

Chauncey Richmond & 'The Old Buckbee'

*The story of a banjo,
its maker, and its player*

by Reginald W. Bacon



The J. H. Buckbee "Tremont No. 98" Banjo (c. 1885)

Three Studies in Musical Micro-History

A decorative advertisement for J.H. Buckbee. At the top, a banner reads "J.H. BUCKBEE" in a stylized font, with "Manufacturer of" written below it. In the center, a large banner reads "DRUMS, BANJOS" in a bold, serif font. Below this, another banner reads "TAMBOURINES &c.". On the left, there is an oval illustration of a large, multi-story building, likely the factory. On the right, there are small illustrations of a tambourine and a drum. At the bottom, the address "1963-1965 WEBSTER AVENUE • NEW YORK" is printed.