1918 Farrand Co Piano

Chicago, Illinois 60625
United States

Phone: 7736916187

28.25' D
54' H
62.75' W

Serial Number:
24400

We also actually reached out to the Farrand Piano company a few months ago, and they gave us this info:

The Farrand Piano Company built very well made player pianos. Farrand was their top of the line model, and are consistently very high quality instruments. Here is some text from our website about the Farrand Piano Company:

FARRAND/BUSH & LANE PIANO COMPANY HISTORY: The Farrand-Cecilian Piano & Organ Company was originally founded in 1883 as The Detroit Organ Company in Detroit, Michigan. In 1887 the firm was purchased by C. J. Whitney and E. S. Votey and the name of the firm was changed to "Farrand & Votey". In 1897 the name of the firm was changed to "Farrand Piano Company", and their concentration went from building primarily organs to building pianos and player pianos. Instruments by the firm were known to be of very good quality, and were generally of a higher grade overall. By the 'teens and 'twenties era, player pianos built under the names "Farrand - Cecilian", "Farrand" and "Cecilian" were manufactured by the prominent Bush & Lane Piano Company.

AGE: According to the serial number you provided, your piano was built in 1918.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Your piano is made of beautiful book-matched walnut wood and is of the Mission style. Your piano was originally built as a self-player piano but the player mechanisms have been removed from it.

If you look at the soundboard in your piano, you will see that the grain in the wood is very close together. When that tree was growing 200 years ago, America's forests were very dense and trees had to struggle to grow. As a result, the wood rings are very close together due to slower growth. This wood with tight rings is more resonate and has much better tone quality than new pianos. Unfortunately, most of this quality wood is gone forever. New pianos with green wood do not have the same sound because they are not as deep and resonate in tone quality.

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