

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).

