornet Band (Burlington)

Founded in spring 1869, leader William Tobey, musical director J.B. Holmberg, secretary E.T. Page, committee members H.R. Wing, E.W. Taft, and Edward F. Lucas. Instruments costing \$700 were purchased from J. Howard Foote of New York. Leader Edward T. Page in 1873, with 18 players

Readsboro Brass Band

Active in 1874

Readsboro Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Rice's Cornet Band (Northfield)

Active in 1855, leader James Rice

Richford Cornet Band

Active in 1860 with 10 players

Richford Juvenile Band

Active in the 1910's

Richmond Cornet Band (Chittenden County)

Founded in spring 1869, leader J.P. Barnum, treasurer/secretary S.W. Hatch, with 12 German instruments costing \$750. Still active in 1871

Richmond Fireman's Band

Active in 1903

Rochester Band

Active in the 1910's

Rutland Band

Active in the 1910's

Rutland Brass Band

Founded in spring 1871, with members: Frank Wilson (conductor), T. Delisle (leader), John Clifford, Pierce Flemons, John Liston, William Clifford, John Duffey, John Sheridan, Timothy Sheridan, John McCormick, Matthew McCormick, Willie Valiquette, Magloria Dusharn, Dan Bowen, Lewis Cassey, and Albert Cusharn

Rutland Cornet Band

Active in 1855 to 1886. Leader Will Allen in 1856. Conductor Louis F. Brehmer in 1886. In 1882 the band split into two factions, one retaining the name Rutland Cornet Band, the other adopting the name Hatch's Military Band

St Albans Cornet Band

Active in 1856. Still active in 1872. Officers in 1861 were W.B. Clark (leader), Cyrus Greene (2nd leader), P.H. Trepainer (musical conductor), I.G. Styles (clerk & treasurer), C.M. Clarke (teacher). Instructor Professor Grant in 1870

St Johnsbury Cornet Band

Founded in 1830. Leader John H. Paddock in 1851-1860, Mr Hough in 1871, Mr Herrick in 1874. After going through several changes of name, it is still active as the St Johnsbury Band

St Johnsbury Town Band

See: St Johnsbury Cornet Band

St Mary's Brass Band (St Albans)

Active in 1874

St Mary's Cornet Band (Burlington)

Active in 1870 with 18 players. Still active in 1874. Obtained new uniforms in 1873 consisting of dark green coat with buff facings trimmed with gold, and having gold epaulettes, black regulation belts with harp and shamrock upon the silver buckles, white gloves, and dark blue pants with gold and green stripe, and a Prussian cap with a tasty green feather. Officers in 1873 included leader Eugene Hickey, teacher J.B. Holmberg, and drum major John Gleason

St Peter's Cornet Band (Rutland)

Active in early 1869, leader A. Delisle, with 15 members. A.B. Williams was leader in September 1869. Still active in 1870

Sarsfield Cornet Band (West Rutland)

Active in 1868. Still active in 1872. Leader E.J. Leonard in 1869-1871, with 22 members. Directed by A.B. Williams in 1870 with 19 members. Conductor F. Wilson in 1871, with Edward Copps on Eb Cornet

Saxtons River Brass Band

Active in 1904

Sharon Cornet Band

Active in 1878. Still active in 1900

Shelburne Cornet Band

Active in 1859

Sherman Cornet Band (Winooski)

See: Winooski Cornet Band

Sherman's Military Band (Burlington)

Active in the 1900's

South Royalton Brass Band

Active in 1858 with 16 players, and into the 1860's

South Royalton Cornet Band

Founded in 1869. Active in 1872

South Royalton Town Band

Founded in 1886

Springfield Brass Band

Active in 1869, 1870

Springfield Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1865

Starksboro Brass Band

Active in 1900

Stowe Brass Band

Active in 1867, 1868

Stowe Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Still active in 1900. Leader Charley Ambright in 1871

Stowe Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Strafford Brass Band

Active in 1868

Sutton Cornet Band

Founded in 1859

Swanton Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1858 with 15 players. Still active in 1868, leader Mr Munsell. A successor band was formed in 1872

Swanton Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1872. Still active in 1900

Thetford Cornet Band

Active in 1869, leader J.B. Crain. Still active in 1873

Topsham Cornet Band

Active in 1861

Townshend Brass Band

Founded in 1859

Transatlantic Brass Band (Barre)

Active in 1900

Troy Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Leader Mr Doring in 1874, with 18 players. Still active in 1900

Tunbridge Brass Band

Active in 1900

U.S.S. Vermont Band

Active in the 1910's

Union Cornet Band (Danby)

See: Danby Cornet Band

Union Village Brass Band (Thetford)

Active in 1864. Still active in 1874, with 20 players

Vergennes Cornet Band

Active in 1856 to 1870

Vermont Catamont Brass Band (Stowe)

[Previous name of current band] - See: Green Mountain Brass Band

Waitsfield Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1859 and into the 1860's. A successor band was formed in 1873

Waitsfield Cornet Band (2)

Founded in March 1873. Still active in 1900. Leader Ziba McAllister in 1873-1874, with 17 men

Walden Cornet Band

Active in 1861

Wales Cornet Band (North Bennington)

Active in 1870, leader H. Wales, with 14 players. Still active in 1872

Wallingford Military Band

Active in the 1890's

Wardsboro Band (Londonderry)

Active in 1910

Wardsboro Cornet Band

Active in 1901

Warren Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Washington Cornet Band (Washington)

Active in 1900

Waterbury Cornet Band

Active in 1858, leader J.B. Woodward. Still active in 1873

Waterville Cornet Band

Active in 1900

Wells River Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

West Berkshire Brass Band (Berkshire)

Active in 1900

West Bolton Cornet Band (Bolton)

Active in 1900

West Fairlee Brass Band

Active in the 1900's, leader B.M. Ball

West Pawlet Brass Band

West Randolph Cornet Band

Founded in 1870. Still active in 1874. Leader Dexter Chatfield in 1873. Also known as Badger's Brass Band

West River Brass Band

Active in 1859

West Topsham Brass Band

Active in 1867, leader Mr Tabor

Westford Concert Band

Active in 1908

Westford Cornet Band

Active in 1872 to 1874

Westminster Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1860, instructor S.F. Merrill

Weston Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's to the 1930's. The red Concord coach, which was used by the band as its bandwagon, is housed in the Weston Historical Society Bandwagon Museum, at the Historic Millyard, Weston

Wheeler's Band (Bellows Falls)

Active in the 1910's, conductor G.B. Wheeler, leader E.P. Taft, president H.J. Huntoon, treasurer A.R. Smith

White River Cornet Band

Active in 1859. 16 players in 1860

Whiting Cornet Band

Founded in 1870

Williamstown Brass Band

Active in 1861. Still active in 1900

Williamsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Williston Cornet Band

Active in 1860

Wilmington Cornet Band (1)

Founded in 1865. Still active in 1873. Instructor S.F. Merrill in 1866. A successor band was formed in 1887

Wilmington Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1887. Still active in 1900

Windham Cornet Band

Active in 1860. Leader R.R. Clark in 1860, James Elliot Goold in 1861

Windsor Cornet Band

Active in 1855 to 1874. Leader G. Skinner, clerk David Moore in 1856. Frank A.R. Packard was a member in 1873

Winooski Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader G.W. Sherman. Still active in 1873 with 18 players. Renamed Sherman Cornet Band in 1871

Witter Cornet Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band, founded in 1986

Wolcott Cornet Band

Active in 1872. Leader Mr Grillett in 1874

Woodbury Cornet Band

Woodstock Cornet Band

Founded in 1852. Still active in 1886. Charles Morris Cobb was on alto horn in 1852. 20 members in 1860, 19 in 1874. Leader Henry T. Marsh and musical director Daniel Bigelow in 1855, leader George W. Colton in 1872, C.M. Cobb again in 1873 after Colton resigned, George D. Kenyon in 1874, Colton again in 1877, W. Ordway in 1886

Woodstock Military Band

Active in the 1910's

WT Cushman Mfg. Co. Military Band (North Bennington)

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C.B. Rouss Cornet Band

107th US Colored Infantry Band (Arlington)

Active in 1865

18th Corps Band

Active in the 1860's

318th Regiment Band (Camp Lee)

Active in 1917

Abingdon Brass Band

Active in 1856

Adams' Cornet Band (Fredericksburg)

See: Fredericksburg Brass Band

Alexandria Social Cornet Band

Founded in summer 1871. Still active in 1873

Barrett's Cornet Band (Norfolk)

Active in the 1890's

Beaty Family Cornet Band (Reliance)

Active in the 1910's. Consisted of: Thelma Beaty (snare drums), Calvin Beaty (father, cornet), Walter Beaty (euphonium), (Thomas) Russell Beaty (tuba), Lester Beaty (baritone horn), Henry Beaty (bass drum)

Blackford Cornet Band (Staunton)

Active in the early 1890's, conductor Thomas Memory Turner. This band was located at the Western Lunatic Asylum and consisted of male attendants at the hospital. An account from 1892 stated: "The music of the Hospital Band sets aside solitude and relieves the monotony of asylum life, and has a wonderful effects in quieting the noisy and disturbed patients, besides being a source of great pleasure and enjoyment to the more quiet class, and is greatly enjoyed by visitors to the institution"

Blacksburg Cornet Band

Active in 1876, leader J.B. Weiss

Brass Band of Appalachia (Bristol)

[Current band] - Founded in 2016

Brass Band of Northern Virginia (Fairfax)

[Current band] - Founded in November 2019

Brass Band of the Potomac

[Current band]

Bristol Brass Band

Active in 1869 to 1871

Buds Baby Band (Marion)

Active in the 1900's. Consisted of about 20 children, aged under 10, playing brass instruments, drums and kazoo/zobo instruments

C.B. Rouss Cornet Band

Founded on 3rd April 1888

Cabell-Breckinridge Brass Band (Lexington)

Active in the 1990s and early 2000s. A band of cadets from the Virginia Military Institute, a historical re-enactment band

Charlottesville Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Charlottesville Cornet Band

Active in 1860 to 1874

Chesapeak Cornet Band

Active in 1865

Clarkson's Cornet Band (Alexandria)

Active in 1871

Danville Brass Band

Active in 1851 to 1860

Danville Wonder Band

Active in 1895

Dayton Concert Band

Active in 1902

Dayton Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1909, with 20 players

Dominion Brass Band

Active in the 2000s

Eshman's Cornet Band (Harrisonburg)

Founded in January 1868

Fredericksburg Brass Band

Active in 1855, with 9 players. Also known as Adams' Cornet Band

Fredericksburg Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Friendship Cornet Band

Active around 1900. Members included Jackson D. Grim (cornet), Tucker Grim (tenor horn), John Kern (cornet), William E. Carperite (trombone), Harry Snider (horn), Charles Henry (tuba), Thomas Spellman (clarinet), Mahlon W. Jackson (trombone), Maurice O'Leary (euphonium), Professor Harry Homer (conductor), Vernon H. Garton (piccolo),

Front Royal Cornet Band

Founded in autumn 1872

Glade Cornet Band (Blacksburg)

Active in 1884, members included Eustis Lancaster and Arthur Lancaster

Glade Spring Band

Founded in 1915

Gravel Springs Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Hamburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Hamilton Cornet Band

Active in 1872, 1873

Harrisonburg Brass Band

Active in 1869

Harrisonburg Cornet Band

Active in 1907

Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Brass Band (Staunton)

Active in 1851. Still active in 1878. Leader Professor A.J. Turner in 1866, T.M. Turner in 1868. A concert in December 1866, included the Palmetto Waltz, Cinderella Quickstep, Old Dominion March, and Washington Quickstep

James Madison University Brass Band (Harrisonburg)

[Current band] - Founded in 2000

Kayton's Brass Band (Nofolk)

Active in 1856

La Sarls Marine Band

Active in 1898

Lantz Mills Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Leesburg Brass Band

Active in 1856 to 1860

Liberty Brass Band (Bedford)

Founded in July 1858, led by Tyler C. Jordan, costing \$1700 to establish

Linton Hall Military School Band (Bristow)

Active in the 1910's

Lynchburg Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Martinsville Brass Band

Active in 1866 to 1871. 21 members in 1871

Massanutten Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2001

Massanutten Military Academy Band (Woodstock)

Active in the 1930's

Massanutten Youth Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 2009

Mechanics Band (Mechanicsville)

Active in the 1900's

Mount Olive Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Page Kiddies Band

Active in 1934

Page Valley Cornet Band

Founded in 1906

Petersburg Mechanics' Brass Band

Active in 1854, Thomas Wells was a member

Portsmouth W.O.W. Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with Magnolia Camp no.4 of the Woodmen of the World fraternal organisation

Richmond Armory Brass Band

Active in 1852 to 1854, leader James B. Smith. A concert in September 1853 was: Overture Emma di Antiochia (Mercadante), Salt Sulphur Spring Polka (Fred Dollinger), Edinburg Waltzes (Labitzke), I Know a Bank Whereon the Wild Thyme Grows (J.B. Smith), Aria - Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti), My Childhood Home (J.B. Smith), Casta Diva - Norma (Bellini), Henry Clay's Grand March (C.S. Grafulla), Grand Cavatina (J.B. Smith), Oft in the Stilly Night (T. Moore), Medley Quick Step (C.S. Grafulla)

Richmond City Brass Band

Active in 1867 to 1869

Richmond Cornet Band

Active in 1853 to 1855

Salem Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Scottsville Band

Active in the 1900's

Shenandoah Valley Women's Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Sherwood Brass Band (Petersburg)

Active in 1890 to 1895. The band consisted of boys aged 4 to 14 years old from the orphanage at Petersburg, and was named after the Reverend Sherwood. Sadly there were allegations of fraud and child abuse associated with the band, as it toured the USA, raising money for the orphan asylum (which seemed to be in different places in the south!). The band went to England in December 1894 working the "same old racket". Rev. William Henry Sherwood's Youth Missionary Band, comprised twenty-five "Neglected and Friendless Children of the Negro Race in the Black Belt of Virginia." During the latter part of 1890, the band were giving open-air concerts in Lousiana, and from there they ventured into Kansas and Missouri. However, a newspaper report in 1894 painted a different picture, with an account from one of the boys from when he was with the band in England: "I think I should write to let all my people know how badly I have been treated. I came to this country with fifteen other boys. Dr. Sherwood (his right name is Griser) told my mother that he would pay me some money and give me plenty to eat and clothes to wear. He treats all the boys like slaves, and only gives them two meals a day. We walk about the streets all day. playing our music and begging money for him. He gives us rice and soup, and not much of that. If we ask for more he whips us until we cannot stand up. I ran away and got to Birmingham. I found Rev. Mr. Stanford, the colored preacher. He has been very kind to me. Sherwood came me to this place to try to get me back, but I would not go. Mr. Stanford said he would not let him or anybody else ill use me. I have written to my mother and am coming back. Such a bad man as the man who calls himself Dr. Sherwood is a disgrace to my people. Everybody should know how bad he is. He says we are all orphans, and that he has got a large building in Petersburg. VA.. and a big lot of children. I am glad I have got away from him. Yours very respectfully, George Fayerman of Petersburg, Va. (age 14 years), January 23, 1895". Sherwood's questionable behavior caused other orphanage bands to be distrusted as well, causing problems for the Jenkins Orphanage Band when it visited England. In October

1895, Sherwood abandoned the band in Cincinnati, Ohio. The boys were subsequently allowed to play for the collection at Zion Lyceum, the money being used to purchase them clothing.

Staunton Cornet Band

See: Turner's Silver Cornet Band

Strasburg Cornet Band

Active in 1870, leader Mr Keisler

Tankerville Cornet Band (Taylorstown)

Active in 1873

Turner's Silver Cornet Band (Staunton)

Active in 1860 to 1862. Also known as Staunton Cornet Band

Union Cornet Band (Winchester)

Active in the 1870's and 1880's

Valley Brass Band (Newtown, Fauquier County)

Active in 1852

Vauxhall Brass Band

Active in 1864, 1865, attached to General Ewell's command during the Civil War

Vienna Band

Founded on 12th April 1908

Virginia Military Institute Brass Band (Lexington)

Founded in 1869

Virginia P.I. Cadet Band

Active in the 1910's

Western Lunatic Asylum Cornet Band (Staunton)

See: Blackford Cornet Band

Winchester Brass Band

Active in 1866. Re-organised in 1867

Winchester Cornet Band

Active in 1868

Winchester Independent Brass Band

Active in 1858

Woodstock Brass Band (1)

Active in 1856, leader A.J. Turner

Woodstock Brass Band (2)

Founded in June 1869

USA - Washington



Olympia Cornet Band

Aberdeen Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's and 1900's

Anacortes Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Ancient Order of United Workmen Band (Seattle)

Active in the 1900's

Angora Grotto Shriners' Band (Seattle)

Active in the 1920's

Auburn Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Black Diamond Band

Active in 1904 to 1908

Bothell Cornet Band

Founded in the 1890's by Charles Beardsley. Leader Jon Peters in 1909. Still active in 1910

Bowen and his American Band (Spokane)

Active in 1911

Brass Band Northwest (Bellevue)

[Current band] - Founded in 2002

Brass Band Tacoma

[Current band] - Founded in October 2018, conductor John Falskow

Carbonado Band

Castle Rock Band

Active in 1915

Chehalis Training School Boys' Band

Active around 1915

Chewelah Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Children's Industrial Home Band (Des Moines)

See: Jolly Entertainers Band

Crescent Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1913, performing at Liberty Lake

Davis Family Band (Seattle)

Active in 1912, consisted of the first 6 children of James A. Davis and Christine Anderson - ie: Clara (tenor horn), Ruth (tuba), Glory (euphonium), Frank (trombone), Russel (cornet), and Samuel (cornet)

Ellensburg Girls Band

Active in 1913

Elma Band

Active in the 1900's

Endicott Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Enumclaw Cornet Band

Active in 1905

Excelsior Cornet Band (Port Gamble)

Active in 1885, with members A.E. Stetson, C.F. Clancy, G.P. McFaden, W.A. Story, G.G. Suggett, G.A. Story, H. McCrae, W.S. Burns, G. Colman, Will Walker, C.W. Lowe, H.W. Miller, J.A. McCoy, G.W. Dwelly, M. Wilson, and L.W. Stetson

Farragut Brass Band (Bremerton)

[Current band]

Frances Silver Band (Pacific County)

Founded in 1893 by Mr Brewer. It was reorganised in 1906 under the baton of Ferdinand Lawrence Calouri. Probably disbanded around 1910. Members in 1898 included: Othmar A. Custer, Mr Marsh, C.B. Handy, Fred Handy, Tim Soule, Will Habersetzer, Joe Habersetzer, Louis Custer, Archie Handy, John Waters, Leonhard Habersetzer, Mr Brewer, Art Sloan, and Cornelius Habersetzer

Franklin High School Band

Active in the 1920's

Fremont Old Timers Band

Active in the 1880's, with members J. Rockwall (Instructor), A.E. Goetz (Drum Major), A.D. Grow (Solo cornet and Leader), Ernest Whitehead (Solo cornet), John Quinn (Solo cornet), William Long (1st cornet), George Grist (1st cornet), Tom Herbert (Alto), Ed Thelin (Alto), J.B. Giacomini (Alto), Phil Ashmun (Baritone), Pete Johnson (Tuba), Leon Johnson (Snare drum), and Lyman Spray (Base drum).

Garfield Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Gonzaga College Cadet Band (Spokane)

Active in the 1900's

Happy Valley Band (Redmond)

Ilwaco Cornet Band

Active in 1894, when members included: Dr Parks, William Brumbach, Claude Hall, Astor Seaborg, Fred Marden, Professor Jackson, Frank Marden, William Hall, Otto Hall, Clarence Hutton, J.A. Howerton, Amon Markham, Edward Becken, William Suldon, Jesse Timmen, Henry McNabb and George Gaither.

J.F. Duthrie and Company Band

Active in 1918

Jolly Entertainers Band (Des Moines)

Active in 1909 to 1925. This was a band of children from the Children's Industrial Home and Manual Training School. It toured extensively across the USA and Canada, raising money for the home. H.M. Draper was the superintendent and band director. The home eventually housed up to 40 children, all of who were taught musical instruments. In the early days there were just 7 children under Draper's care: Doloros, Gudrun, Birdie, Mike, Maggie, Hartel and Phillis

Kelly's Band (Tacoma)

Active in the 1900's

Kelso Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Kent Military Band

Active in the 1900's

La Center Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

La Conner Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1902, Thomas Hinote and James E. Hinote were members

LA Sousa Clown Band (Luna Park, Seattle)

Active in 1909

Leavenworth Kid Band

Active in the 1910's

Lopez Cornet Band (Lopez Island)

Founded in March 1890 - Millard Hutchinson (1867-1915) was a player in the band, together with George Cary, Joe Thornton, Charles Phelps, Charles Wood, Dick Sumner, Harry Cary, Sam Britt and Robert Hummel.

Mabton Band

Active in 1908

Miller's Band (Seattle)

Active in the 1910's

Minong Band

Active in the 1910's

Musicians' Union Brass Band (Tacoma)

Active in the 1890's

Navy Band (Bremerton)

Active in 1917

Neah Bay Band

Active in the 1900's

Newport City Band

Active in 1915

Normanna Band (Seattle)

Active in the 1900's

North Central High School Band (Spokane)

Active in the 1900's

Olympia Cornet Band

Founded in 1869, leader C.W. Lowe. Still active in 1871. Original members included Louis P. Ouellette, Nathaniel Crosby III, Charles M. Moore, Theodore Brown, Oley Simonson, Charles B. White, E.B. Osborn, Eltney Van Epps, Xavier Hosneder, and Herman Hadlan

Olympia Juvenile Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Omak Military Band

Active in 1910

Oroville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's. Still active in 1911

Orphan's Industrial Home Band (Seattle)

Active in 1906

Palouse Concert Band

Active in the 1920's

Port Angeles Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's/1890s. Members included Richard Eacrett, L.D. Stewart, Jack spears, Lou Smith, Ed Stewart, Bill Shearer, Sam Shearer (drums), George Haines, Wesley Stewart, Charlie Cook, and Ben Crocket.

Port Angeles Marine Band

Active in 1917

Port Blakely Cornet Band

Active around 1890

Port Townsend Band

Active in the 1890's

Puget Brass

[Current band] - Founded in 1999

Renton Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Renton High School Band

Active in 1911

Republic Town Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's, members included: Bill Higgins, Johnnie Manley, Pete McCormack, Bill Wright, Johnnie Ritter, Elmer Clark, Roy Sherman, Clyde Higgins, Bessie Manley, Clyde Farr, Clayton Higgins, Bill Brown, Charlie Davidson, Tuck Salisbury, Jack Finn.

Rockford Band

Active in the 1900's

St Martin's College Band (Lacey)

Active in 1907 to 1909

Seattle Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Seattle Eagles Band

Active in 1913. Associated with Aerie no. 1 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (which was founded in Seattle in 1898)

Seattle Police Department Brass Band

Active around 1920

Silvana Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Spokane British Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1995

Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Band

Active in 1917

Spring Flat Band

Active in the 1900's

Steptoe School Band

Active in 1910

Summit Brass Band (McCleary)

Active in the 1900's, when members included George Townsend, Jack Schamehorn, Arthur Berglund, Alfred Paulson, Bert Mills, Earl Teagle, Robert Padget, Willis Casey, Ernest Teagle, Dale Craft, Solomon Paulson, Ed Berglund, Oscar Paulson and Dwight Casey

Sunset Band

Active in the 1900's

Swedish Band (Fairhaven)

Active in 1909

Tacoma Military Band

Active in 1899

Tenino Brass Band

Founded in 1892, but it soon gave up being a band and became a fife and drum corps. A successor band was formed in 1902

Tenino Cornet Band

Founded by C. Frank Stone (a stonecutter) in 1902. Bob McArthur became leader of the band in 1908. Later the Tenino Cornet Band became the Tenino Eagles Band. The band had white duck trousers, white shirts and white hats that it wore in the summer and wool tunics for the winter. The Tenino Eagles band was excellent for a small town. It traveled and played at Fraternal Order of Eagles conventions at Victoria and San Francisco. It disbanded before WW2

Tenino Eagles Band

See: Tenino Cornet Band

Toppenish Band

Active in 1912

Tulalip Indian School Band

Active in 1912

Uniontown Military Band (Whitman County)

Active in the 1910's, conductor J.J. Crieff

University of Washington Band (Seattle)

Active in the 1910's

Vashon Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's, members included Ervin Thompson, H. O. Fuller, Lake Price, Earl Price, Lester Blackburn, Charles Jacobs, William Alexander, Horrace Lovering, Edward Mace, O. S. VanOlinda, Mont. Robb, Earnest Lindley, P. L. Nye (leader)

Volunteers of America Band (Spokane)

Active in 1900

Wagner's Band (Seattle)

Active in the 1910's

Walla Walla College Cornet Band

Founded in 1893 by George W. Miller

Washougal Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Wenatchee British Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1982

Wilbur High School Band

Active in 1909

Yard B Shipyard Band (Bremerton)

Active in 1917

York Street Band (Silver Beach)

Active in the 1900's

USA - West Virginia



Houchins Cornet Band, Greenville

1st Infantry West Virginia National Guard Band (Clarksburg)

Active in the 1910's

Basin Band

Active in the 1900's

Bayard Town Band

Active in the 1910's and 1920's. Conductor David Froggatt in 1920

Cairo Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Cameron Brass Band

Founded in summer 1871

Charles Town City Band (Charleston)

Active in the 1900's

Charles Town Cornet Band (Charleston)

Active in 1867 to 1874. President E.H. Davenport, secretary J.F. Keplinger, leader Professor Turner in 1874

Charles Town Junior Cornet Band (Charleston)

Founded in summer 1870, teacher Jacob Sheerz

Charleston Brass Band (1)

See: Charles Town Cornet Band

Charleston Brass Band (2)

[Current band]

Charlestown Cornet Band

See: Charles Town Cornet Band

Circleville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Clarksburg Brass Band

See: Clarksburg Demoncratic Brass Band

Clarksburg Cornet Band

Active in 1868, 1869

Clarksburg Demoncratic Brass Band

Active in 1852. Reorganised in 1855 to be "neutral in politics, religion, etc."

Colored Orphan's Home and Industrial School Band (Huntington)

Active around 1900

Craver Sisters' Band (Hendricks)

See: Mountain Beauties Band

Criswell's Cornet Band (1) (Shepherdstown)

See: Shepherdstown Brass Band

Criswell's Cornet Band (2) (Shepherdstown)

Founded in March 1870, with new instruments from Messrs Kummer & Schetlich, Baltimore, costing \$575. Initial members were Captain Criswell, James Rickard, George W. Humrickhouse, H.M. Billinge, James Harp, George W. Yontz, John Harp, Joseph Loyns, Samuel Humrickhouse, John Ray, and drummers W.L. Herrington and Charles Yontz. Still active in 1873

Davy Band (Hallsville)

Active in the 1900's

Doak Band (Doddridge County)

Active in 1907

Ellenboro Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1873

Fairmont Brass Band (1)

Active in 1854, 1855

Fairmont Brass Band (2)

Active in 1871

Fairmont City Band

Active in the 1890's

First Infantry Regimental Band

Active in 1905

Freeman Brass Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1856

G.M. Yates Concert Band (Flemington)

Active in the 1910's

Gerrardstown Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Glenville Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Gospel Brass Band (Charleston)

[Current band] - Founded in 1993

Grafton Reform School Band

Active in the 1890's

Harper's Ferry Brass Band

Active in 1854

Harper's Ferry Silver Cornet Band

Founded in late summer 1874

Hartford Band (Mason County)

Active in 1910

Hartford City Brass Band (Mason County)

Active in 1860

Hayes Family Band (Clarksburg)

Active in 1923

Hebron Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Hinton Brass Band

Active in 1900, members: Earl Meador, Ray Meador, Clarence Knight, U.G. Ryalls, O.J. Bowlry, Ollie Hoover, Ray Mann, Henry Ryalls, Emmett Pack, and Charlie Bishop

Holden Knights of Pythias Band

Active in the 1900's

Houchins Cornet Band (Greenville)

Founded around 1897 by ten members of the Houchins family, six sons of Rufus Houchins (b. 1829) - William M. (b. 1857), Edward M. "Ed" (b. 1865), Charles Thompson (b. 1865), [Walter] Ryan (b. 1867), Thomas Clinton "Clint" (b. 1869) and Omer R, (b. 1879); and four sons of his brother Clayton Houchins (b. 1839) - James Fletcher "Jim" (b. 1866), [William] Ezra (b. 1871), Virgil Clayton "Verge" (b. 1873), Henry Butt (b. 1875). Jim Houchins was their leader, and editor of the local newspaper. The band dissolved after several of the members fell victim to matrimony.

Huttonsville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Independent Cornet Band (Martinsburg)

See: Martinsburg Cornet Band

Junior Cornet Band (St Mary's)

Active in 1909

Lewisburg Cornet Band

Active in the late 1870's, conductor Thomas Memory Turner

Linsly Institute Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1926

Logan Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Mannington Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Marietta Brass Band

Active in 1869, 1870

Martinsburg Brass Band

Active in 1858. Still active in 1871. Leader J.H. Blondell in 1867, Jacob Swartz in 1871

Martinsburg Cornet Band

Active in 1871, leader Jacob Swartz, with 14 players. Still active in 1873. Also known as the Independent Band. Also active in the 1900's

Martinsville Brass Band (New Martinsville)

Founded in spring 1868 by Professor Wallace. Still active in 1870

Mechanics' Brass Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1864 to 1866

Modern Woodmen Band (Mannington)

Moorefield Brass Band

Founded in summer 1869. Still active in 1871

Morgantown Brass Band

Founded in early summer 1853, teacher G.W. Fleming. Still active in 1868. Acquired a new band chariot, made by J.M. Kern, in June 1855, when their tutor was William H. Stoy, secretary William Samsel

Morgantown Jr. O.U.A.M. Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Order of United American Mechanics fraternal organisation

Moundsville Brass Band

Active in 1874

Mountain Beauties Band (Hendricks)

Founded in summer 1898, with 12 players, instructor Professor Herber Baker. The members in April 1899 were: Mary Harper (1st cornet), Grace Craver (cornet), Flodie Ray (cornet), Frankie Beigler (cornet), Addie Craver (baritone), Edna Beigler (1st tenor), Pearl Craver (2nd tenor), Tracy Bowman (1st alto), Fannie Craver (2nd alto), Gertrude Craver (tuba), Lottie Craver (bass drum), Nina Craver (tenor drum). In 1901 it consisted of the Craver sisters, 8 players in all

Mountain City Band (Davis)

Active in 1910

Mountain City Brass Band (Davis)

Active in 1856

Mountain State Brass Band (South Charleston)

[Current band] - Founded in 1998

Mowhawk Tribe Band (Huntington)

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Mowhawk Tribe, no. 11 of the Improved Order of Red Men fraternal organisation

Nadison Band

Active in the 1910's

National Brass Band (Ravenswood)

See: Ravenswood Brass Band

Orphan and Industrial Home Band

Active in the 1900's

Panther Mountain Band

Active around 1910, members included Roy Legg, Lavern Keenan, Stanley Legg, Delvy Legg, Pete Keenan, Sterling Legg, Bud Stevenson, Irene Keenan Legg, Georgia Keenan Shelton, Fenton Hypes, Wiley Mason, Lon Kitchen, Van Legg

Parkersburg Citizens Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Parkersburg High School Band

Active in the 1920's

Parkersburg Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1866 to 1869. Leader Captain Stahl in 1868

Parkersburg Young America Band

Active in 1873. Took second place in the competition at the Wood County Fair, Parkersburg on 26 September 1873

Pennsboro Band

Active in the 1900's

Piedmont Brass Band

Public School Band (Fairmont)

Active in the 1900's

Raine Andrews Lumber Company Band (Evenwood)

Active in the 1910's

Raine Andrews Lumber Company Concert Band (Evenwood)

Active in the 1900's

Ravenswood Brass Band

Active in 1871. Also known as the National Brass Band

Ritchietown Brass Band (South Wheeling)

Active in 1864 to 1870

Ritchietown Juvenile Brass Band (South Wheeling)

Active in 1870, leader Professor Ebeling

Ritchietown Mechanics' Brass Band (Wheeling)

See: Mechanics' Brass Band

Rock Hill Brass Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1870

Romney Cornet Band

Founded in August 1868, leader Professor Blanton. Still active in 1871

Rowlesburg Band

Active in the 1900's

Ruhl's City Brass Band (Wheeling)

See: Wheeling City Brass Band

Russelville Cornet Band

Active around 1900

St Mary's Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

St Mary's Junior Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Salem Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Salt Sulphur Brass Band (Salt Sulphur Springs)

Active in 1854

Shepherdstown Brass Band

Active in 1853 to 1865. Renamed Criswell's Cornet Band in October 1857, with new uniforms of blue cloth. It was reorganised briefly after the Civil War, in July 1865. An further unsuccessful attempt was made to re-organise it in January 1868. It was eventually reformed in 1870

Shepherdstown Junior Brass Band

Active in 1870. Committee members included John M. Smurr and William M. Sheetz

Shinnston Cornet Band

Founded on January 23, 1877, with M. C. Jarrett, as leader. Members in 1882 were: M. C. Jarrett, 1st E-Flat cornet; A. L. Jarrett, 2nd E-flat cornet; G. T. Harrison, 1st B- flat cornet; M. J. Jarrett, 2nd B flat cornet; H. T. Shinn, solo alto; Emory Stichler, 1st alto; W. T. Reeder, 2nd alto; John Knox, 1st tenor; Albert Knox, 2nd tenor; George Haught, baritone; Dorsey Shore, tuba; S. Long, bass drum and cymbals; and Hugh Shinn, snare drum

Stahl's Cornet Band (Parkersburg)

Active in 1873. A colored band which took first place in the competition at the Wood County Fair, Parkersburg on 26 September 1873

Storer College Cornet Band (Harpers Ferry)

Founded on 4 January 1906. Members in 1908 included B. Debbis, C. Dennis, John W. McKinney, T. Herrod, Trulia Jones, Eugene Jones, C. McKinney, Professor Saunders, and W. Harris

Sutton Citizen's Band (Braxton County)

Active in 1914

Thomas Concert Band (Tucker County)

Active in the 1890's

Tunnelton Cornet Band

Active in 1897

Union Brass Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1859, leader Jacob Rohr. Still active in 1864

Union I.O.O.F. Band (Union)

Active in the 1890's

Vaas' Cornet Band (Wheeling)

See: Wheeling Cornet Band

Valley Grove Cornet Band

Active in 1870. Leader A. Sample in 1872. Still active in 1873

Vaus' Cornet Band (Wheeling)

See: Wheeling Cornet Band

Victory Band (Greater Clarksburg)

Active in the 1910's

Wallace Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Walnut Hills Brass Band

Active around 1900

Washington Brass Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1867, 1868

Watoga Band

Active in 1914

Wellsburg Brass Band

Active in 1855 to 1857

West Union Brass Band

Active in the 1880's, members included G.D. Peterson, B.F Lyons, V.D. Wolfe, Ira McClain, Hector Eschenbrunner, Bailey Kight, Harvey McConnell, J.L. McCormick, Will Stout, Dock Kulp, Robert Murphy, Oscar McConnell, and George Blair

West Virginia Concert Band (Wheeling)

Active in 1867, leader T.M. Todd

Weston Cornet Band

Active in 1870 to 1874. Leader William Stoy in 1871. Secretary L.H. Wood in 1872

Weston Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Wheeling City Brass Band

Active in 1852, leader J.S. Ruhl. Still active in 1856

Wheeling Cornet Band

Active in 1864 to 1874. Conductor Mr Vaas in 1865-1871

USA - Wisconsin



Utopian Ladies' Band, Belleville, 1907

1st Brigade Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1964. A historical re-enactment band - based on Broadhead Brass Band, which had enlisted in the Union Army as the band of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 15th Army Corps, in 1864.

2nd Wisconsin Crusaders (Marshfield)

Active in 1894

3rd Regiment Wisconsin National Guard Band (Viroqua)

Active in 1909

Ableman Band

Active in 1912

Albany Cornet Band

Founded in 1881 by Scott Darling. It was active into the 1920's. The first members were: Charley Putnam, J. P. Atherton, Charley Wilder, John Flood, Andrew Wessel, John Pryce, Hector Carradine, Willie Bliss, Jim Keegan, Tim Keegan and O. H. Atherton. Conductor H. Atherton in 1896. Members in 1910 were: Elmer Atherton; Ervin Graves; Lester Peckham; Maurice Barton, Elmer Dixon; Carl Jacobson; Harleigh Peckham; Roy Phelps; Ed Gibbons; Eddie Butcher; Colonel Dixon; Ivan Phelps; Fred Roberts; Andrew Wessel; Albe Sherbundy; Harry Atherton; and Dr. Sax Morgan.

Albion Lady Cornet Band

Active in 1891 with 18 players. Still active in 1892

Algoma High School Band

Active in the 1910's

Alma Brass Band

Founded in 1876 with Albert Utzinger as its leader, and Jacob Weinandy, John Tritsch, Otto and Leo Furrer, and John Baertsch as its members. In 1879 Jacob Weinandy became the leader and new members were added including P. E. Ibach, William Heyser, and Christ Carisch. They were often called upon to play for special celebrations and festivals. There was also a Boys' Band (see Alma Juvenile Cornet Band) composed primarily of Gerhard Gesell's boys and their friends

Alma Concert Band

Founded in 1915

Alma Juvenile Cornet Band

Active in 1889, Arnold Gesell was a member

Almena Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

American Cornet Band (Monroe)

Active in 1869

Amherst Concert Band

Active around 1910

Amsden's Military Band (Marinette)

Active in 1907

Antigo City Band

Active in 1908

Apple River Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Appleton Cornet Band

Active in 1871

Aretlow & Lindewirths Band (Milwaukee)

Active in the 1900's. The Aretlow & Lindewirths company was based at 508 Walnut Street and 340 Reed Street, Milwaukee

Argyle Band

Active in the 1900's

Ariel Band (Berlin)

Active in 1908

Arion Brass Band (Kiel)

Founded in 1886 by Henry G. Ammann

Arion Cornet Band (Oshkosh)

Founded in 1877, disbanded in 1919. The band was formed when two smaller musical groups merged in 1877. Businessman Robert Brand, owner of the Brand Manufacturing Company, was the leader of the local chapter of the American Cornet Band since the 1860's. R.A. Spick, who was a photographer in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh, city alderman, and one-time director of the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, was the director of another smaller band. Brand, who had once served as the director of the Arion Musical Association of Milwaukee suggested that the new band adopt the Arion title as well. This was also a practical decision considering a number of members in the band were also former members of the Arion Band in Milwaukee, so they were still in possession of their Arion uniforms.

Ash Creek Band

Active in the 1910's

Ashland City Band

Active in the 1900's

Athens Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Avalanche Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Avoca Brass Band

Founded in June 1870, with members R.L. Telfair (leader), S.S. Welsh, Conrad Smelzer, Bronson Telfair, Fred Dimmock, Nels Johnson, Zachary Barnard, Alonzo McCallister, I.O. Ingram, H.L. Lindsay, John Post, Thomas Thorson, M. Snow, H.C. Barnard, and D.C. Wood. Still active in 1871

Bach's Brass Band (Milwaukee)

Active in 1867

Baldwin Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Banner Band (Milwaukee)

Active in the 1910's

Baraboo Cornet Band

Active in 1887

Baraboo Marine Band

Active in 1906

Batavia Band

Active in the 1900's

BCB Band

Active in the 1900's

Beaver Creek Band

Active in the 1900's

Beaver Dam American Legion Band

Active in the 1910's, conductor D.C. Burkholder

Beaver Dam Band (Dodge County)

Active in the 1890's

Beaver Dam Cornet Band

Founded in 1859. Disbanded in August 1874. 8 members in 1870

Belle City Brassworks Brass Band (Racine)

[Current band] - Founded in 1987

Belmont Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Beloit Boys' Band

Active in the 1900's

Bezucha Brothers Family Band (Hillsboro)

Consisted of Frank and five of his brothers and a sister, It was popular in the Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Chicago areas in the 1920's. The siblings were (Charles) Frank (b. 1884), Sophie (b. 1886), Joseph (b. 1888), Anna (b.1890), Washington (b.1891), Edward (b.1893), Bessie (b.1899) and Leo (b.1901)

Birchwood Cornet Band

Active in 1911

Black River Falls Brass Band

Active in 1895

Bliss Band (Grand Rapids)

Active in the 1900's

Blue River Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's to 1912

Bohemian Brass Band (Manitowoc)

Active in 1860

Boscobel Band

Active in 1893 to 1923

Boscobel Juvenile Band

Active in 1910

Bower City Band (Janesville)

Active in the 1900's

Brantwood Echo Band

Active in the 1900's

Briggsville Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Broadhead Brass Band

Founded in 1859, conductor A.J. Laird. In 1864 eighteen men from the Brodhead Brass Band enlisted in the Union Army as the band of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 15th Army Corps. These 18 men were Emmet Flood, Alfred Mason, C. C. Stone, Norman Hall, S. S. Jackson, J. Brant, George Spaulding, Horace Moore, Fred Knickerbocker, Joe Smith, Mr Clark, Beam Snow, J. M. Faust, K. O. Kimberley, Gerard Kneeland, John Pickering, Theo Brown, and Mr Pomeroy.

Brodhead Brass Band

See: Broadhead Brass Band

Browning Family Brass Band

Appeared at Marshfield's 61st annual Central Wisconsin State Fair in August 1963. The band consisted of six sisters and two brothers with their parents. In addition to the brass instruments the sisters played accordions, marimbas and danced. In 1956 the children used their pocket money to buy a corn-popping machine, the initial investment of Browning Kids Inc. Eugene Browning, his wife Margaret, daughters Carol, Anne, Mary Margaret, Linda, Patricia, Barbara, sons Eugene jnr., and Robert Allen. The family made hundreds of personal appearances and also featured on radio and television

Browntown Cornet Band

Active in 1913, members included E. A. Mani and Myron Hard

Burnett Concert Band

Active in 1910

Cadott American Legion Band

Active in the 1910's

Cadott Young Men's Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Cambria City Band

Active in the 1920's

Cambria Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Campbellsport Cornet Band

Founded on October 2, 1889 by Dr. Peter A. Hoffmann, who was director for many years. The officers at that time were: John H. Paas (President), Martin Herbert (Secretary), William Wedde (Treasurer), Lorenz Kohler (Marshall). The band members were: Henry Leibel, Adolf Ullrich, John Pass, William Ullrich, Joseph Schlaefer Sr., Martin Herbert, Thomas Dieringer, Dr. Jacob Schoofs, Jacob Schlaefer, John Grissman, Gerhard Schoofs, Lorenz Kohler, Val Dieringer, William Wedde, Henry Schoofs, Jacob Becker, Mathias Hoffmann,

Nicholas Gonnering, Christ Keerig, Ignatius Klotz, Charles Vande Zande, Bernard Ullrich, Charles Glass, and Frank Strobel. It disbanded in 1968

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Cazenovia Band

Active in the 1900's

Cedarburg Brass Band

Active in 1883

Centralia Brass Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

Active in 1861

Centralia Cornet Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

Founded in the early 1870's, largely composed of members of the Lyon family who were all talented and took a prominent part in music circles. It played for a very notable event during this period which was the celebration of the Wisconsin Valley Railroad in 1873 upon its arrival in Centralia

Chilton Church Band

Active in the 1890's

Chilton City Band

Active in the 1900's

Chilton Cornet Band

Active in 1905. Still active in 1909

Clayton Concert Band

Active in 1911

Clyman Band

Active in 1908

Coleman Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Coloma Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Columbia Band (Wausau)

Active in the 1910's

Coon Valley Cornet Band

Active around 1909

Crandon Brass Band

Active around 1900

Cream City Military Band (Milwaukee)

Active in the 1900's. Members around 1910 included Henry Zuelsdorf and Albert Zuelsdorf

Cyclone Band (Jefferson)

Active in the 1890's

Dana Band (La Crosse)

Active in 1907

Darlington Brass Band

Active in 1856. It was disbanded in early summer 1869

De Forest Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Delavan City Band

Active in the 1900's

Delavan Cornet Band

Active in 1877

Dilly Band

Active in the 1890's

Dilly Bohemian Band

Active in the 1890's

Dodgeville Brass Band

Active in 1857 to 1870

Dolton School Boys Band

Active in the 1910's

Dousman Cornet Band

Active in 1882, when it built a Music Hall

Dovre Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Downer College Ladies' Cornet Band (Fox Lake)

Active in 1890

Doylestown Band

Active in 1914

Drapers Childrens Home Band (Les Moines)

Active in 1923

Eagle Cornet Band

Founded in 1885. John Henry Faestel was one of the founding members

East Troy Cornet Band

Founded in August 1881, leader H.A. Tullar, other player being: F. Conrad, D.F. Tullar, J. Conrad, Warren Smith, Herbert Smith, Will Smith, S. Medbury, J. Monaghan, F. Howard, A. Dickerman, and A. Smith. The band was instructed by Thomas Williams of Milwaukee

Easton Brass Band

Active in 1896, when members included William Bacon, Jesse Schoonover, Charles Witney, Alvis Austin, Jesse Burdick, Ralph Schoonover, Ed Brown, George Stevens, Frank Stowell, John Lewis, Rufus Walton, Orville Thompson, and Warren Colby

Eau Claire Boys' Band

Active around 1900

Edward Weinschenk's Brass Band (Two Rivers)

Active in 1868

EHB Band (Appleton)

Active in 1910

Eklhorn Saxhorn Band

See: Elkhorn Cornet Band

Elkhart Lake Band

Active in the 1910's

Elkhorn Boys' Brass Band

Founded in the early 1900's

Elkhorn Brass Band

See: Elkhorn Cornet Band

Elkhorn Cornet Band

Originally formed in the 1840's. It merged with the Holton Band in 1918 (which was associated with the Frank Holton Band Instrument Company, established in Elkhorn in 1898)

Elmwood Town Band

Active in the 1890's, members included: Carl Witham, Harry Miles, John Hammer, Lewis Wild, Fred Kendall, Colby Burgess, Forrest Churchill, Albert Belfontz, Ed Belfantz, Frank Alexander, Willy Belfantz, and Joe Betterly

Evansville Cornet Band

Active in the early 1870's. Charles L. Burnham left the band in 1876.

Evergreen Brass Band

Active in 1889

Evergreen City Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Fairwater Village Band

Active in the 1900's

Fall Creek Brass Band

Active in 1913

Fall River Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Fennimore Juvenile Band

Active in 1907

Five Points Band

Active in the 1890's

Fond du Lac Ladies' Cornet Band

Founded in 1891

Forest City Brass Band (Lake Mills)

Active in 1867

Fort Atkinson Cornet Band

Active in 1868 to 1873

Frelich's Band (Denmark)

Active in 1912

Gale College Band (Galesville)

Active in 1909

Galesville Band

Active in the 1900's

Gentry Bros. Circus Band (Milwaukee)

Active around 1900

Gillett Band

Active in 1915

Gisholt Machine Company Band (Madison)

Active around 1900

Glen Flora Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Gotham Cornet Band

Active around 1914, with members William Neefe, Dick King, Charles Burnham, Fred Dye, Charles King, Charles Pierstorff, Irvin Pierstorff, William Parduhn, Eugene Dye, and James Gwin

Grand Rapids Brass Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

Founded in summer 1862

Grand Rapids Oddfellows Cornet Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

Formed around 1878. In 1879 the city council was approached on the subject of hiring a leader. The council took favorable action, and a Mr Riggs was engaged to direct the city band, and also to look after the city's fire fighting equipment. The band was developed to a high standard of performance and went to Milwaukee in 1880 to play for the National G.A.R. encampment. This band also went to the state band convention in 1881 where it achieved the honor of first place. Shortly thereafter Mr. Riggs left and John Schnabel Sr. assumed the management of the band with Ed Fritzinger as musical director. Rueben Lyon also directed the band for a short while. Members included: John Schnable Sr. (leader), Thereon Lyon, A. F. Bandeline, Rudoply Muehlstein, Walter Wood, Russ Lyon, D. B. Philleo, E. B. Fritszinger, Reuben Lyon, Steve Demarais, and Frank Morrill. The band folded in the mid-1880s

Grand Rapids Silver Cornet Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

Active in 1874, leader Mr Roger

Green Bay American Legion Band

Active in 1919

Greenwood Band

Active around 1900

Gresham Military Band

Active in 1908

Harmonia Band (Plum City)

Active in the 1890's

Hartford Fire Department Brass Band

Active in 1908

Hartford Juvenile Band

Active around 1900

Hartford Marine Band

Active in the 1910's

Harvester Band (Milwaukee)

Active in 1908

Haugen Country Band

Active in the 1900's

Helenville Military Band

Active in 1910

Heynen's Band (Green Bay)

Active in the 1890's

Hingham Brass Band

Active around 1908, when members were: Oscar Vanderwal, Rev. Peter Swart, Alber Navis, John Mentink, Fred Ten Pas, Peter Eernisse, Lewis Ten Pas, John Neerhit, Elmer Hopeman, Henry Rauwerdink, Alva Oppeneer, George Hopeman, Lewis Mentink (drummer), and Christ Ten Pas

Hixton Concert Band

Holcombe M.W.A. Band

Active in the 1900's

Horicon City Band

Active in 1911

Hub City Cornet Band

Active in 1910, members included: Gus Snow, Charles Kelley, Jim Lebansky, ike Coyne, Jim Whalen, William Woodman, Vic Simpson, Bennie Rego, George Simpson, Joe Rego, Roy Snow, Bill Rego, George Britts and Ben Rego

Humbird Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's. Willard Waters played cornet in the band

Ideal Band (Princeton)

Active in 1910

Imperial Band (Tomahawk)

Active in 1911

Iron Horse Cornet Band (Mazomanie)

[Current band] - Founded in 1997, with original members Jim Schroeder, Nic Dunkel, Cathy Yasick, Alan Alt, Sara Shackleton, Carol Yttri, Imogene Dodsworth, Alice Kalsow, Lisa Montelbano, Phyllis Caulkinsm, and Ben Hodgson

Iron Ridge Band

Active in 1914

Jamison Family Band

Active in the late 1890's. Consisted of two men (brothers?) their wives, a son and a daughter. Two other children were too young to participate

Janesville Blind Institute Brass Band

Active in 1863

Janesville Brass Band

Active in 1859

Johanek Family Brass Band (Stangelville)

Active in the 1910's, in and around Stangelville, and consisted of father Stephen/Stephan (b. 1864), mother Anna (b. 1868, née Zachek), and their children who included: Wencil James "Jim" (b. 1900), Mary (b. 1892), Jacob Joseph (b. 1895), Joseph John (b. 1896), Frank (b. 1902, d.1913), Anton Thomas (b. 1905), Charles (b. 1905), Stephan (b. 1904), Edward (b. 1907), Stella (b. 1908) and Emma (b. 1912)

Kaukauna Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Kempsmith Manufacturing Company Band

Active in the 1910's

Kenosha Girls' Cornet Band

Active in 1888

Kewaunee Band

Active in the 1900's

Kewaunee County Brass Band

Active in 1868

La Crosse Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

La Farge Brass Band

Active in 1910 when members included Elmer Seim, Hallie Green, Mike Harris, Chan Cowee, Beege Ainsworth, Branson Wood, Phillip Aumock, Ernie Seeley, Lester Wood, Norman Wheeler, Jean Rolfe, Lester Green, Delbert Harris, Charles Carpenter, Ray Nixon, Troy Lawton, and George Carpenter

La Valle Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Lake City Cornet Band (Madison)

Active in 1870, 1871

Lake Geneva Band

Active in 1900

Lake Mills Band

Active in 1906

Lake Mills Cornet Band

Active in 1879

Lakefield Brass Band

Active around 1890

Lancaster Boys' Band

Active in the 1900's

Lancaster Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Lannon Band

Active in 1911

Lavalle Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's, members included Frank Borchers, Charles Eder, Elmer Gardner, Blakeslee, F. Barnett, Ben Turner, J. McWilliams, H. Schafer, A. Gale, Charles Briggs

Lawrence University Cornet Band (Appleton)

Founded in 1889, led by Herbert C. Sanford until 1893

Leavers W.O.W. Band (Beloit)

Active in 1914

Leroy Organised Band

Active in 1907

Loganville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's. Members around 1907 were: Bert Leicher, August Hasz, Hank Niemn, Herman Luehrsen, Walter Hoverman, J. Westenhaver, Frank Leicher, Ernest Soltwedel, Bill Krahn, Fred Steckelberg, Roy Sprague, Herman Hoverman, Albert Schuette, Charley Fisher, Bob Raetz, and August Steckelberg

Loreto Cornet Band (Bear Creek)

Active in 1903

Ludington Guard Band (Menomonie)

Active in the 1920's

Luther Valley Band (Orfordville)

Active in the 1910's

Luxemburg Band

Active in 1905

Mabel Concert Band

Madison Brass Band (1)

Founded in 1863 by George Scherer. Its first members were businessmen, cobblers, cigar-makers, stone-cutters, and a saloon proprietor. Only one member was a professional musician. Still active in 1880. George Scherer led the band from 1863 to 1878.

Madison Brass Band (2)

[Current band]

Maine Brass Band

Active in the 1900's. Members included Harry Laabs, Arthur Sturm, Herbert Hartwig, Harry Maahs, Frank Woller, William Radtke

Manitown Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Manitowoc Brass Band

Active in 1859 to 1869. Based on the South Side. Contemporary with the Manitowoc Cornet Band

Manitowoc Cornet Band

Founded in September 1868 with instruments costing \$283 obtained from Chicago, based on the North Side. Still active in 1873. Original members included instructor Mr Weinschenck; W.J. Beasant (leader, Eb cornet), Alfred Mosher (Eb cornet), Almond Mosher (Bb cornet), Eli Cone (Bb cornet), William Clark (Eb alto), John Symes (Eb alto), William McCullom (Bb baritone), H.A. Raine (Bb bass), Frank Sorge (Eb tuba), John Langworthy (bass drum), J.J. Cone, Joseph Cox, William G. Loveli, and William Watrous (snare drum)

Manitowoc Marine Band

Active in 1898 to 1908

Mann Brothers Band

Six brothers (occasionally with two drummers) performing in the 1870's

Marinette Cornet Band

Active around 1910

Mason Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Mauston Cornet Band

Active in 1880. Leslie E. Bowes was a member in 1888. Members in 1909 were John Ensch, Art Cammack, William Martin, Glenn Russel, Clint Holuenstock, George Barner, Will Ensch, Charles Bradley, Alfred Hauer, Elmer Weatherby, Nando Windor, Bert Carter, Otis Loomis, Clayton Weatherby, Dodge, Abe Holgate, Tony Neustader, Karl Sharp, Perry Peters, Gardner Buglas, Roy Holgate, Hollis Fluno, Clem Bradley, Walter Marvin, Delos Strong, Carl Davidson, G.F. Behnken, Matt McCarty and Steele Brow

Mauston Ladies Ideal Band

Active in 1888, members included Alice Stewart, Ella Schall Van Wie, Jessie Grimmer Heath, Inez Wetherby, Emily Bury Earle, Adelaide Parker Winsor, Dora Wells Ramsey, Nora Hall Dixon, Emma Priest Hinton, Nettie Priest Lyon, Grace Baldwin Price, Rosabelle Carter Winchell, Bertha Stewart, Jessie Hinton Bunnell, Emma Anderson Bradley (a founder of the band), Mattie Sykes Bowes, and Agnes Wetherby Boorman

Mazomanie Brass Band

Active in 1876

Melrose Town Band

Menasha Band

Active in 1907

Merrill Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Milford Band

Active in 1890

Millville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Milton Band

Active in the 1900's

Milwaukee American Legion Girls' Band

Active in the 1900's

Milwaukee Exposition Band

Active in 1889

Milwaukee Festival Brass

[Current band] - Founded in 1985

Milwaukee G.U.G.G. Band

Active in the 1900's

Milwaukee Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1885, performing at the Ashland Skating Rink

Milwaukee School of Engineering Band

Active in the 1910's

Milwaukee Sentinel Newsboys' Band

Active around 1910

Milwaukee Union Cornet Band

Active in 1859

Mineral Point Band

Active in 1910

Mineral Point Brass Band (1)

Founded in early 1856, with mostly new instruments. Disbanded in early 1865 when most of its members had left for other localities. A successor band was formed in 1866

Mineral Point Brass Band (2)

Founded in autumn 1866

Mineral Point Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Mineral Point Miners' Brass Band

Active in 1851

Mishicot Brass Band

Active in 1860

Mitchell's Concert Band (Woodland Sauk)

Active in the 1890's. A family band consisting of father William Henry Mitchell (b. 1855, cornet) and daughters Myrtle Rosabelle (b. 1885, flugel horn), Aurelia Ellen "Orie" (b. 1881, trombone), Effie Abbie (b. 1879, tuba), Bessie Alice (b. 1891, cymbals), Jessie Evans (b. 1889, side drum) and Olive May (b. 1887, bass drum). William was a band leader, whose band took first place at the corn palace in Sioux Falls, and created his family band after his wife Julia died in 1894. They travelled and gave concerts for about 11 years in Wisconsin, Minesota, Iowa and Nebraska. Their concerts were quite a novelty given six little girls in uniform. Their numbers consisted of solos and duets, both vocal and instrumental, and elocutionary numbers interspersed with selections of

military band music. Some concerts were: Methodist Church, Fox Lake, Wisconsin, in October 1899; a carnival at Lakemont Park, Altoona, Pennsylvania in July 1907

Monarch Band (Readfield)

Active in 1907

Montfort Girls' Band

Active in 1912

Mount Hope Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Mount Horeb High School Band

Active in 1907

Mount Morris Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Mount Tabor Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Musik-Chor Eichenkranz (Milwaukee)

Active in 1905

Necedah Band

Active in the 1900's

New Glarus Band

Active in the 1910's

New Glarus Juvenile Band

Active in 1906

New Holstein Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

New Richmond High School Cadet Band

Active in the 1910's

Newtonburg Brass Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Niagara Band

Active in the 1910's

North Milwaukee Band

Active in the 1900's

North Side Band (New Richmond)

Active in 1918

Northfield Community Band

Active in the 1890's

Northwinds Brass Band (Rice Lake)

[Current band] - Founded in 1986 - associated with the University of Wisconsin (Barron County)

Oak Creek Juvenile Band

Active in 1916

Ohio State Band (Madison)

Active in 1913

Omro Cornet Band

Active in 1890

Omro Town Band

Active in 1907

Onalaska Brass Band

Active in the 1870's. Disbanded some time prior to the ladies band forming in 1886 (which used the instruments of the earlier men's band)

Onalaska Ladies' Brass Band

Active from 1886 to 1890. Consisting of 13 ladies, the conductor was Will Schall. The band was famous for "their vivacious ability, toe-teasing harmony and natty uniforms". The uniforms had come from Chicago, and were of green broadcloth with black braid across the front of the jackets fastened with "frogs"; on the shoulders were epaulets trimmed with black fringe and on the green mortarboard caps were black braid and black tassels; the skirts of the uniforms were short, reaching just to the tops of the high shoes. The ladies sat on the city band wagon (left over from an earlier band) - which had seats along the sides and two raised seats at the back with steps to climb up to reach them. Either two or four horses were used to draw the wagon. The ladies were: Lula Aiken Gleason, Lottie Molton Goyette, Katherine Perro, Ada Pooler Knudtson, Anna M. Aiken, Della Newell Aldrich, Fanny Felzer Osborn, Jennie Aiken Schall, Mamie Felzer, Matilda Otterson Herlocker, Cara Otterson Horner, Edna Nesbit Newell, and Carrie Gleason.

Ono Band

Active in the 1890's

Oostburg Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Oshkosh Cornet Band

Active in 1868, leader J.B. Duncan

Oshkosh Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1885

Oshkosh Normal School Band

Founded in 1912 by Professor Frank, with Theodore Kitz as special instructor. Members were Messrs Fling, Jones, Walker, Terrell, Wiesner, Fitzpatric, Zoerb, Rand, Bohnert, Riley, Blissit, A. Stangel, Baird, Tegge, Johnson, West, Ludemann, and Rosenkranz

P.H.S. Scouts' Band

Active in the 1910's

Phlox Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Plain Brass Band

Founded in December 1915 with Julius Nold of Black Hawk as the instructor. Practice was held on Friday evenings in summer on the Peter Peters lawn and during other seasons at the Bettinger's Hall. Members of the band were: Clem Frank, Philip Bettinger, Sr., Clarence Bettinger, Louis Bettinger, Mrs. Clara Bettinger, Josie Bauer, Alois Ruhland, Mrs. Jucinda Ascherl, Ms. Clara Beck, Mrs. Adela Hetzel, Ms. Esther Weiss, Alphons Kraemer, Alfred Frick, Fred Grauvogl, Walter Liegel, Henry Reuschlein, Walter Neuheisel, Tony Neuheisel, and John Weiss. The band was still active in 1918

Platteville Brass Band

Active in 1869

Platteville State Normal School Band

Active in the 1910's

Plymouth Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Port Washington Band

Active in the 1900's

Port Wing M.W.A. Band

Active in the 1900's

Porter Cornet Band

Active in 1903. Martin Hagen was a member of the band

Potosi Cornet Band

Active around 1900, with members H. Crogan, Joseph Patzner, Fritz Lingscheid, E.M. Wilmott, P.J. Blindert, George Schumacker, Fritz Vogelsberg, A. Patzner, J.J. Tobin, Joe Huepper, and H.B. Uppena

Potosi Military Band

Active in the 1920's

Prairie du Chien Brass Band

Active in 1860, consisting of six performers - Ferdinand Erdenberger and his sons William, Charles, Henry, Richard and Albert

Prairie du Chien Cornet Band

Active in 1864 to 1870, and in the 1900's

Prairie du Sac Girls' Band

Active in 1931

Prairie du Sac Ladies Brass and Reed Band

Active in 1913

Prairie Farm Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Prison City Band (Waupun)

Active in 1912

Racine City Brass Band

See: Racine Cornet Band

Racine Cornet Band

Founded in 1859 as Racine City Band with members including: Charles Heyer (leader), Hiram Ritter, Fred Lersh, Mr. Ehrenfels, Frank Kammerer, Jacob Esser, C. Ruett, Henry Broecker, and Matt Happ. Re-organized in 1877 as Racine Cornet Band, members included: Charles Evanson (leader), Charles Bettray, Clarence Tostevin, George Creighton, Thomas Rogan, James Wood, Anthony Hayek, W. H. Sumner, Jacob Hettrich, Erik Noren, Lafayette Pataillot, and Louis Lawson.

Racine Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1898

Randolph Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1908

Rapids City Band

Active in the 1900's

Red Granite Band

Active in the 1900's

Reedsburg Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Reeseville Band

Active in 1909

Rhinelander City Band

Active in 1918

Richwood Cornet Band

Active in 1872

Ridgeland and Prairie Farm Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Ringle Band

Active in the 1900's

Rio Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Ripon College Band

Active in 1910

River Falls Band

Active in the 1900's

Rockton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Roger's Cornet Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

See: Grand Rapids Silver Cornet Band

Rosedale Band

Active in the 1900's

Rosholt Cornet Band

Active in 1907

S.J.A.A Band (Two Rivers)

Active in the 1900's

St Bernard's Star Cornet Band (Watertown)

See: Star Cornet Band

St Coletta Instituate Band (Jefferson)

Active in the 1930's

St John's Military Academy Cadet Band (Delafield)

Active in the 1910's

St Lawrence College Band (Mt Calvary)

Active in 1914

St Martin's Catholic Band (Cross Plains)

Active around 1900

St Paul's Juvenile Band (Wausau)

Active in the 1900's

St Stephanus Band (Wausau)

Active in the 1900's

Salem Brass Band

Founded in 1882, when members included Will Mutter, James Pease, Charles Seymore Orvis, Harry Franklin Orvis, Everett Ripley, Charles Munson, John Mills Orvis, George Blanchard, Justin Johnson, John Browne and Charles Haigh

Sarona Star Band

Active in 1913

Sauk City Band

Active in the 1900's

Schleisingerville Cornet Band (Slinger)

Active in 1889, members included: John Schaefer, Lehamn Rosenheimer, John Zihlsdorf, John Merten, Bill Rosche, Charles Schaefer, Frank Schaefer, Ed Bauman, Charles F. Roth, Fred Uber, Anton Schaefer.

Schmidt Family Brass Band

Performed at the Bay Port High School, 1217 Cardinal Lane, Green Bay, Wisconsin, in October 1998

Schroeders Richwood Juvenile Band (Richwood)

Active in the 1900's

Sears Family Brass Band

Provided music at Farmers' Grove, Monroe, Wisconsin, for the 4th July celebrations in 1862

Sextonville Band

Active in the 1910's

Shawano Band

Active in 1911

Shawano Boys Military Band

Active in 1908

Sheboygan Band

Active in the 1910's

Slovan Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Somers Brass Band

Active in the 1890's, members including John G. Mitchell (bandmaster), Fred W. Leet, Adam Lytle, Robert Burgess, Burdette Burgess, Elmer Cooper, Sherman Gibbon, Anton Nelson, William Munroe, Maurace Gould, Delbert Bishop, and Ray Mitchell, the drummer boy

South Side Band (Two Rivers)

Active in 1909

Spencer Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Spooner Boys' Band

Active in the 1900's

Springfield Cornet Band

Active in 1873

Star Cornet Band (Watertown)

Founded in 1869. Still active in 1874. Associated with the St Bernard Temperance & Benevolent Society. Members in March 1870, at its first appearance in public, were John Miller (teacher), James Murphy, P. Hackett, M. Hackett, William Fleming, E. Bushell, J. Bolieu, William Ames, T. Norton, James Brooks, M. Urtubees, Joseph Brooks, and C. Mulick. Leader was James Murphy in 1874

Stevens Point Union Brass Band

Active in 1918

Stiles M.W.A. Band

Active in the 1900's

Stoughton Brass Band

Active in 1863. Still active in 1868. In April 1864 a large portion of the members of the band enlisted with the band of General Blunt's Staff

Stoughton Cornet Band

Active in 1895, rehearsing in the Fireman's Hall

Stratford Brass Band

Active in 1910

Strum Ladies' Band

Founded by sisters Lydia Dahl and Malena Robbe in 1915. Still active in the 1920's. Members in 1916 were: Delia Anderson, Malena Robbe, Lydia Dahl, Manda Dahl, Gertie Myhers, Clara Rekstad, Blanch Anderson, Emma Pace, Mrs Bill Boyd, Mabel Borreson, and Mrs Leland Hogue. Conductor John Judge in 1918

Sugar Creek Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Superior Cornet Band

Founded in early 1871

Superior Ship Building Company Band

Active in 1920

Swiss Military Band (Milwaukee)

Active in 1909

Temple of Honor Brass Band (Racine)

Founded in 1878 with members including: John R. Davies (leader), T. M. Wood, C. E. Miller, J. C. Hayburn, C. L. Adams, John Davies, E. M. White, E. J. Prichard, A. Johnson, S. Congdon, Z. C. Wentworth, Edward Colburn, and C. W. Seldon.

Theresa Band

Active in the 1900's

Theresa Brewery Band

Active in the 1910's

Tibbet's Brass Band (Sugar Creek)

Active in the 1890's. Members around 1890 included: Charles Fountaine, Walter Bray, Cora Parsons, Myra Weaver, Harry Cameron, Earl Paddock, Will Hicks, Charley Davis, Earl Stearns, John Kingman, Bake Dooley, James Parsons, Walter Davis and Frank Lean.

Tigerton City Band

Active in the 1900's

Tisch Mills Brass Band

Founded in 1856 by Mr Schauer, with 10 members

Tomah Concert Band

Active in 1910

Tomah Indian School Band

Active in 1911

Tomah Marching Band

Active in 1923

Trade Lake Cornet Band

Active in 1910, when members included Fred A.E. Gustafson, Albert Anderson, Adolph Glander, Axel Lindquist, Walter Melin, Gust Melin, Walter Schold, Fritjof Schold, Alvin Dahlberg, Andrew Peterson, Oscar Jackson, Raymond Peterson, Manley Davidson and Peter Schyttner (leader). Still active in 1912

Twin City Band (Wisconsin Rapids)

Founded in 1890. Members around 1893 included Fred Stamm, John Planke, "Dutch" Billmyer, Ed Morrill, Frank Compton, T. W. Brazeau, Chas. Philleo, John Schnable, Chas. Parker, Ruben Lyon, Stephen Brazeau, Will Burt, Dell White, D. B. Philleo and Grant White (conductor)

Twin River Band (Two Rivers)

Active in 1911

Ultimate Cornet Band (Appleton)

Active around 1890. Rudolph Pasch was a member

Uncle Sam Band (Jackson)

Active in 1909

Union Band (Stevens Point)

Union Cornet Band (Two Rivers)

Active in the 1880's. Members were: William Belz, tuba; Ph. Schnorr, baritone; A. Ruthmansdorfer, 1st tenor; A. Leyse, slide trombone; C. Hansen, solo alto; J. Lamach, 2nd alto; L. Beaton, 3rd alto; J. Wenzel, 2nd tenor; C.F. Meyer, B flat clarinet; A. Lamach, solo cornet; A. Simonis, solo cornet; J. Smongeske, 1st cornet; E. Wachholse, bass drum; E. Pierce, director and E flat clarinet; W. Glandt, snare drum.

University of Wisconsin Band

Active in 1885

University of Wisconsin Regimental Band

Active in 1899 to 1912

Utopian Ladies Band (Belleville)

Active in 1906 to 1912

Valton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Vandenberg Family Band (Freedom)

Active in 1920, consisting of brothers Gilbert (b. 1871), Lambert (b. 1864), Gerhardt (b. 1872), Cornelius (b. 1867) and Theodore Vandenberg (b. 1876)

Vesper Cornet Band

Active in the early 1900's, when members included Orville Carlin, Charles Treutel, Rolland Murgatroyd, L. Johnson, Ed Flanagan, Elsworth Murgatroyd, Roy Murgatroyd, H. Stahl, Harry Bohmsack, Fay Nash, Vern Nilson, Henry Treutel, and Ben Garland

Viroqua Band

Active in the 1920's

Wabeno Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Wasau Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Washburn Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Water Band

Active in 1907

Waterloo Juvenile Band

Active in 1908

Watertown American Legion Band

Active in the 1910's

Watertown Brass Band (1)

Active in 1860

Watertown Brass Band (2)

See: Watertown Cornet Band (2)

Watertown Cornet Band (1)

Active in 1867 to 1869. Leader Henry Stein in 1869. A successor band was formed in 1870

Watertown Cornet Band (2)

Founded in 1870, leader John Miller. A concert in Turner Park, Watertown in July 1871 was: Turner March (Bach), Cavatine from Paresina (Donizetti), Brien d'Amour (Dalmais), Serenade (Lechleitner), Haimon's Children (Balfe), Overture (Richter), Pot pourri from Faust (Gounod), Ramouni (Beler), Introduction from Ernani (Verdi), Featherball Gallop (Faust). Members in 1879 included Charles Noack (Bb clarionet), William Summerfield (Eb clarionet), Charles J. Wenck (Eb cornet), A. Gritzner (Bb cornet), Otto Noack (alto), Alex Noack (alto), William Roeder (tenor), Fred Pohlmann (baritone), A. Schuelermann (tuba), Frank Kartak (bass drum), John Weissert (tenor drum)

Waupaca Brass Band

Active in 1864

Waupun State Prison Band

Active in 1910

Wausakee Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Wausau Cornet Band

Founded in 1867 by Edward Kretlow. Leader Jacob Vetter in 1869, Richard Baumann in 1872. Still active in 1874. Probably folded shortly after that after a falling out between members and the start up of a rival band by Carl Riesenweber

Wells Vicinity Band (Rockland)

Active in the 1910's

West Salem Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Western Photo Postcard Company Band (Lacrosse)

Active in the 1900's

Weyauwega Band

Active in the 1910's

Wheelock Indian Band

Active in the 1910's

White City Band (Port Edwards)

Active in the 1900's

Whitewater Cornet Band

Founded around 1849 by Nathan D. Williams and his brother Thomas Williams. Still active in 1882, when G.H. Johnson was the remaining original member of the band left, aside from Nathan Williams

Whitewater State Normal School Cornet Band

Founded in 1907

Wild Rose Brass Band

Active in 1920

Wilmot Cornet Band

Founded in 1879, disbanded in 1891. Members around 1880 included Louis Schmidt, William Sherman, Fred Sabin, Elmer Vincent, Lyman Mead, Russell Mead, Charles Dowell, Fred Faulkner, Louis Scherf, Dr. Darby, Louis Hegeman, and Frank Thompson. About 1884 the Wilmot Band won second place in a band contest held at Burlington, Wisconsin in competition with bands from Lake Geneva, Racine, Wisconsin, and Hebron, Illinois

Wilson's Park Band (Hartford)

Active in the 1890's

Winchester Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Winneconne Band

Active in the 1900's

Wisconsin Crusade Band

Active in 1896

Wisconsin State Band (Eau Claire)

Active in 1908

Wisconsin State Prison Band (Waupun)

Active in 1910

Wisconsin University Band (Madison)

Active in the 1900's

Wittenburg Military Band

Active in 1910

Wood County Cornet Band

Active in 1874

Woodford Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Zion L.C. Band

USA - Wyoming



Sheridan Silver Cornet Band

Bedford Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Cambria Brass Band (near Newcastle)

Active in the 1900's

Casper Brass Band

Founded in 1896. Still active today as a wind band (Casper Municipal Band)

Cody Cowboy Band

Active in the 1900's to the 1920's

Eagles Band, Douglas

Active in 1910

Elk Mountain Finn Band

Active around 1915

Gebo Ladies' Brass Band (near Thermopolis)

Active in 1913

Gebo Miners' Band (near Thermopolis)

Active in the 1900's

Glenrock Band

Active in the 1910's

Hanna Cornet Band

Active in 1904

Hanna Miners' Band

Active around 1910

Hudson Cornet Band

Active around 1900

Lander Cornet Band

Active in 1896

Lander Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's

Laramie Cowboy Brass Band

Active in 1903

Laramie Silver Cornet Band

Founded in 1870 and active through to the 1890's. It was superseded by a number of other bands in the town in the 1900's and 1910's, including the Imperial Military Band, Laramie Chamber of Commerce Band, the Laramie City Band and the AF&M Band

Laramie W.O.W. Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Pilot Camp of the Woodmen of the World fraternal organisation

Lincoln Brass Band

Active in 1915 with members George Titensor, Heber Merritt, Therin Merritt, Roy Mallory, Jack Bleazard, Roscoe Titensor, Joe Moser, and Oliver Wilkes

New Sheridan Cornet Band

Founded in 2001. A historical re-enactment band playing the music of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Cowboy Band for their local Buffalo Bill Days activities, and playing music of the 1860's for events at nearby Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site

Rawlins Brass Band

Active in the early 1900's

Rock Springs Union Band

Active around 1900

Saratoga Hot Springs Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Sheridan Brass Band

Active in 1893

Sheridan Concert Band

See: Sheridan Silver Cornet Band

Sheridan Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1888. Still active in the 1920's, as Sheridan Concert Band. Members in 1888 were: Mike Burns, Bass Drum; M. Matthews, Snare Drum; Henry Gerdle, Flugelhorn (Ladies' Shoemaker); Art P. Club, Alto (Mine Manager); Bill Barnes, Baritone; Fay Pettit, Trombone (Sign painter); Oscar Collier, Trombone (student); Dick Weaver, Tenor (Saloon keeper); Col. Ferguson, GAR Commander and Band President; J. Frank Heald, Cornet (Jeweler); Herbert Coffeen, Cornet (Businessman); Thomas Tynan, Cornet (Newspaper editor); W. W. Neely, Cornet (Saloon keeper); harles H. Thurmond, Alto (Blacksmith & Carriage shop)

Sunrise Brass Band

The town of Sunrise no longer exists, but it was near Guernsey, WY

University of Wyoming Brass Band (Laramie)

Active in the 1910's

Wheatland Military Band

Active around 1900 - possibly associated with the Wheatland Rolling Mills

USA – Unknown state/location



Sterling Brass Band

These bands are either those that had no fixed base or location (e.g. travelling, circus bands etc.) or those for which the location and/or state is unknown or ambiguous.

A.B. Whitlock's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1857, performing with Frank Phelps & Company's Colossal Gymnasium & Amphitheatre

A.D.B. Band

Active in the 1900's

Abington Brass Band

Active in the 1890's (possibly MA, PA or VA)

Able's Brass Band

A professional band, with 12 performers, active in 1856, performing with the Great Southern Circus (proprietor Colonel Orton)

Ace Wheeler's Circus Band

Active in the 1900's

Adel Juvenile Military Band

Active in 1892 (possibly GA, IA or WI)

Advance Band (Wakefield)

Active in the 1890's

Al Massey's Concert Band

Active in 1914

Al Sweet's Concert Band

AM EXP Shows Band

A circus band active in the 1910's

Ancient Order of United Workmen 17 Band

Active in the 1890's

Andy Stitzer's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1858, conductor Andy Stitzer, performing with E.B. Denune & Co.'s Renowned Indian Troupe

Antigoogooism Band

A clown band active in the 1900's

Applegate and Hugo Shows Band

Active in the 1910's

Arlington Amateur Band

Active in the 1910's (possibly TX or VA)

Armstrong's Mammoth Brass Band

See: Professor Armstrong's Brass Band

Ashville Band

Active in the 1890's

Atwood's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1872, performing with Mike Lipman's Queen City Circus, Animal & Balloon Show

Bailey Troupe Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1856, which toured with the Bailey Concert and Dramatic Troupe, led by James H. Bailey

Bainbridge Brass Band

Active in 1905. (possibly GA, OH or PA)

Ballou's Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's - probably a "show" band

Bamberg's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, performing with Gardner & Kenyon's Colossal Philadelphia Circus

Bardo Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Barling Band

Active in the 1920's

Barnet Brothers Circus Band

Active in 1910

Barnum and Bailey Circus Band

Active in the 1900's and 1910's

Barrett's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1867, leader J. Barrett, performing with Grady & Gibert's Unprecedented Show

Barrie Temperance Band

Active in 1878

Bay Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Bealer's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1850, leader Professor Bealer, performing with S. Burgess' American Circus

Beebee's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1864, leader Joseph Beebee, touring with Lee & Ryland's Equescurriculum and Grand Camel Show

Beedle's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1873, with 10 members, part of the Beedles Swiss Bell Ringers "Variety & Sentimental Troupe". Performed in Barton, Vermont in June 1873

Beeler's Cornet Band

Active in 1850. A professional band, led by Professor Beeler, which toured in conjunction with S. Burgess' American Circus

Beler's Silver Cornet Band

See: Postlethwaite's Silver Cornet Band

Belview Silver Cornet Band

Active in 1890 to 1910 (possibly MI or MN)

Ben Gee's Ladies' Cornet Band

Associated with Ben Gee's Novelty Company - a professional touring company which performed in Grenada, Mississippi in 1889. Consisted of 10 players aged 12 to 19 years

Benton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Bergan's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1862, leader E.S. Bergan, performing with Thayer, Noyes & Company's Great United States Circus

Bessie Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Bethany College Band

Active in the 1910's

Bill Bailey's Colored Boys' Band

Active in 1907

Birch's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1864, performing as part of Birch's Nightingales - appearing at Richmond, Virginia on tour

Blackwell Band

Active in 1918

Blaisdell Brothers' Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1862 in Vermont, part of the Blaisdell Brothers' troupe of Campanalogians (Swiss Bell Ringers)

Blake's Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Blakney's Chicago Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1874, touring with the Great Chicago Zoological Exposition combined with M.V.B. Howell's Oriental Circus, Caravan, Menagerie, Grecian Hippodrome, and Balloon Show

Bleanmenshine's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, performing with Thayer, Noyes & Company's Great Circus and Menagerie of Trained Animals

Blockton Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Bloomer Band

Active in 1909

Bloomfield Cornet Band

Active in the 1860's

Blumenschein's American Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1870, performing with Campbell's Zoological and Equestrian Institute

Booker's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, performing as part of Johnny Booker's Minstrels travelling show

Booker's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1861, performing with Johnny Booker's Southern Troupe of Minstrels from the Mississippi River Floating Palace

Boston and Montana Band

Active in the 1900's

Boston Ideal Ladies' Brass Band

A professional band which was part of the Boston Ideal Juvenile Comic Opera Company, active in 1880-1882

Boston Ladies' Military Band

Active in the 1890's

Bothell Concert Band

Active in 1910

Boulon's Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1876 when it performed at Idaho City, ID. Still active in 1889. Consisted of seven members, including Boulon's wife, daughter and two sisters. Billed as part of Boulon's Family Concert and Dramatic Troupe, led by Prof. Paul Boulon. Also part of Boulon & Moore Combination Comedy Company. Also known as California Ladies' Brass Band

Bouton's Ladies' Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1884, associated with Bouton Moore's Musical Comedy Company

Bowles' Brass Band

A professional band active in 1856, leader Frank Bowles, performing with Burgess, Prendergast & LaRue's Minstrels. Still active in 1867, performing with La Rue's Carnival Minstrels Show

Bowman Band

Active in the 1900's

Bowmansville Band

Active in the 1890's

Brand Brothers Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1854, touring with Wesley Barmore's Grand Adriatic Circus

Bridgeport Military Band

Active in 1909

Bridgton Band

Active in the 1880's

Brill's Concert Band

Active in 1916, associated with Barnum and Bailey's Circus

Bristol Butler Band

Active in 1896

Britner's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1862, performing with the Gardiner & Hemmings' Great American Circus

Britner's Keystone Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1864, performing with the Great National Circus and Model Show (under the control of Mrs Charles Warner, formerly Mrs Dan Rice)

Bromhead Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Brooks All American Band

A professional band associated with a circus or sideshow, c. 1900

Broughton Band

Active in the 1910's

Brown and Cronin Greater Shows Band

Active in the 1900's, conductor T. Giorla

Brown's Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Brown's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band, active in 1874, leader E.B. Brown, which toured theatres with a dramatic company

Buckeye Band (Lake Ohio)

Active in the 1900's

Buckingham Band

Active in the 1900's

Buckley Band

Active in the 1910's

Buckley's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1863, touring as part of Buckley's Serenaders & Burlesque Opera Troupe

Buckskin Ben's Family Brass Band

Ben Stalker married his wife Mary in the mid-1880s and was inspired to start his Wild West show. Mary picked up a rifle for the first time, and practiced until she became a crack shot. She also agreed to participate in what would become their featured "Human Impalement Act", where she stood stock-still against a wooden backboard while Ben threw knives around her profile. They raised five children (Alice, Jennie, George, Myrtle and Ella), and all became full-fledged sharpshooters and musicians. Each show consisted of six to eight half-hour acts and began with a musical performance by the exceptionally popular Buckskin Ben Family Band in which every family member played an instrument. The band consisted of father Ben (trombone), mother Mary (euphonium), Alice (tuba), Jennie (trombone), Charles Davis (Alice's husband, drums), Myrtle and Ella (alto horns), George (cornet) and Noah Waddell (Ben's trick-rider sidekick, cornet). It appeared for 14 weeks at Coney Island in 1905, and travelled for entire seasons with larger circuses and carnivals throughout the East, Midwest, Canada, and Mexico. In July 1904, in Penn Park, York, Pennsylvania, the Layton Carnival Company show opened. One of the acts was Buckskin Ben's Wild West Show, which was a family of 11 typical westerners, all of whom were accomplished musicians and played in the family band in addition to their more tradition "wild west" skills of bronco riding, sharp-shooting, throwing knives and amusing acts with their dogs and ponies. By May 1907 the family had added lassoing and a monkey to the act and was giving performances at the Riverside Amusement Park in Indianapolis, Indiana. When not on tour, the Stalker family and their show resided in Cambridge, Indiana. The show,

renamed Buckskin Ben's Wild West Dog and Pony Show, continued in operation until 1929 when Ben retired at the age of 86

Budd & McDowell's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, performing as part of Harry Budd & George McDowell's travelling minstrel show

Budd, Buckley & McDowell's Brass Band

See: Budd & McDowell's Brass Band

Buds Baby Band

Active in the 1910's or early 1920's - a band consisting of young children

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Cowboy Band

See: Gordon Silver Cornet Band

Buffalo Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1865 to 1868, leader Professor Emil Wahle, performing with Lake's Hippoolympiad & Mammoth Circus

Bunker Hill Brass Band

A professional band active in 1863, leader Professor Eckhart, performing with Daniel Scott's Yankee Robinson Big Show

Burnett Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Burrows and Leons Circus Band

Active in the 1900's

Byron Cornet Band

Active in 1910-1915

C.C.C.C. College Seminary Band

Active in 1926

C.C.G. Band

Active in the 1900's

C.D. Ogden Theater Men's Band

Active around 1910, members included Mr Ferguson, Harry Messen, Chick Varnell, Eddie Acker, Mr Barber, Bright Jones, Mr Ogden, and Bobbie Lawrence

C.G. Conn Trumpet Notes Band

Active in the 1910's

Cache Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Cadillac Band

Active in the 1900's

California Ladies' Brass Band

See: Boulon's Ladies' Cornet Band

Callao Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Campbell's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1857 to 1859, with ten performers, touring with Rumsey & Newcomb's Original and Only Campbell Minstrels

Canham's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1863 to 1868, leader Thomas Canham. Performing with Thayer & Noyes' United States Circus & Hippozoonomadom in 1863; John Robinson Combination Circus & Menagerie in 1867-1868. Thayer & Noyes' built a chariot for the band in spring 1863, costing \$2,700, being 28 feet long and 10½ feet high

Canham's New York Brass Band

See: Canham's Cornet Band

Captain J. Ollerenshaw's Metropolitan Band

See: Ollerenshaw's Silver Cornet Band

Carharroak Brass Band

Active in 1919

Carl Clair's Band (Barnum & Bailey's Circus)

Active in 1895

Carl Wagner's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1870, leader J.H. Haverly, touring as part of Carl Wagner's Minstrels Troupe

Carrier Mills Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Carteret National Cornet and

Active in the 1900's

Carter's Zouave Company Young Female Brass Band

Founded by J. Heneage Carter, who established his Zouave Company of entertainers. In 1862 he engaged a number of young girls, aged 10 to 14 years old, to give military drill in his company's performances, they were instructed in the art of playing brass instruments and shortly thereafter formed his female brass band. He encouraged and supported the Berger family, in particular Anna Berger in becoming brass virtuosi

Carthage College Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Center Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Centralia Band

Founded on 6th March 1899

Ceylon Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Chambers Cornet Band

Active in 1909

Charlotteville Band

Active in 1908

Chase-Lister Company Show Band

Active in the 1900's

Chelsea Band

Active in 1909

Chenette's Concert Band

Active in 1916

Chester Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Chester Independent Band

Active in the 1900's

Chevrolet Factory Band

Active in 1920

Choate's Philadelphia Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1853, touring with Spalding & Rogers' North American Colossal Dramatic Equestrian Circus

Christy's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, musical director F. Hoffman, with ten players, performing as part of Raynor's Christy's Minstrels travelling show

Clarkson Bohemian Ladies' Brass Band

Active in the 1880's

Claude Myers Band

Active in 1913

Clay City Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Clayton Band

Active in the 1900's

Cleburne Band (Santa Fe)

Active in 1913

Clifford's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1866, performing as part of Clifford's Grand American Minstrel Company travelling show

Clio Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Cole Brothers Circus Band

Active in 1969

Colombia Oil Company Band

Active in the 1890's

Colonel Cummins' Wild West Show Band

Active in the 1900's

Colson's North-Western Cornet Band

See: Professor Colson's Cornet Band

Columbia City School Band

Active in 1924

Cook, Urtubees & Co.'s Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1868, touring with the Antediluvian Gollgonister Minstrels

Cooper Brothers Circus Band

Active in the 1910's

Coosaw Island Band

Active in 1927, associated with Spark's Circus

Cosmopolitan Shows Band

Active in the 1900's

Cotton & Murphy's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, 1866, leader Mr Clapp, performing as part of Cotton & Murphey's California Minstrels & Burlesque Opera Troupe

Crescent Band (Springfield)

Active in the 1900's

Dartmouth College Band

Active in the 1900's

Davis' Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, performing as part of J.L. Davis' Great Alliance travelling minstrel show

Davis City Band

Active in the 1900's

Davis' Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1872, leader Charles Davis, performing with Warren & Co.'s Great Mammoth Empire City Combination & Palace Pavilion Show

DeHaven's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, leader J.H. Perkins, performing with George W. DeHaven & Co.'s United Circus

Denton Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Dillzell's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1871, performing with Grady's Old Fashioned Circus

Douglass' Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, performing with Bryan's Caravan & Circus

Dover Cornet Band

Founded 19th August 1872

Dubuque Girls Band

Active in 1923

Dulwich College Band

Active in 1887

Dunspaugh's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1871, leader H.F. Dunspaugh, touring with Lannier's Dramatic Company

Dunstable Cornet Band

Active in 1878

Duprez & Benedict's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1866, touring as part of Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels touring troupe, managed by Charles H. Duprez. Still active in 1871

Duprez & Green's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1863 to 1865, touring as part of Duprez & Green's New Orleans Minstrels & Burlesque Opera Troupe

Durbano's Band

Active in the 1900's

E.B. Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

E.C. Band

Active in the 1900's

E.C. Beaning's Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Eagle Lodge Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

East Greenville Band

Active in 1908

Eatnaville Cornet Band

See: Aetnaville Cornet Band

Eckhart's Metropolitan Brass Band

See: Eckhart's Silver Cornet Band

Eckhart's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1866, performing with Dan Castello's Great Show. In 1867 it toured with Mike Lipman's Colossal Circus. In 1868 it toured with Forepaugh's Grand Menagerie and Gigantic Circus

Eclipse Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Ed Parmelee's Brass Band

See: Parmelee's Silver Cornet Band

Edwards' Brass Band

A professional band active in 1864, touring as part of Bob Edwards' Great Combination Troupe

Elmira Cornet Band

Active in the 1860's

Elwyn Band

Active in the 1900's

Elyria Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Emory College Band

Active in the 1910's

Empire City Brass Band

A professional band active in 1856, leader George Seely, performing with Sands, Nathans & Co's. American Circus

Endicott Union Band

Active in the 1900's

Eureka Ishpeming City Band

Active in 1867

European Brass Band

A professional band active in 1871, touring with Sheldenburger's European Menagerie and Great Grecian Circus

Eustis Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Euterpian Brass Band

Active in 1850 - a professional brass band, leader J.C. Adams, touring with R. Sands & Co.'s Hippofferæan Arena

Evening News Band

Active in the 1890's

Everest Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Evergreen Band

Active in 1903

F.C. Opera Band

Active in the 1890's

Fairside Liberty Band

Active in the 1900's

Fairview Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Falls Creek Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Falls Creek Tannery Band

Active in the 1900's

Fanfare St Louis Auburnne (St Louis)

Active in the 1900's

Fetler's Family Band

This was originally from Riga, Latvia. Rev. and Mrs Vaseely Andrevevich Fetler-Malof had 13 children that formed the band. Fetler ran afoul of the Russian Orthodox church in Latvia and he was banished from the country in 1914, emigrating to to America, living in New York and Philadelphia during the war years. After the war, he and his family returned to Latvia. Around he began to include his talented children as a musical ensemble for his evangelical services. When the politics of the new government of Latvia became too authoritarian, the Fetler family moved to Sweden where they discovered that they could make money with concerts of a family band. The children already knew several languages, so they put together a show of songs and instrumental music that toured Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Germany, and Switzerland. In 1938 they found themselves in Munich, Germany where they decided it was time to leave, so they sailed for America. Making their home in the USA they started their concert tours again, often providing music to their father's lecture/sermons. By this time Vaseely was known as William and his wife as Barbara. In 1939 the children were: Daniel, 24, trumpet; Timothy, 23, clarinet; Lydia, 22, cornet; Paul, 19, trombone; John, 17, trombone; Philip, 16, bass horn; Elizabeth, 15, alto horn; Andrew, 14, baritone horn; David, 12, cornet; Peter, 9, drums; James (Jacky), 8, bandmaster; and Joseph, 5, cymbals. It is assumed that the thirteenth child, Mary was married by this time.

Fisher's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1869, performing with DeHaven's Combination of Circus and Animals

Flemmings Famous Kid Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Fly Creek Band

Active in the 1890's

Ford Motor Band

Active in the 1920's

Forepaugh's Circus Band

Active in the mid 1870's and 1880's, attached to Adam Forepaugh's Circus, leader George Gauweiler. Charles Warner was a player in the band in 1879

Forst's English Brass Band

A professional band active in 1858, conductor Peter Forst, performing with Kemp's Mammoth English Circus

Fort McKinley YMCA Band

Active in the 1900's

Fort Monroe Post Band

Active in the 1880's

Frank Bowles' Brass Band

See: Bowles' Brass Band

Frankfort Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Frank's Choice N.Y. Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1869, leader Tony Frank, performing with James L. Thayer's Zoolohippozonomadon: Circus and Pantheon - Menagerie of Trained Animals. In 1872 it toured with Adam Forepaugh's Celebrated Menagerie, Museum & Aviary, Aquarium, Caravan & Zoological & Equestrian Aggregation

Fratia Romana Band (E. Youngstown)

Active in the 1900's

Fred Jewell's Concert Band

Active in 1906

Freeberthyser's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1861, performing as part of Freeberthyser's concert party (swiss bell ringers & orchestra)

Fremont College Band

Active in 1916

Fremont Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

G. Ingraham's Band

Active in the 1900's

G.F. Fetterhoff's Cornet Band (Jacksonville)

Active in the 1900's

Garber Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Geneva Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Gentry Brothers Band

Active in 1907

George Christy's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1861, performing as part of George Christy's Minstrels travelling show

Georgetown Band

Active in the 1900's

Gibler's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1874, performing as part of G.G. Grady's Grand Combination Show

Gilmore Band

Active in the 1870's

Gloucester Cornet Band

Active in 1880

Gloversville Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Gollmar Brothers Circus Band

Active in 1911

Good Hope Cornet Band

Active in the 1870's

Goodland Band

Active in the 1900's

Gorton's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1867, performing with Stow's Varieties. In 1868 it performed with the Great New Orleans Minstrels, using the Schroder Patent Silver Horn

Graniteville Military Band

Founded in 1905

Granville Centre Cornet Band

Active in 1912

Grass Valley Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Greenbush Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Green's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1866, touring as part of J.E. Green's Mocking Bird Minstrels touring troupe

Greens Landing Cadets Band

Active in the 1900's

Grove Lake Concert Band

Active in 1911

Gus White's Punch Band

A professional band active in the 1880's, which performed at the opening of Gus White's Marionette Shows (including Punch and Judy)

Haering Stock Company Band

Active in 1907

Hagenbeck - Wallace Circus Band

Active in 1912

Haileybury Band

Active in the 1900's

Haines Family Brass Band

Consisted of Master Floren "Floyd" Haines (b. 1870, cornet and violin), Madame Genevera Haines (b. 1848, alto horn, pianist and xylophone), Miss Lola (b. 1869, cornet), Master Chauncey (b. 1872, trombone), Master Rockhill (b. ?, clarionet), Master Roland "Roy" (b. 1873, second violin), Master Carl Gailen (b. 1875, solo alto and cornet), Miss Ileane "Flo" (b. 1877, snare drummer), Master Herbert (b. 1879, smallest bass drummer in America), and father John Columbus Haines (tuba and double bass). It performed at Grand Theater in Wheeling, West Virginia, in August 1889, and the Wonderland Museé and Theater in Buffalo, New York, in June 1890, sharing the stage with Mozart the Magician and Zoe the Circassian Princess. John Columbus Haines was born in 1842 and lived in Alliance, Ohio. He was a member of the Ohio 19th Regiment Band in 1862-1865, founded the Alliance Band with his brothers in 1865, and was still leader of the Alliance Band in 1875. He married Genevera Lenore Jones in 1868. The Haines Family Band was active from 1885, ultimately with all 11 children (including Genevieve, b.1881, Lillian, b. 1883 and Rea, b. 1885). In 1893 the family moved to Detroit, and many of the children subsequently became professional musicians.

Hallstead Band

Active in the 1900's

Hampshire Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Hanover Church Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Hardie and Von Leers Celebrated Indian Band

Active in the 1890's

Harrisonburg Band

Active in 1908

Harveyville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Haskell's Excelsior Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, performing as part of Haskell's Mammoth Show & Grand Gift Enterprise

Hasmillers Dutch Band

A comic band active in the 1900's

Hayes Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Haynes Military Band

Active in the 1910's

Hebron Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Helman's Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1884. A professional band, part of Medea Helman's Musical Comedy Company. Members included Medea Helman (cornet), Flora Helman (cornet), little Myrtle Helman (Bb bass)

Helm's National Brass Band

A professional band, with 12 players, active in 1856, touring with Levi J. North's National Circus

Henry Brothers Circus Band

Active in the 1910's

Herman Ludwick's Operatic Cornet Band

See: Herman Ludwig's Cornet Band

Herman Ludwig's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1857 to 1868. Performed with the Van Amburgh & Company Menagerie and Circus in Indiana in 1857; the Metropolitan Circus (proprietors M.J. Robinson & Deery) in 1864; Howe's Great New York Circus in 1868

Hermines Midget Band

Active in the 1900's

Hetheby's New York Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1855, performing with Ballard, Bailey & Company's French Circus

Hetherby's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1852, leader W. Hetherby, touring with Rivers & Derious's Grecian Arena Circus

Hibbing Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Hills American Indian Band

Active in the 1910's

Holcomb and Robertson's Young Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1884. A professional band touring Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. A report of a Chicago concert in September 1884 - "Under every disadvantage, a cold, wet and miserable night, and in a strange city, after a 300 mile journey, arriving at a late hour, and having barely time to dress, the young ladies appeared in a pretty and piquant costume, uniform as to color and cut, uniting the feminine and military, a sort of mitigated vivandiere dress, which had a pleasing effect. The concert was a success."

Holland Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Holly Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Honor Band

Active in the 1900's

Hopkinton Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Horicon City Band

Active in the 1900's

Horlick's Employees Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Horseshoe Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Hudson Band

Active in the 1900's

Indianola Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Industrial Workers of the World Band

Active in 1909

Irwell Springs Band

Active in 1905

Isabel Band

Active in the 1900's

J.B. Ford Band (Wyandotte)

Active in the 1900's

J.T. Wortham Circus Sideshow Band

Active in 1923

Jackson Brass Band

Active in 1860

JB Ford Band (Wyandotte)

Active in the 1890's

Jeffersonville Band

Active in 1907

Jenningtown Citizens Band

Active in 1909

Jewell's Concert Band

Active in 1908, associated with the Barnum and Bailey Show

Johnson's Band

Active in the 1880's

Julian Wyett's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1861, performing with Spalding & Rogers' Great Railroad Circus, parading on horseback

Jullien's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1863, touring as part of Jullien's Burlesque Opera Troupe

K.O.T.M. Anderson Tent 116 Band

Active in the 1900's Associated with the Knights of the Maccabees fraternal organisation

Kalida Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Kamburg Cornet Band

Founded in 1888

Kane's Metropolitan Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, performing with the De Mott & Ward's United Circus and Menagerie

Kasta's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1864, conductor William Kasta, performing with Dan Costello's Great Show

Kauffman's Centennial Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1874, leader Charles Kauffman, touring with James A. Bailey's Great International Menagerie, Museum, Aquarium, Grecian Circus, and Grand Roman Hippodrome

Kemp's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, performing as part of Father Kemp's Old Folks Concert Company (on its 11th annual tour) - the band appearing in costumes of "one hundred years ago"

Kendall's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1854 to 1856, leader Edward (Ned) Kendall, touring with Spalding & Rogers' North American Circus & Floating Palace Co., later Spalding & Rogers' Railroad Circus

Keystone Brass Band

A professional band active in 1858, conductor Thomas G. Canham, performing with Dan Rice's Great Show

Keystone Excelsior Brass Band

A professional band active in 1863, touring with Kawshawgance's Great Exhibition of the Indians of Oregon

Keystone Juvenile Band

Active in the 1900's

Kimmel Family Band

Comprised Rev. George Thomas Kimmel, his wife Amelia Jane, and their 12 children: Ruth, Mark, Lydia, Simon, Hope, Paul, Grace, George, Rufus, Loda, Russell, and Aretas. The family travelled all across the US from Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Florida. Rev. George Kimmel died in July 1896 while the band was en route to California.

Kimmewean's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1854, billed as "Composed entirely of Native Indians - the only Indian Brass Band in the World", touring with Washburn's Unique and Interesting Entertainment of the Manners and Customs of the Uncivilized Indians of the Far West

Kingston City Band

Active in the 1900's

Kingston Mines Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Kinsell Cornet Band

Active in 1889

Kiron Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Kit Carson Buffalo Ranch Wild West Show Band

Active in the 1890's

Klinkhart's European Midgets Band

Active in the 1900's

Koppel's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1872, performing with Haight & Co.'s Circus, Museum, Menagerie & Balloon

Kopp's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1867. Performed with the Van Amburgh & Company Mammoth Menagerie and Egyption Caravan. In 1871 it toured with the Great Empire City Circus, Menagerie and Balloon

Kopp's New York Brass Band

A professional band active in 1864, leader Professor Kopp, performing with James Melville's Australian Circus

Kossuth M.W.A. Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with Camp 413 of the Modern Woodmen of America fraternal organisation

Lachman's Greater Shows Band

Active in the 1900's

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Military Band of Utah

Active in the 1900's

Lakeland Band

Active in the 1900's

Lange's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1874, leader John Lange, which was available for engagements, tours and fairs across the USA

Lapaz Band

Active in the 1900's

Larwill Band

Active in the 1900's

Lavina Boosters Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Le Fanfare du College du Sacre Coeur (Bathurst)

Active in the 1910's

Leavitt's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1868, performing with Leavitt's Mammoth Concert Troupe

Lederhaus' Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1872, performing with Older's Museum, Circus & Menagerie

Lemen's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1874, leader F.R. Lemen, touring with Hall's Menagerie & Museum, Cooper's Equestrian Aggregation, & Lemen's Real Roman Hippodrome

Lewis Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Lewisburg Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Liberati's Grand Military Band

Active in 1888

Licking Band

Active in the 1910's

Ligonier Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Lincoln Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Lloyd's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1867, touring with Lloyd's Great Minstrel Troupe

London Band

Active in 1911

London Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1872, leader J.A. Armstrong, performing with Grady's Great American Circus & Grand Giatuitius Mammoth Menagerie

Lone Star Band

Active in 1916

Lum & Asher's Pine Ridge Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1920's

Lumley Castle Band

Founded in 1910

Lutymen's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, performing with Lake's Hippoolympiad & Mammoth Circus

Lyon and Healey Band

Active in 1879

Lyons Concert Band

Active in 1908

Madison Concert Band

Active in 1911

Magnolia Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Man from the West Band

Active in the 1900's

Maple City Band

Active in the 1910's

Marmarth Band

Active in 1914

Mayfield Band

Active in the 1910's

McClure Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

McK. H. S. Concert Military Band

Active in 1907

McPhee's Brass Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with McPhee's travelling shows

Mead Musical Union Band

Active in the 1890's

Menter's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band, leader Edgar Menter, active in 1869, performing with Dan Rice's Own Circus

Merline's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band, leader Christopher Merline, active in 1872, performing with Noyes' Great Crescent City Circus, Hippodrome & Egyptian Caravan

Metamora Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Metropolitan Brass Band

A professional band, leader Professor Schuff, active in 1854, touring with A. Turner & Co.'s Great Combined Gymnasium and Zoological Arena

Metropolitan Life Military Band

Active in 1910

Midvale Junior Band

Active in the 1900's

Millersville Band

Active in the 1900's

Mills Concert Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the Walter L. Main Circus

Milton Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Mission House Band

Active in 1912

Mohawk Band

Active in 1912

Monasco Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1854, touring with the "Indian Entertainment", which included Chief Osh-yaw-aw-wah of the Callapoohas tribe (Southern Oregon)

Monroe Band

Active in the 1900's

Monroe Brass Band

See: Monroe Silver Cornet Band

Monroe Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Montpelier Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Moore Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Mooseheart Boys Band

Founded in December 1914

Morris' Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1863 to 1867, leader J. Seidel, touring as part of Morris' Minstrels (late Frank Rivers' Melodeon Troupe), later Morris & Wilson's Minstrels. In 1867 they were advertised as having "chaste and unique parlor entertainments"

Mount Morris Brass Band

Active in 1894

Mount Morris Concert Band

Active in 1917

Mountain Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Mulberry Hayseed Band

Active in the 1900's

Musical Dwarfs

Active in the 1910's. A professional ensemble that toured the USA

Naegeli Family Band

Active around 1910, leader father Henry J. Naegeli

National Youth Brass Band of America

[Current band] - Founded in 2018. First, inaugural course held in St. Joseph, Missouri, in June 2019

Neare Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Ned Brill's Band

Active in 1911, associated with Barnum and Bailey's Circus

Neuber's Philadelphia Brass Band

A professional band active in 1852, conductor P. Neuber, touring with Welch's National Circus, Raymond & Co. and Driesbach & Co.'s Menageries United. In 1855 it was touring with Signor Chiarini's Italian Circus, in 1859 it toured with Van Amburgh's Zoological and Equestrian Company

New Columbian Brass Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band founded in 1992

New Orleans Ladies' Cornet Band

A professional ladies' brass band, which toured the USA around 1875. Billed as part of the New Orleans Minstrels, Orchestra and Ladies' Cornet Banda

Newberry's Victorian Cornet Band

[Current band] - A historical re-enactment band

Newbury Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Newcomb & Arlington's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865, performing as part of Newcomb & Arlington's Minstrels travelling show

Nicholl's New York Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1870, leader Adolph Nicholl (or Nichols), performing with James L. Thayer's New Circus. In 1874 it was touring with Maginley & Co.'s Museum, Circus, Menagerie & Trained Animals

Nichols' Cornet Band

See: Nicholl's New York Cornet Band

Nolan's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, conductor Richard Nolan, performing with Sparks & McDowell's Great Occidental Show

Norfolk and Western Concert Band

Active in the 1910's

Norris' Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1873, performing with Montgomery Queen's European Menagerie, Trans-Atlantic Circus, Roman Hippodrome, & Bedouin Arab Troupe

North Attleboro Cornet Band

Active in 1873

North Brothers Brass Band

Active in the 1900's. Associated with the North Brothers' circus (later Ringling's circus)

North Geneva Band

Active in the 1900's

North Western Territorial Concert Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with General Fielding's Own lodge of the Volunteers of America fraternal organisation

Nosher's New York Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1850, performing with Robinson & Eldred's Grand New York Circus. In 1851 it toured with G.C. Quick & Co.'s Mammoth Menagerie

Notre Dame College Band

Active in the 1910's

Nottingham Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Oakland Cornet Band

Active in the 1880's

Obernier's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1855, leader William Obernier, touring with the Grand Olympic Arena and American Circus

Ogden Brass Band

Active in the 1910's

Ohmy's Circus Band

Active in the 1880's

Olds' Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1866, performing with Yankee Robinson's Colossal Moral Exhibition, Menageries and Circuses. In 1867 it was associated with George W. De Haven's Imperial Circus & Grand Mammoth Show

Olio Brass Band

A professional band active in 1864, performing as part of the Olio Minstrels travelling show

Ollerenshaw's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1866, performing with Dan Castello's Great Show

Orangeville Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Orexel Band

Active in the 1900's

Orton Brothers Brass Band

A professional band active in 1864, leader J. Zenark, performing as part of Orton Brothers' Great Circus. The band was led by Philip Manuel in October 1865

Orton Brothers Ladies' Silver Cornet Band

Founded in early 1866 with 12 ladies. Still active in 1868, leader Miss Irene Orton, with 10 ladies. A professional ensemble which toured as part of Orton Brothers' Great American Circus

Orton's Female Cornet Band

See: Orton Brothers Ladies' Silver Cornet Band

Oscar Willis Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1868, leader Oscar. Willis, performing with his travelling minstrel show

Otho Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Otto Horn's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1856, performing with L.B. Lent's New York Circus. Performed with Van Amburgh & Company's Mammoth Menagerie and Great Moral Exhibition in 1862

Otto Kyle's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1857, touring with the Spalding & Rogers' Three Consolidated Circuses

Otto's Orchestra and Military Band

Active in the 1910's

P.G. Lowery's Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Ringling Brothers shows

Pace's Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Page Kiddies Band

In 1927, Harvey and Eloise Page family created the Page Kiddies Band with their children, and they travelled throughout the United States, performing on the vaudeville stage in hundreds of small and large town theatres, on radio, and many other venues. The brothers and sisters were: Mildred (b. 1920) on drum, Harvey jnr. (b. 1913) on trombone, Mariner (b. 1919) on alto saxophone, Eloise "Snooky" (b. 1912) on trumpet, Alma (b. 1915) and Ethel (b. 1910) on tenor saxophones

Parker and Watts Circus Band

Active in 1938

Parkersburg Concert Band

Active in 1907

Parmelee's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1864, leader Ed. Parmelee, performing with the Great Metropolitan Combination of Thayer & Noyes United States Circus and Van Amburgh & Co.'s Mammoth Menagerie. In 1867 it was performing with W. French's Great Oriental Circus & Egyptian Caravan. In 1871 it was touring with Van Amburgh & Co.'s Mammoth Menagerie

Parmlee's Cornet Band

See: Parmelee's Silver Cornet Band

Passafiume Band

Active in the 1910's

Patterson's Trained Animal Circus Band

Active in the 1910's

Pea Ridge College Band

Active in the 1910's

Peak Family Brass Band

Active in 1872 as the Peak Family (Swiss Bell Ringers and Young Ladies Cornet Band), led by William Peak, with thirteen "talented artists", touring in Tennessee. Arrived at Fort Benton, Montana, on the steamer "Red Cloud" in July 1880, to provide music for the 4th of July celebrations in the town. It performed at the Academy of Music, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in June 1882

Peerless Band

A ladies' band active in the 1900's

Perry's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1867, performing with Stone Rosston & Murray's Circus. In 1872 was again with the Stone & Murray Circus, with 13 players

Peters' Band (Springfield)

Active in the 1910's

Pettengill's Mammoth Brass Band

A professional band, with 28 members, active in 1868, touring as part of Charlie Pettengill's Minstrel show

Philadelphia Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1865, leader Fritz Myer, touring with Gardner, Hemmings & Co. Great American Circus

Phillips Academy Regimental Band

Active in the 1910's

Pierpoint Band

Active in the 1900's

Pike's Association Band

Active in the 1900's

Pioneer Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Plainfield Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Plainville Brass Band

Active in 1890

Pollow and McClellan Shows Band

Active in 1915

Polock Brothers Sideshow Band

Active in the 1910's

Pommier Brothers Concert Band

Active in the 1910's, associated with the Pommier Brothers Shows

Portland Band

Active in 1909

Postlethwaite's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1861, conductor Carl Beler, performing as part of Postlethwaite's Original Campbell Minstrels concert troupe

Post's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1853, touring with Welch's Parisian Hippodrome [Grand Restoration of the Ancient Sports, Games and Ceremonies of the Greeks and Romans]

Post's Philadelphia Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1859, touring with Rivers & Derious' Grand Dramatic Equestrian Company and Gymnastic, Acrobatic & Ballet Troupes

Powder Valley Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Prof. LaVinski's Cornet Band

Active in the 1910's

Professor Armstrong's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1867, performing with Grady & Gilbert's Unprecedented Show (Complete with Large Steam Musical Instrument). Still active in 1869 when it was billed as Armstrong's Mammoth Brass Band - using a double set of instruments - touring with Grady's Unprecedented Old-Fashioned American Circus

Professor Colson's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1859 and 1860, when it was connected with Mabie's Circus and Menagerie as it toured the USA. In 1866 it was touring with Dan Rice's Mammoth Circus and Menagerie. In 1867 it was associated with Forepaugh's Gigantic Circus and Menagerie

Professor La Vinski's Cornet Band

A comic band, active in the 1900's

Professor Peter's Mounted Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1864, performing with Robinson & Howe's Champion Circus

Protection Cornet Band

Active in 1910

Prue's Cornet Band

Active in 1880

Pulaski Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Purcelle's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1867, 1868, touring with Purcelle's Minstrels (managed by G.W. Purcelle)

Purdy, Scott and Fostelle's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1872, leader Phil Boam, performing as part of Purdy, Scott and Fostelle's Minstrels travelling show

Putnam's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1852, leader P.S. Putnam, touring with E.F. & J. Mabie's Grand Olympic Arena & U.S. Circus

Pykes Concert Band (Johnston City)

Active in the 1900's

Rainbow Family Orchestra

See: Fetler's Family Band

Raine Andrew Lumber Co. Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

Raymond Eagle Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with Aerie no. 163 (or 162) of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (which was founded in Seattle in 1898)

Red Cliff Brass Band

Active in 1887

Reeves American Band

Active in 1901

Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin

[Current band] - Founded in 1994

Reliance Brass Band

Active in 1910

Renfrew Band

Active in the 1910's

Rentz's Ladies Cornet Band

Active in 1880, 1881. A professional ensemble which toured as part of Mme Rentz's Minstrels Party. It performed at the Opera House, Ottawa, illinois in March 1881

Rhodes & Pullman's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1866, performing as part of Rhodes & Pullman's Constellation (Dramatic Minstrels)

Rice and Dorman Circus Band

Active in 1919

Richardson's Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Richland Center High School Band

Active in 1910

Richmond Band

Active in 1912

Ridgeway Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ringling Brothers Annex Band

Active in 1911

Ringling Brothers Circus Band

Active in 1898

Ringtown Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Ringwood Cornet Band

Active in 1885, members were: Ernest Ingalls, Charles Prince, Julius Smith, Ed Dodge, Ned Smith, John Earl Harrison, John Buckland, Frank Coates, Jerry Smith, Joseph E. Cristy, Ed Robbins, and Nate Stevens

Rippel's Circus Band

Active in 1910

Rivers Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Rosedale Citizens Band

Active in the 1900's

Ross Excelsior Brass Band

A professional band active in 1858, performing with Spalding & Rogers' New Orleans Circus (combining their North American Circus, Floating Palace Circus, and Railroad Circus)

Rossini's Excelsior Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1855, performing with Dan Rice's Great Show

Rouse's Point Band

Active in the 1900's

Rushville Brass Band

Active in 1908

Russell Ladies' Band

Active in the 1900's

Russelville Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Ruthstrom's Family Brass Band

Broadcast their music on station WBZ, Springfield, Massachusetts (333.1m) in February, April, July and September 1926. The band played at the Lincoln-Dixie Theater, Chicago, in March 1928; Miller Theater, Woodstock, Illinois, in April 1928, Palace Theater, Wisconsin Rapids, in June 1928; Sioux Falls, South Dakota in August 1928; the WCCO, Minneapolis, radio broadcasts in September 1928; and the Emancipation Day celebrations in Albion, Michigan, in August 1929. They were engaged at the Pantages Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a week in June 1928. The members ranged in age from 2 (the infant drum major) to 21 years. According to the press advertisments: "Far from their native country, Lapland, John Ruthstrom and his nine sons, comprising the world's only family brass band, are appearing at Pantages theatre this week. John Ruthstrom, a born musician, has tutored all of his sons in music and wherever the family band has appeared - whether in Sweden, Norway, Denmark or in England - exceptional enthusiasm has been manifested. A short time ago the band came to the United States at the urgent solicitation of an eastern Scandinavian society, and many of the country's foremost theaters have utilized the act as a headline attraction. The members have played before the royalty of Europe and the program of numbers includes Scandinavian folks compositions, classical works and the jazziest of American jazz tunes."

Ryan's Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

S.S. Pastores Band

Active in the 1910's

St Cloud Band

Active in the 1900's

St Louis Brass Band

A professional band active in 1857, leader G. Bailey, performing with Antonio Carroll & Co's Great World Circus

Sam Sharpley's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1863 to 1865, performing as part of Sam Sharpley's Minstrels & Burlesque Opera Troupe

San Leandro Band

Active in 1886

Sanford's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1867, leader Sam Sanford, touring as part of Sanford's Opera Troupe Minstrels

Saxonia Brass Band

A professional band active in 1851, performing with J.M. June & Co.'s American & European Amphitheatre

Schippert's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1874, leader Charles J. Schippert, touring with the San Francisco Circus & Collection of Performing Animals

Schreiner's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1862, conductor Professor Schreiner, performing with Bartholomew's American Circus

Schuermann Band (Jefferson)

Active in the 1900's

Scott's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1868, performing with the Great European Circus

Seeley's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1862, performing as part of R. Sands Grand Multiserial Combination Circus and Homohippodeal Amphitheater

Sells-Floto Shows Concert Band

Active in 1908

Sewell's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1869, performing with Hemmings, Cooper & Whitby's Extensive Menagerie & Circus

Shaffer's Ladies' Cornet Band

A professional ladies' brass band, which toured the USA around 1879. Billed as part of the Shaffer's Bell Ringers "The Best Troupe Travelleing"

Shelton Band

Active in 1892

Sherry's New York Theatre Cornet Band

Active in 1873. A professional band touring the country with shows, leader Daniel H. Stubblebine

Sidney Band

Active in the 1900's

Silloway's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1860, performing with G.K. Goodwin & Company's Royal Menagerie and Great Moral Exhibition. The band was also supported by Jonathan Forbes the "champion trick drummer"

Siloam Band

Active in 1911

Silver Family Concert Band

Charles Earl "Bert" Silver was born in 1861 into a show business family. In 1904 he started tent shows and had the first motorized circus in the United States, with four touring cars, four trucks and an advance car. Bert and his entire family played in the Silver Family Concert Band as part of the circus, and also gave concerts. In 1916 the circus had to be disbanded because the tents and trucks were confiscated by the U.S. Government for use in World War I. When the circus disbanded the family settled in Greenville, Michigan. His family consisted of wife Ellen Vescelious (b. 1872) and children Martha Frances (b. 1885), Guy Earl (b. 1887), Laura (b. 1889), Pearl (b. 1891), Ruby (b. 1893), Richard (b. 1895) and Kitty (b. 1897)

Simmonds Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Sinking Valley Cornet Band

Founded in 1890

Skaneateles Band

Active in 1911

Skiff & Gaylord's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1865 to 1870, performing as part of Skiff & Gaylord's Great Excelsior Eastern Troupe. In 1869 it was billed as a "double brass band"

Skiff's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1864, leader Mr Steeg, as part of M. Skiff's & Co.'s Great Minstrel Troupe

Smethport School Band

Active in the 1930's

Smithfield Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Smith's Ladies' Cornet Band

Active in 1873, 1874. Performed at Tiffin, Ohio in June 1873; and Emporia, Kansas in 1874. This was a professional touring ensemble whose act consisted of bell ringing, vocals and the cornet band

Soko Sokol Falcon Band

Active in 1933

Sousa's Band

Active in 1900 to 1919

South Coventry Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

South New Berlin Citizens Band

Active in the 1890's

Southern College Band (Birmingham)

Active in the 1920's

Sparta Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Spaulding and Robertson's Brass Band

Active from 1874 and into the 1880's. A professional touring band, with 12 members, conducted by Georgie Dean Spaulding, a famous "Gold Cornet" soloist and harpist. Part of the Spaulding's entertainment company, managed by W.P. Spaulding, which also featured "Spaulding's Bell Ringers". Also known as Spaulding & Robertson's Concert Company Young Ladies Band. Nellie Daniels was cornetist in 1873.

Spaulding and Robertson's Concert Company Young Ladies' Band

See: Spaulding and Robertson's Brass Band

Spaulding's Ladies' Cornet Band

See: Spaulding and Robertson's Brass Band

Sperl's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1870, performing with G.G. Grady's Old Fashioned American Circus. Toured with James E. Cooper's Monster Caravan, Menagerie & Circus in 1872

Sprague's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1863, touring as part of Sprague's Minstrels & Theatrical Troupe

Spring Creek Band

Active in the 1900's

Stanselle's Ladies' Brass Band

Active in 1898. A professional band, which toured the USA as part of Stanselle's Speciality Sensation, led by "Little" Dextrina Durand, the "smallest band leader in the world"

Staples Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Star and Crescent Band

Active in the 1900's

Starbuck Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Stebrand Brothers Band

Active in the 1910's. Associated with the Stebrand Brothers Great Piccadilly travelling show

Steele's New York Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1853, leader F.A. Steele, touring with Herr Driesbach & Co.'s Menagerie Combined With Mabie & Co.'s United States Circus

Steinauer Neb Edmund Band

Active in 1915

Stenbacker's American Brass Band

A professional band active in 1855, leader Henry Stenbacker, touring with G.F. Bailey & Co.'s Great Combined Gymnasium and Zoological Arena

Sterling Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

Stewart's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1869, touring Pennsylvania with Stewart's Minstrels

Stockbridge M.W.A. Band

Active in 1909

Stockington Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Stoic Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Stone's Prairie Band

Active in the 1910's

Story City Band

Active in the 1890's

Story's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1869, leader W.D. Story, performing with J.M. French's Great Oriental Circus

Suman Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Swan's Silver Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1872, leader Thomas Swan, performing with Kleckner & Co.'s Monster Circus, Museum and Menagerie

Swanton Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Sweets Concert Band (Ringling Brothers)

Active in 1911

Sykesville Band

Active in 1922

Syracuse Cornet Band

Active in 1895

Tanner's Concert Band

Active in the 1890's

Teeswater Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Teller Indian School Band (Grand Junction)

Active in the 1890's

Terry's Concert Band

Active in the 1900's, bandmaster E.C. Jones

Terry's U.T.C. Band

Active in 1914

The Man From The West Band

Active in the 1890's

Tilden Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Tinney's Band

Active in 1911 to 1913. Associated with Howes Great London Circus

Tom Brown's Musical Highlanders

Active in the 1920's

Trenton Knights of Pythias Band

Active in 1908

Twin City Band

Active in the 1900's

U.S.S. Alabama Band

Active in 1908

U.S.S. Idaho Military Band

Active in 1908

U.S.S. Louisiana Band

Active in the 1920's

U.S.S. Maryland Band

Active in 1914

U.S.S. Minneapolis Band

Active in the 1910's

U.S.S. New York Band

Active in 1918

U.S.S. New York Band

Active in the 1910's

U.S.S. Pueblo Ship Band

Active in 1917

U.S.S. Rochester Band

Active in the 1910's

U.S.S. South Dakota Band

Active in 1911

U.S.S. Von Steuben Band

Active in the 1910's

U.S.S. Wyoming Band

Active in the 1920's

Uncle Sam Brass Band

Active in the 1890's

United States Army Brass Band

[Current band] - Founded in 1981

Unsworth's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1861, performing as part of Unsworth's Minstrels travelling show (proprieters Unsworth, Eugene & Donniker). Members included J.B. Donniker (melophonist cornet & alto horn), C. O'Neill (tambourinist), J.P. King (Eb cornet, leader), B. Trigg (cornet), Mr Johnson (Cornet), Mr Frost (snare drummer), O. Leopold (tuba)

Vesper Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Virginia City Band

Active in 1875

Volunteers of America - North Western Territorial Concert Band

Active in the 1900's

W.I. Swain Band

Active in 1912

W.J. Band

Active in 1903

Wabash College Band

Active in 1900

Waldron Citizens Band

Active in the 1910's

Walter L. Main Side Show Band

Active in the 1910's

Walton Brass Band

Active in the 1900's

Walton Silver Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Waterbury Band

Active in the 1900's

Waynesboro Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Webb City Cornet Band

Active in the 1890's

Welker's Golden Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1871, performing with Hemmings & Cooper's Grand Consolidated Circus & Menagerie

Wells Band (St Louis World Fair)

Active in 1904

Wellsborough's Military Band

Active in the 1900's

Wentor's Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1853, leader Almore Wentor, touring with Dan Rice's Great Hippodrome & Menagerie

West Frankfort Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

West Sullivan Band

Active in 1890

Western Amateur Band

Active in the 1900's

Whitaker Family Band

Active in 1911

White Cap Band

Active in the 1900's

Whitmore & Clark's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1866 to 1870, performing as part of Whitmore & Clark's Minstrels travelling show. Leader Andy Wyatt in 1868, Charles H. Colburn in 1870, with 12 players

Widow McCarty Band

Active in the 1900's

Wilksville Cornet Band

Active in 1908

Willis's New York Brass Band

A professional band, active in 1851, leader R. Willis, performing with Robinson & Eldred's Grand New York Circus

Winninger Brothers Marine Band

Active in the 1910's. Band associated with a travelling show

Wither's Cornet Band

A professional band active in 1869, performing with G.F. Bailey & Company's Gigantic Caravan Menagerie and Equestrian Combination

Wixom Brothers Circus Band

Active in the 1890's

Wood's Brass Band

A professional band active in 1861, performing as part of Wood's Minstrels travelling show

Worcester Cornet Band

Active in the 1900's

Wortham Concert Band

Active in 1907

Yankee Robinson Band

A professional show band active in the 1890's

Youngstown Military Band

Active in the 1900's

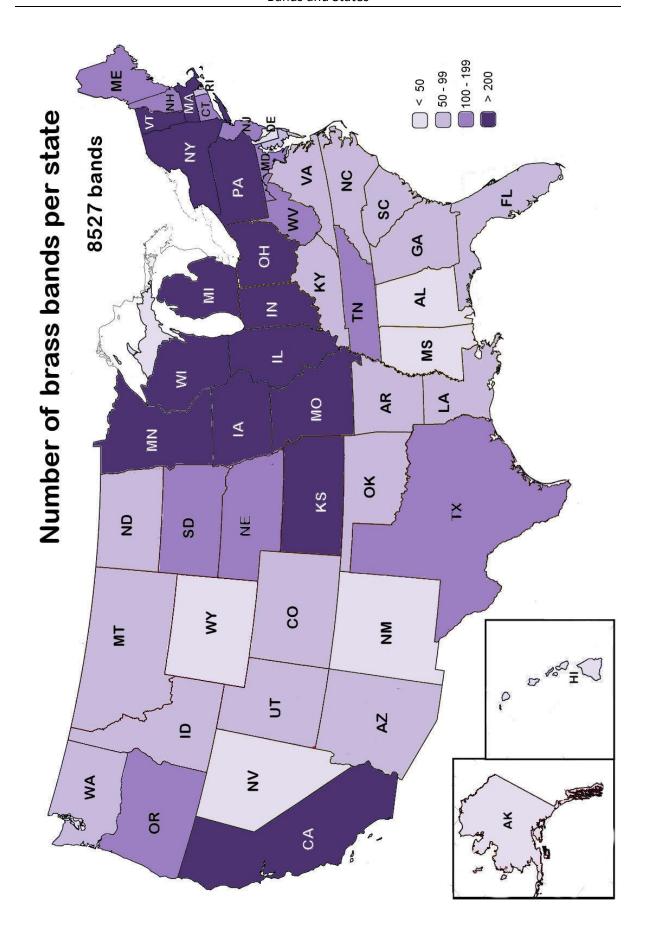
Zimmerman's Cornet Band

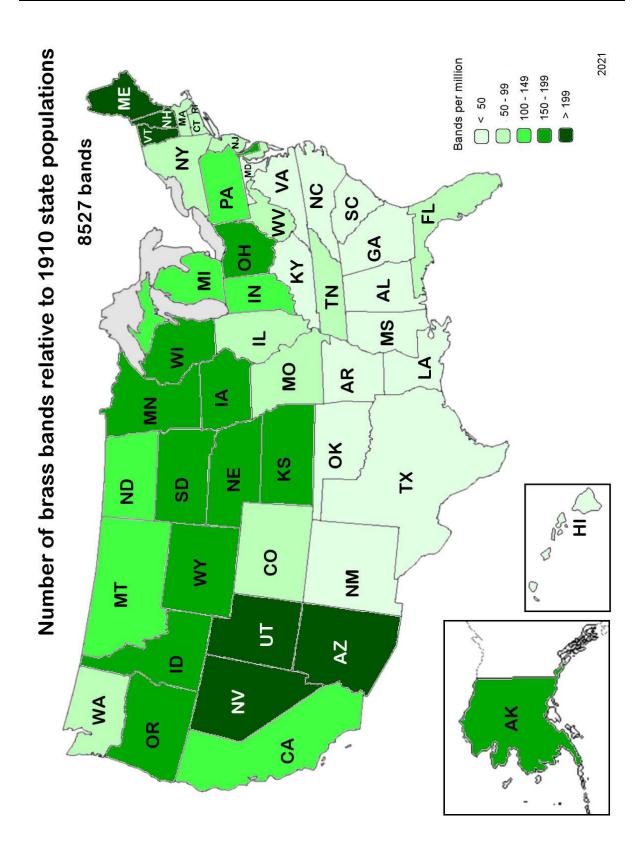
A professional band active in 1858, performing with Robinson's Grand Combination Circus and Menagerie

Bands and States

Here is a list of the number of bands in each state, as identified in the list above. In addition, there are two maps of the U.S.A. showing the density of bands and the relative density proportional to the state's population – I took 1910 as a baseline, somewhat arbitrarily.

Alabama	31	Montana	56
Alaska	12	Nebraska	197
Arizona	80	Nevada	29
Arkansas	62	New Hampshire	107
California	274	New Jersey	152
Colorado	69	New Mexico	15
Connecticut	110	New York	501
Delaware	38	North Carolina	93
District of Columbia	24	North Dakota	70
Florida	55	Ohio	713
Georgia	60	Oklahoma	57
Hawaii	2	Oregon	110
Idaho	51	Pennsylvania	965
Illinois	432	Rhode Island	40
Indiana	295	South Carolina	68
Iowa	412	South Dakota	106
Kansas	315	Tennessee	126
Kentucky	67	Texas	160
Louisiana	70	Utah	97
Maine	167	Vermont	251
Maryland	122	Virginia	80
Massachusetts	224	Washington	93
Michigan	361	West Virginia	114
Minnesota	349	Wisconsin	371
Mississippi	36	Wyoming	28
Missouri	210	Unknown state	570





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