

William F. Seefeldt

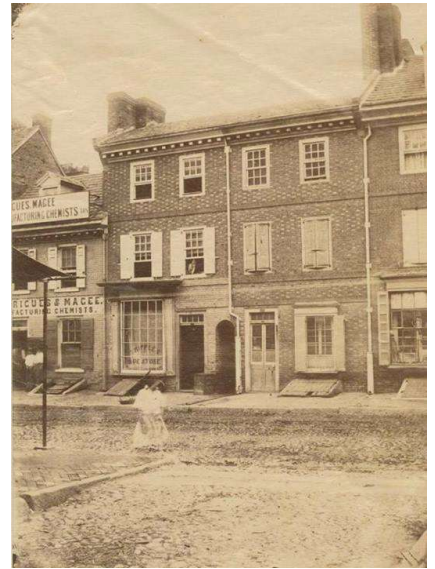
Philadelphia, PA

- 1829 Seefeldt is 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 Moves to #114 N. 5th St (top photo page 2 from Aug 1860).
- 1860 A musician named Henry Balke shares the address (dir).
- 1867 Moves to #731 Race St (dir).
- 1874 A slight fire at his home & music store at #731 Race St.
- 1874 Seefeldt exhibits at the Franklin Institute.
- 1878 Exhibits 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 Moves 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.
SELTMAER 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 at #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.

