

The Gunsmiths of New Orleans

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As most ASAC members know, Frank Sellers is compiling a list of American gunmakers, gunsmiths, and gun dealers. He thoughtfully sent us a copy of his list of New Orleans gunsmiths for inclusion in this bulletin.

The following list of gunsmiths was compiled from the city directories at The Historic New Orleans Collection, better known to those members who went on the men's tour as the Williams' house.

The first city directory of New Orleans, 1805, does not list occupations. The second and all subsequent directories *do* list occupations and all through 1899 were consulted. No directories were published during the Civil War—1862 through 1865.

This list comprises a total of 142 gunsmiths and 14 dealers whose names appear on guns.

- Ackerman, Louis 1871
Adam, Anthony 1899
Allen (Joseph) & Hille (Charles) 1842-1859
Allen, Joseph 1838-1861
Argote, Edmond 1822-1823
Arnaud, Vincent 1834
Assanti, Jean 1841
Auer, X. 1860-1861
Bailey, John E. 1867, 1885-1887
(moved to Gretna, La. 1888-1894)
Bailey, Thomas 1853-1861, 1879-1884
(was in London in between)
Barberet, Theon 1822-1823
Barker, Joseph 1859-1870
Bassel, W. 1869
Bell, Lloyd C. 1883-1892
Besuchet, Francois 1841
Bienaime, Antoine P. 1822
Bircher, H. 1871
Blanchemin, Pierre 1841-1844
Boiccaire, Etienne 1834
Boisdore, L. 1841-1842
Boissecq, Jules 1841-1842
Boixel, Peter 1822-1823
Bouron, George P. 1898
Bouron, Philip 1860-1899
Breffeihl, J.M. 1834-1838
Bradford, Samuel 1841-1842
Buckley, H.P. 1867 for Bailey
Busch, Fred 1875
Cardona & Cook (Louis) 1884
Cattana, Albert 1889-1899
Champiroux, August 1841-1842
Clement, Surgy 1841
Cockburn, J. 1841 BS in 42-3
Cockburn, L.E. 1841-1845
Conklin, Levi 1871-1875
Cook, Louis 1881-1885
Creccier, 1838
Dart & Wilkinson 1867 (dealer)
Debarbieris, Henry 1867-1897
Delatorre, Antonio 1877-1879
Demoustier, Joseph 1841-1842
Dempsey, J.W. 1872
Desengles, Francois 1879
Dittrich, John F. 1870-1875
Dorion & Bienaime 1822
Dorion, Pierre 1822-1823
Duhart, A. 1834
Dupas, 1842
Dupuy, Bernard 1822-1837 (D)
Effinger, Bernard 1875-1883
Fayn 1841
Febiger & Co. 1886-1910
Fellow, Matthew 1868-1869
Fick, George A. 1869
Fiele, F. 1896
Folsom, Henry & Co. 1867 (D)
Folsom Bros. 1868-1888 (D)
Folsom, H & N 1889- (D)
Fouquet, E. 1860-1861
Fox, John Nicholas 1834
Geneste, William 1877-1899
Gerteis, Louis 1859-1879
Gerteis, Louis Jr. 1880-1899
Griswold, Arthur B. & Co. 1860-1870 (D)
(successor to Hyde & Goodrich)
Gorsch, Louis 1871-1872
Guarino, Frank 1885
Guion, Thomas F. 1838-1861
Gunter, A. 1867
Hall (Louis) & Cook (Louis) 1881-1882
Hammel, Charles 1842
Hebert, Alexis S. 1870-1879
Henry, Pierre 1822-1823
Hidden, Enoch 1822
Hille, Charles 1842-1859
Houlinc, Edward 1886-1897
Hyde & Goodrich 1815-1861 (D)
Isourd, J.B. 1842
Jackson, E.T. 1842
Jaub, Joseph 1877
John, William 1881-1883
(in Gretna)
Juforgue, P.R. 1838-1841
Jugarn, Louis 1838
Juge, Adolph 1870-1878
Jusselin 1834
Juzan, Joseph 1884
Kellerman, Charles C. 1876-1877
Kernaghan, D. (not listed) (D)
Kittredge & Folsom 1860 (D)
Kuntzmann, Jules 1879
Labat, M. 1842
(worked for J. Latil)
Lambert, Pierre 1822-1834
Lamote, Etienne 1822
Landry, Pierre 1822-1823
Laska, Mathias A. 1874-1888
Laska, M.A. & Son 1889-1899
Lassere, J.P. 1841-1842
Latil, Alexandre 1842
(worked for J. Latil)
Latil & Frere 1834
Latil, Joseph Timecour 1838-1848
Latil, Lazare 1842
(worked for J. Latil)
Latil, T. 1841
Leduc, A. 1838
Leduc, Louis T. 1841
Leduc, Theodore 1858-1859
Lee, John J. 1875
Lee, Leroy E. 1879-1885
Lefebvre, T.B. 1834
Lepape, Desbois 1841-1842
Libeau, V.G.W. 1834-1847
Maginnis, John (not listed) (D)
Maier, Charles M. 1884-1899
Malone, Michael 1860-1893
Malone, M. & Son 1894-1898
Meisner, August 1876-1877
Mentzel, Henry 1871-1872
Meyer, Jacob 1874
Miller, Pierre 1834-1838
More, W.H. 1898-1899
Morcau, E.V. 1841-1842
Mudge, Carson 1868-1878
Mullan, Henry J. 1866-1883
Nicholas, Celestian 1822-1823
Oliver, A. 1870
Perrin, Casimir 1841-1842
Pessou, Alphonse 1822-1868
Piecheteck, John 1876-1899
Pumilla, John 1872
Rault, Henry 1882-1886
Rault, John 1858
Rault, Joseph 1871-1881
Reim, Thomas 1841-1844
Reuol, Jean Baptiste 1859-1886
Reuol, Joseph L. 1867-1887
Reuol, John B. & Son 1886
Reuol, J.B. & J.L. 1867
Rhodes, Richard 1871-1897
Saget, Arthur E. 1887-1895
Saget, Julian 1870-1886
Saulet, Armand 1841-1842
Schneckenberger, John 1874-1879
Seressole, Edward 1822
Slocomb (B., C.H., Richards & Co., Baldwin & Co., etc. 1822-1880 Importers & Dealers (D)
Soubie, Armand 1834-1861
Teutsch, August 1874-1878
Tignierre, Auguste 1867-1872
Trucas, Charles 1878
Vallery, Nicholas 1822-1823
Voebel, Charles 1867-1888
Vorster, Charles 1872 (D)
Wainwright, John 1822
Watkinson, E.J. 1869 (D)
Wehrmann, Henrietta 1877-1892
Weiss, William 1874-1876
Wheeler, A.W. 1877
Wiltz, Louis E. 1876-1877
Wolfgangel, William 1875
(D) Dealer listing