

Joseph Anton Rohe

New York City

- 1814 born in Kleinwallstadt, Bavaria (census)
- 18?? Rohe moved to Paris
- 1838 est. music import shop in Philadelphia, #22 S. 5th St.
- 1840 moved to NYC; #44 Maiden Lane; importer of musical instruments (directory)
- 1846 naturalized as US citizen
- 1851 now Rohe & Leavitt, manuf. of brass insts., #44 Maiden Ln. with Henry Leavitt (1828-c1892) (dir)
- 1853 now at #31 Maiden Ln., importer & manuf. of m.i. (dir)
- 1855 an ad in *Musical Review* touts their Saxhorns by J.A. Rohe of Paris and that they are, "importers & manufacturers of saxhorns and other brass instruments of the above celebrated brand." #31 Maiden, Rohe is in Paris (dir)
- 1855 John H. Foote starts working for Rohe & Leavitt as a salesman (dir)
- 1863 Rohe was wealthy and moved back to Kleinwallstadt where he established a home for the elderly; Foote took over the brass instrument business at #31 Maiden Ln. (dir)
- 1864 Stratton & Foote are listed as successors to Rohe & Leavitt and to John F. Stratton; importers & manuf. of m.i.; #31 Maiden Ln and factory at #105-107 E. 22nd St.; both Rohe and Leavitt are gone from the city directory
- 1892 Rohe dies in Italy where he retired to
- 1892 Foote was a co-partner and executor of the Rohe & Leavitt estate and a case was in court against him by relatives since he was still running the business and had not settled with them. (newspaper article)

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