

William C. Kidder

Buffalo, NY

- 1873 William Carlton Kidder (photo 1) is born in Alden, NY on January 11th (census & WWI draft)
- 1880 on a farm in Alden, NY with parents Foster & Mary (cen)
- 1892 still in Alden, older brother Leland is a musician (census)
- 1900 married to Sophie and in Depew; cornet musician (census)
- 1905 musician in Lancaster, NY (census)
- 1910 cornet player for 74th Regiment Band; living on Main St., Lancaster, NY (census)
- 1915 in Buffalo at #292 ? (census)
- 1918 #16 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, cornetist & inventor (WWI draft)
- 1919 granted patent #1,307,259 for mute to decrease sound without hurting the pitch (photo 2)
- 1920 granted patent #1,362,326 for tone transforming mute that makes a "reedy" sound (photo 3); #27 Shennandoah Rd, Buffalo, music inventor (census)
- 1921 assignor for 1/2 patent #1,380,431 for propeller
- 1930 #27 Sherwood (possible mistake), married to Emily in 1915, musician (census)
- 1939 dies this year, home at #27 Shennandoah Rd., Buffalo, member of Buffalo Musicians' Association Local #43 (Ancestry discussion)

