

Origin of a Baltimore Brewery

JACOB SEEGER
23 GERMAN STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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According to a beer label for Jacob, his beverage was called Crystal Brewage, and the Staten Island Bottling Co. of Baltimore, MD were the general agents (bottlers) for the beer.

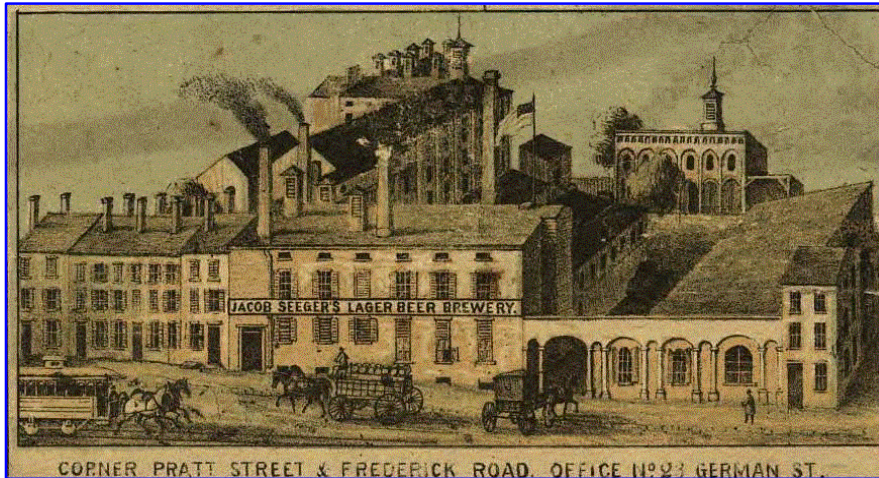
Seeger is also listed as brewing at Pratt and Frederick from 1854-1888. The brewery then became the Baltimore Brewing Company and went into the merger of 1899 that formed the Maryland Brewing Company. It went out of service in 1901.

Jacob's sister Caroline never married and lived with him most of her life. Jacob was listed as a silver plater in the 1850 census and later as a beer brewer. Jacob, his second wife Philippina and his sister Caroline were still living when the 1880 census was taken, and most likely died sometime in the late 1880's or the 1890's.

Caroline Seeger (Jacob's daughter) married Paul Weilbacher (b. 07/01/1826; Mainz, Florsheim, or Frankfurt, Germany), the son of Oswald Weilbacher and Clara Mengler, in December 1856. They had nine children that survived to

adulthood. The family lived in Richmond, Virginia in 1858 where their first child was born, and then move back and forth between Brooklyn, New York and Baltimore, Maryland in the 1860's before settling in Brooklyn and later Manhattan from the later 1860's through the 1890's before returning to

Baltimore with several of their adult children. Those children were Clara Weilbacher Wittenbrock and her daughter Vera, and Minnie (Wilhelmina?), William and Carrie (Caroline?) Weilbacher. Of their children that married, other family names are Wittenbrock (daughter Clara), and Schumann (daughter Emma Weilbacher). Emma would marry a Henry Phillips, in Baltimore, in 1858.



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Jacob Seeger and his sister were born about 1810 & 1815 respectively. They came to Baltimore probably in the 1830's, from Wurttemberg, Germany. Jacob married Barbara (last name unknown) and had three children, all born in Baltimore, according to the 1850 Baltimore census: Caroline (b. Aug. 1836, great-great-grandmother of Tony Lombardi), Emma (b. about 1840), and Theodore (b. about 1842). Jacob's wife Barbara died in the 1840's and he later married Philippina Steckenfinger in either 1848 or 1849. They had two children (that I know of): Amelia, who died in the 1870's, and August. Both were born in the 1850's.

Sources:

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