

William F. Seefeldt

Philadelphia, PA

- 1829 Seefeldt born in Germany on March 30th (census)
- 1855 nephew Albert Hentschke is christened in Germany by parents Ferdinand Hentschke & Wilhelmina Seefeldt (William's sister)
- 1858 first listing for musical inst; #25 Appletree (same address as a William Lenhart, piano maker, in 1851) (directory)
- 1859 moved to #114 N. 5th St. (top photo page 2 from Aug 1860)
- 1860 a musician named Henry Balke shares the address (dir)
- 1867 moved to #731 Race St (dir)
- 1874 a slight fire at his home & music store at #731 Race St.
- 1874 exhibited at the Franklin Institute
- 1878 exhibited at the Paris Exposition; Seefeldt's nephew Albert Freidrich Hentschke (b. c1851 in Germany) marries Sophia Schmitt in Philadelphia (he later lists his immigration as 1880 but that could be an error)
- 1880 Albert Hentschke is listed as an instrument maker at #731 Race St. with Seefeldt; he has two sons, William (1875-1951) and Albert F. Jr. (1879-?) (William may have been a son of Sophia by a previous marriage since Albert wasn't here that early.) (census)

There are six other single, male instrument makers living next door and who probably were Seefeldt's workers.

#728 Race St.: Herman Kock (32), Leopold Schmidt (23), Daniel Laible (25), Gotheif Wagner (22) & Philip Achermann (65); #732 Race St.: Louis Zurimer (35)

- 1889 The Seefeldt Musical Instrument Manufacturing Co. is shown at #171 Herzog St. (dir)
- 1890 listed at #733 Race St. (probably supposed to be #731)
- 1895 moved to #1011 Race St.; William lives at #910 Race St.
- 1898 Hentschke's famous brass band is mentioned (news)
- 1901 W. Seefeldt, manufacturer & tuner of band inst., 1011 Race
- 1902 Charles Hentschke, #731 Race St., is captain of band (dir)
- 1903 closing out stock of musical instruments at #731 Race St.
- 1903 A. Hentschke, any kind of brass work done, #731 Race St.
- 1904 W. Seefeldt, manuf. & tuner of band inst, #1011 Race



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
W. F. SEEFELDT,
MANUFACTURER OF
Band Instruments,
731 RACE ST., PHILADELPHIA.
SELTMANN ERNST, Manuf. Musical Instruments, 511 Callowhill street.

- 1905 Seefeldt moves to #1217 Vine St. (dir)
- 1906 Seefeldt granted patent #828,979 for mouthpiece design
- 1909 A. Hentschke & Son formed after the death of Seefeldt on November 9th
- 1911 the Liberty Concert Band, William Hentschke, is at #731 Race St; it had formed in April, 1900; G. Hentschke has a Victor record player for sale at the rear of #731 Race (ad)
- 1915 The NJ census shows that Albert Sr. is working for the PA railroad and is now married to Susan (b.1864); sons George , a machinist, and Paul (b.1886), a laborer, are living with him; #8 Thompson Ave., Gloucester
- 1918 Albert's son George Washington Hentschke (1881-?) is listed as A. Hentschke & Son, #731 Race St., home at #8 Thompson Ave., Gloucester, NJ; William is now a machinist for Wm. H. Horstman Co.; Albert Jr. is doing dental work and living at #861 Cumberland, Gloucester (draft)
- 1930 Albert Sr. & George are still living at #8 Thompson; Albert is widowed and retired while George is the owner of a metal working shop (probably still brass inst. repair) (census)
- 1940 George is now working for Biddle hardware in Phila. (census)



Cornets: photo 2 = no number (author); photo 3 = #4189; photo 4 & below left = #4562 with added owner's name of Albert Schweigart, this cornet has a #2 on the middle valve and matches with others found made by Bohland & Fuchs of Austria, the bell reads "Made By Seefeldt Musical Instrument Manufacturing Co." (author); photo 5 = #10412 (Horn-u-copia.net)

Store at #731 Race St., below center, from 1916 map.

