

801 Williamson Street History Notes

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Legal Description: SW half of Lot 1, Block 148

Brief Summary

Jacob Seiler, married Margaret Siggelkow, the sister of John George Ott's wife Lucia in the early 1850s and had lived in Roxbury. In 1863, he bought the lot and built a small house there at that time, perhaps expanding it soon thereafter. He was a painter, had several children and expanded the house a couple times during the following 22 or so years. He bought an existing house next door at 409 S. Livingston around 1884-1886, likely remodeled it and lived there when he died, April 4, 1897.

The additions and alterations to the basic structure of 801 Williamson were largely completed by 1877 according to bird's-eye views and photos. A dormer on Livingston Street side was done much later. The building was gutted perhaps 25 years ago.

Other Tenants included Michael Moran, 1890, C&N.W. Railway line repairer; 1894-95, Reiner Koellen, carpenter; 1914-1916, Andrew Reed, machinist A.R.T. Co.



Photo: John S. Fuller, circa 1863-1869. Wisconsin Historical Society. WHi-27083.

Additional Notes on the history of 801 Williamson

<http://www.thirdlakeridge.org/resources>

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Tax Rolls

1857	John H Barr	Lot 1	250
1858	Delaplaine & Burdick	maybe	600
1859	John H Barr	Lot 1	320
1860	John H Barr	Lot 1	360
1861	John Barr	Lot 1	400
	Wm Heitkamp	Lot 2	300 similar to other midblock lots
1862	same as previous year		
1863	Henry Winkler	NE ½ Lot 1	250
1863	Jacob Seiler	SW ½ Lot 1	300
1864	Henry Winkler	NE ½ Lot 1	250
1864	Jacob Seiler	SW ½ Lot 1	300
1864	Delaplaine Burdick	Lot 2	200
1864	Geo Breitenbach	Lot 6	500
1865	all are similarly owned and valued as in 1864.		

City Directory

1866-1883 Jacob Seiler is listed as a painter, living at Williamson and Livingston.
1886-1887 He and family are located at 409 S. Livingston.

1897-04-24. Wisconsin State Journal, p. 1. Meetings – There will be a special communication of Hiram Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M., at the Temple Sunday at 1 p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Jacob Seiler. All master Masons are requested to attend.

1897-04-24. Wisconsin State Journal, p. 4. Obituary. The funeral of Jacob Seiler will take place at 409 South Livingston Street at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Rev. E. G. Updike will officiate at the house. The Masonic fraternity, Hiram Lodge, takes charge of the body to Forest Hill cemetery and names the pallbearers. The Turnverein takes part in the march to the cemetery.

1897-05-06. Obituary for Lucia Ott. Wisconsin State Journal May 6, 1897

Lucia Ott, wife of John George Ott. Her brother in law is Jacob Seiler. Her sister, alive at that time, was the recently widowed Margaret Siggelkow Seiler.

1863-12-18, WSJ. P.1.

Masonic Election. – At an election of Concordia Lodge, No. 84, F. and A. [Free and Accepted] Masons, held on the evening of the 16th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Dominic Hastreiter - **W.M.**, **Henry Winkler - S. W.**, Wm. Verhusen - J. W.,

John Geo. Ott - Treas., John J. Lawrence - Sec., F. Kurz - S. D., **Jacob Seiler - J. D.**

1864-01-06 Henry Winkler voted for today to fill the 3rd Ward Council vacancy. Madison Wisconsin State Journal January 6, 1864

1874-12-16, WSJ. P.4. Masonic – The following officers were installed December 16, 1874, for Concordia Lodge No. 83, F. and A. M., for the year 1875.

W.M. Jacob Seiler, S.W. - Chr. Boehmer, J. W. - Albert Zimmermann, Treas. - Fritz Sauthoff, Secy - John Geo. Ott, August Krueger and more.... Masonic Hall, Lodge Room, Young's Block.

Between 1884 and 1886, Jacob Seiler moved to the house next door at 409 S. Livingston and likely enlarged it.

1894-04-24 Jacob Seiler's Obituary. Take place at 409 S. Livingston. Rev. E.G. Updike. The Hiram Lodge Masonic order will name the pallbearers and take charge to Forest Hill Cemetery. The Turnverein will participate in the march to the cemetery.

1897-05-06 Lucia Ott, wf of John George Ott dies. Leaves sister, ne Siggelkow(?), Mrs. Jacob Seiler.

1927-08-21 Mrs. Robert Seiler entertained at 409 S. Livingston, luncheon bridge. Madison Wisconsin State Journal August 21, 1927

1929, December 10, 1929 Wisconsin State Journal

Mrs. Walter M. Dick, was born Caroline Louise Seiler on November 3, 1856 in Roxbury, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Siggelkow Seiler. Her family moved to Madison when she was a young girl.

1935, Waunakee Tribune. Thursday, June 13, 1935, Waunakee, Wisconsin