

Ferdinand Coeuille

Philadelphia & Camden

- 1850 Coeuille (coe-well-e) is born in France in February
- 1879 emigrated to US (top photo courtesy Coeuille family)
- 1880 married Henrietta
- 1879-1885 recruited by Distin to work at the Pepper factory
- 1886-1898 musical insts, #1215 Spring Garden, Phila.
- 1898 moved to Cramer Hill, NJ (5 miles away)
- 1899 Cramer Hill becomes part of Camden, NJ in March
- 1900 census shows him in Camden, NJ and going under the name of Frederick; born in France in Feb 1850 and came to US in 1879; listed as instrument maker living at #2743 Concord Ave.; wife Henrietta; dau. Louisa b.1884 in PA
- 1902-1906 mus. inst. maker, home 804 N. 27th St., Camden, NJ
- 1907-1908 now at #2213 River Ave, Camden (Dalal Insurance in 2016)
- 1907-1911 Coeuille forms a partnership with cornet player Frank Seltzer (photo 1 next page from 1921) to make band instruments and publish music; named Coeuille-Seltzer, the company lasts about four years before Coeuille's bad health and financial struggles ended it; music written by Seltzer and published by them dates from 1907-1908; located at 225 N. 10th St, Phila.
- c.1910 mouthpiece (b. right) w/"Coeuille Phila Pat Apld For E. Damage"; Damage had a music store in Phila.
- 1916 Coeuille dies on May 23rd

Cornets found are the "Telescope" model using Distin's patent valve tubing where the air flows straight through the valves at an upward angle; 3rd photo is #1102 marked "Camden" c.1905. #917 & 1044 are marked "Cramer Hill NJ" which should date to c.1898; Coeuille mouthpieces found are marked "Philadelphia" and two have "Pat Apld For"; bottom L is "Coeuille & Seltzer"



This is the only known Eb model / #475 made in Philadelphia c.1890 (author's collection)



Photo 3, page 1 from author's collection; others from Horn-u-copia.net unless noted; Photos 2 & 3 this page is #601 (author's photos)

Instruments from Meacham collection:

#135 in Bb, Phila.; #138 in Bb, Phila.; #498 in Bb, Phila.; #1057 in Bb, Camden; #1225 in Bb, Coeuille-Seltzer, Phia.; #1240 in Bb, C-S, Phila.; #1286 in Bb, Camden, NJ

Estimated serial number graph based on known cornets

