

Basic Detail Report



Alto horn, E-flat

Date

1878-1885 ca.

Primary Maker

Reinhard A. Kaempf

Description

Brass, triple loop, upright bell, tuning slide at first bow forming a complete loop, fixed curved leadpipe, three top-action string-operated rotary valves (1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$), double cork, spiral-spring return. August Reinhardt Kaempffe (1848-1904) comes from a Markneukirchen family of gut-string makers and instrument dealers. Trade connections and frequent travels of family members to New York are recorded since 1854. This alto horn resembles models illustrated in drawings of the Markneukirchen teacher

Wilhelm Petzold. It is, therefore, possible that the instrument was made in Markneukirchen for the American market.

Dimensions

Height: 517 mm Tube length: 2088 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum, tuning slide, valve slides): 11.5 mm, 10.9 mm, 13.1-14 mm, 11.8 mm Bell diameter: 199 mm