

Piano: Steinway & Sons

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Steinway is said to have built some of the finest pianos in history, and this was one of their most elaborate square grand models of the Victorian era.

Specifications: Serial #9955

- YEAR: 1864, - 1864- serial number started at: 9000
- FINISH: Brazilian Rosewood
- STATUS: Needs Restoration

This beautiful square piano was built in 1864 during the height of the square grand piano's popularity in Victorian America. Much of Steinways reputation and fame was gained from the advances they made in square piano building during the 19th Century, and their designs and patents were used for decades. This piano is made of the Rococo Victorian Style. The case is made of stunning rosewood, and it is of the desirable cabriole leg style with carved music rack and pedal lyre. The piano is being restored to like new condition inside and out. This piano can be fitted with the computerized player mechanisms.

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Steinway and Sons, more popularly known as Steinway, is an American and German manufacturer of handmade and high-quality pianos. The company was founded 1853 in Manhattan, New York City by German immigrant Heinrich Engelhard Steinweg (later Henry E. Steinway). Steinway Pianos is now the subsidiary of Steinway Musical Instruments, Inc.

Steinway holds more or less 130 patents, the greatest number among piano manufacturing companies in the world. With the many honors and recognitions that Steinway pianos have received, they have also been recognized with a gold medal in 1855 during the American Institute Fair at the New York Crystal Palace, only two years after their founding year. The label continued to rake in numerous awards, including three medals during the Exposition Universelle in Paris in 1867.

To this day, each of Steinway's pianos are manufactured the same way. Each piano is made in a very careful manner, which takes about a year to fully create and to season a single unit. Source: *TotalPianoCare.com*