

Ferdinand Coeuille

Philadelphia & Camden

- 1850 Coeuille (coe-well-e) is born in France in February.
- 1879 Emigrates to US (top photo courtesy Coeuille family)
- 1880 Coeuille marries Henrietta.
- 1879-1885 Recruited by Distin to work at the Pepper factory.
- 1886-1898 Musical insts, #1215 Spring Garden, Phila. (dir).
- 1898 Moves 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 (Seltzer). Music written by Seltzer and published by them dates from 1907-1908. They are located at 225 N. 10th St, Phila. (dir).
- 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 23.

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 photo).

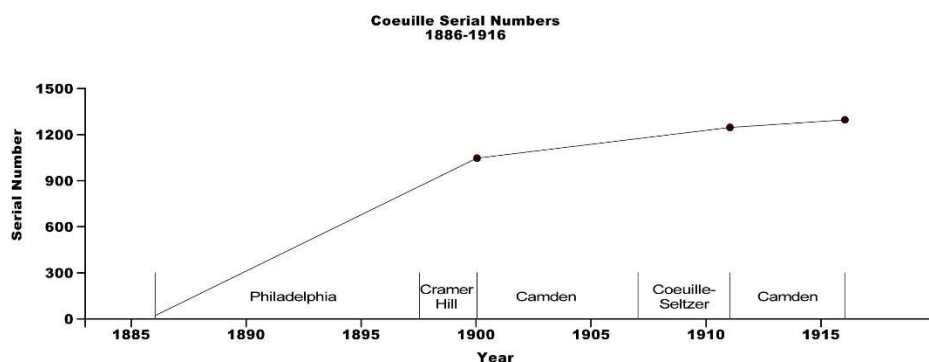


Photo 3, page 1 by author. Others from Horn-u-copia.net unless noted. Photos 2 & 3 this page is #601 (author's photos).

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, Phila.; #1240 in Bb, C-S, Phila.; #1286 in Bb, Camden, NJ

Estimated serial number graph based on known cornets.



Partner Frank Seltzer's Biography from 1921 *Jacob's Band Monthly*:

- 1863 Born in Philadelphia on 12-21.
- 1875 Started on tuba in an orphan school.
- 1877 Started playing Eb cornet.
- 1886 Started his professional music career.
- 1892 Playing cornet with the Brooks Band
- 1892-1894 Played first cornet with Sousa Band.

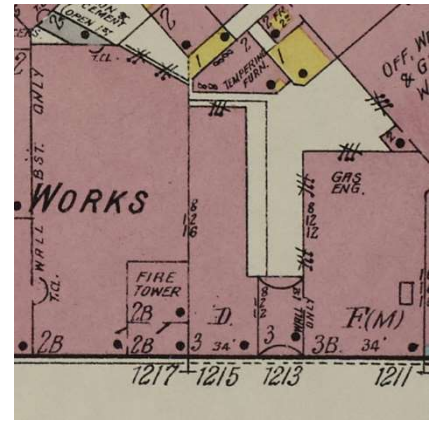


- 1897 Cornet soloist with 1st Regiment Band of Phil.
- 1900 Cornet player in Manhattan.
- 1920 Orchestra musician in Philadelphia.
- 1921 Writing monthly article in *Jacob's Band Monthly*.

Locations:

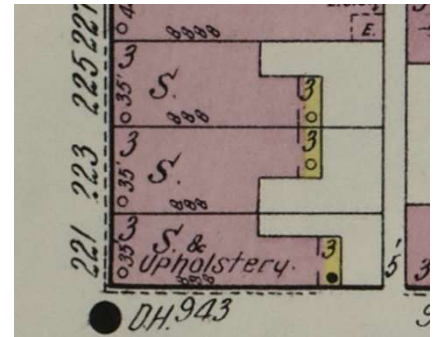
1215 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia: 1886-1898

This was replaced in 1925 with the current building. This c1920 Sanborn map at right shows the store next to the Bilgram Machine Works.



225 North 10th St, Philadelphia: 1907-1911

The original building was removed before 1950 and replaced with a parking lot. In 2023, this site is a Chinese Christian church. A c.1929 Sanborn map is photo 2.



2743 Concord Ave, Camden: c.1900 residence; now gone

804 North 27th, Camden: 1902-1906 residence; now gone

2213 River Ave, Camden: 1907-c1916 residence; Dalal Insurance in 2023 (photo 3).

#1102 from Camden (author's photos)



This cornet is now owned by Coeuille's great grandson David Nutter, who also provided the Coeuille photo.