

# Joseph Anton Rohe

## New York City

- 1814 Rohe is born in Kleinwallstadt, Bavaria (census).
- 18?? Rohe moves to Paris.
- 1838 Music import shop in Philadelphia, #22 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1840 Moves to NYC; #44 Maiden Lane; importer of musical instruments (directory).
- 1846 Rohe is naturalized as a 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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