

THE OLDS REGISTER

04/07/2009, with just over 1400 horns recorded in The Olds Register, **SO FAR:**

- The earliest known trumpet is #7, the latest is **Ambassador** cornet #A45725.
- The early style finger buttons were discontinued between horns 276 and 304. The 'Old English' styled font used for "F.E. Olds & Son" engraved vertically on the 2nd valve case was changed to block lettering also at the same time. The Old style pinky hook (with the rectangular mount) was also changed to the current style (pointed type) between #414 and #790.
- It appears '**The Olds**' models (or models simply engraved The Olds) were introduced right around #1000.
- The earliest **Super** is #3724, and along with #3961 are the only two known Supers with forward facing 2nd valve crooks.
- **French** models are between 2210 - 5217 with 15 recorded.
- **Super Recordings** are between 7514 - 44794 with 46 recorded (35 trumpets, 11 cornets).
- The earliest **Recording** is trumpet #49559.
- 12 **Military** models have been recorded.
- **Ambassadors** account for 32% of the current database.
- The earliest verified **Ambassador** is cornet #22995, with the earliest verified trumpet being #26774.
- The earliest **Special** is trumpet #6300.
- The earliest **Studio** is trumpet #35072.
- The earliest production **Mendez** is #86020, with the known prototype being #79490.
- It appears production of the **Opera** model began at 225,000 but there is #215331 recorded, which may very well be a prototype.
- **Supers** between 5700 and 6100(ish) were stamped with bore markings, and there are 3 known so far with the SYM bore, which in this period measures .460-.461. Super #5891 (SYM bore) appears to have a rose brass bell, or at least one with an extremely high copper content.
- It appears that horns made during WWII were almost all silver. The majority of horns made immediately following the war (at least 2000) were **Supers**, had brass tone rings, some with all brass balusters and with minimal nickel silver use.
- There are 2 **Super Recording** trumpets 24802 and 24804 with **Recording** style 3rd valve **triggers**.
- There are 2 known **Symphony** models, one **Radio** model Cornet, a handful of left handed trumpets including an **Ambassador**, 2 **Supers** and an **Opera**, two **Bicentennial** model Trumpets, and trumpet **#243** with what appears to be a factory Bb/A rotary valve.
- **Mendez** trumpet #132620 has a Fullerton warranty card and **Recording** trumpet #142061 is engraved Fullerton. The latest horns (*not including Supers*) with Los Angeles engraving are **Special** cornet #144860 and **Ambassador** cornet #145244.