

The Late 19th Century



A valentine from 1872

one day in a life time.
II.
4¼ acres in valley close to Kent;
fine soil, good road; 4-room house,
bath, hydrant water, lights, ga-
rage; 163 full bearing pie cherries,
acre raspberries, strawberries, tree
fruit for family; 2 chicken houses
for 700 hens, one new; 400 young
hens; \$600 Utility walking tractor,
implements, tools. Finest little
going place in the valley. Can be
bought cheap. Bargain.
III.
5 acres cleared



This Bible was printed in 1878. It was donated by a local family along with the photo. The identity of the family in the photo is unknown.

Pioneer Thomas Alvord built this home in the 1880's. It was located at 78th Ave S.



inventions, capitalistic businesses, farming skills, volunteer activities and social values. His leadership skills left their indelible influence throughout the White River Valley from the mid-1800s to the present.

As an agriculturalist, Alvord raised potatoes, onions, wheat, oats, cabbage, turnips, carrots, peas, hay, barley, rice, apples, pears, plums and livestock. He discovered that milk would keep cool by anchoring milk cans onto floats in the Green River.

Alvord leased a threshing machine to other farmers, even as far away as Centralia. He built a landing dock (Alvord's Landing) at his farm where goods and groceries were transported around Puget Sound. The valley's first warehouse was built on his dock to protect commodities. Because the steamboats and scows increased commerce, Alvord built more sheds, barns, silos and warehouses.

LOOKING BACK

of the first recorded sermon in the White River Valley. The road is now 78th Avenue South.

Alvord installed ethnic social values in his children by employing neighboring Indians to work on the farm, which was considered to be the largest in Thomas. Their children played with the Alvord children. When Thomas Alvord married Maria Julien Smith (her genealogy can be traced as far back as 1646), the event was one of the largest social affairs of that time.

The museum is at 918 H. S.E., Auburn.

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This Vapo-Cresolene Lamp was designed for vaporizing cresylic acid/coal tar acid which was a remedy for the common cold and other respiratory infections. This was also used to sanitize “sick rooms” where ill people were stayed. Circa 1880s

To read more about these devices, check out this webpage:

http://www.thelampworks.com/lw_vapo_cresolene.htm



The Alvord house was built in the early 1880s. It was located on 78th Ave South. One of the family members name may be Inez Shaffer.

This is a glass negative of Mr. & Mrs. Burke, who lived near O'Brien, c.1880





This is a tintype photo, which was an image printed on a metal surface instead of glass or paper. They were commonly used by traveling photographers. The thin iron sheets were cut to size by the photographers and then coated in a tar-like substance. [Reworded from edinphoto.org.uk]

In this tintype, 4 men stand in front of a blacksmith shop on the White River in the 1880s. Edward F. Richmond is holding the square, George Read is holding the hammer & tongs, the other 2 men are Latelle Richmond Carmichael and Mr. Van Doren or Mr. Temple.



More tintype photos circa 1880s



More tintype photos
circa 1880s

In addition to tintype photos, glass plates were commonly used to make photo negatives in the around the turn of the century. These three negatives were donated and introverted using Photoshop to see the true image. The photos are related to the Shinn family, but not much more information is known.



The first school in area was the Titusville School. This photo was taken in 1882 & Mr. Allen was one of the teachers. It was located on S. Central & S. 259th on the NE corner. Note the woods in the background.



The second photo is of the Kent Valley School in 1909. It was for grades 1-12 and the photo was labeled the Kent Valley's "only" School at the time!



Clark's Livery Stable, on
Gowe Street between 1st
and 2nd Avenues, circa
1889





This is the A.M. Playford General Blacksmith Shop c.1880's-1890's. The horse garage was the parts store of the time, selling things like horseshoes and other accessories. Shown left to right is : Alex Playford, (maybe) A.P. Meredith, and Sol Kunkel. Exact address unknown.



The valley used to grow hops for beer? Pictured are a group of Native Americans who helped with the hops. Many traveled great distances to assist with the harvest, some as far as Wrangell, Alaska and British Columbia. Pickers reportedly earned around a dollar per day. In the 1890's the hop plants became infested with lice and along with the fall in the price of hops, this industry came to an end in the valley. Ezra Meeker and CM VanDoren had the largest hop farms in the valley. Meeker had 60 acres and VanDoren had 25 acres.

A Kent valley home
c.1890's.
People and exact
location unknown.





Wesley & Hester Reed
in front of their home
circa 1890's. (No exact
location noted)



Cavanaugh & Clancy Tinning & Plumbing from the 1890s. It was located on West Meeker Street. Shown is Ollie Cavanaugh.

A registry of Kent voters in 1892!

REG	NAME	RES	LABORER	CORP.	SOUTH	SEC	&	WILLS
15	SMITH	W T	23	Sta Agent				Depot
17	STAPLES	W R	31	Laborer				Main Street
May 13	SMITH	W D	72	Jeweler				Lot 10 B. D Crows Add
14	SMITH	L G	25	Real Estate	OK			Corn. 1 & 2 WCI Block
16	SHINN	R C	79	Retired				Blk 12 Yeslers Add
16	SAMS	D E	52	Farmer	OK			Cent. Ave <u>N</u> Smith <u>E</u>
16	SMITH	F S	23	Dentist				WCI C. Block
16	SHOFF	J A	32	Barber				Cor. 2nd & Saar Street
16	SILESS	A	27	Woodsmen				Kent Mill
17	SMITH	C F	28	Stone Cutter				Blk D Crows Add
18	SHUTE	F	41	Agr Imps				Blk 8 WCI Co. 1st Add
19	SMITH	G. FRANK	32	Mill Owner	OK			Lot 1 Sec 19 <i>lbr yd</i>
20	STRITMATES	S	27	Carpenter				<u>A</u> lley <u>+</u>
20	SMITH	WASAND SETH	34	Laborer				Blk 3 Clarks Add.
20	SMITH	LYSANDER	54	Lumberman				In Lot 1 Sec 19
21	SOULE	Julian	—	Druggist				Blk 10 WCI Co. 1st Add
21	SIMMON	THOS H	44	Attorney				Cor 1st & GowSt
23	STEWART	A	55	Farmer				Blk D Crows Add
27				Laborer				Blk 17 WCI Co. 1st Add
50				Carpenter				Lot 1 Blk 4 Kent
23				Mechanic				WCI Block
29				Laborer				Lot 2 Sec 19 T <u>22</u> OK
30				Carpenter				Kent Hotel
24				Laborer				Blk 14 Yeslers Add
42				Carpenter				Blk 3 Yeslers Add
41	SNELL	GEO J		Cigar Maker				Blk 7 WCI Co. 1st Add
28	SHULZ	FREDRICK	72	Farmer				Exchange

Register of Voters, Town of Kent, N.H., 1892

NAME	Class	Age	Occupation	Residence
January 18 Shinn, Wm.		40	Practical Stone Mason	
January 22 Stephens, F. H.		38	Black	Second Street
January 27 Stephens, John		41	Prisoner	Second Street
Feb 13 Smith, L. L.		23	Laborer	Cor. 2nd & 1st St
Feb 17 Smith, H. B.		49	Dr. J. T.	
Feb 17 Strickland, J. P.		31	Laborer	Main St.
Feb 15 Smith, J. B.		72	Welder	114 B. D. Crows Add.
Feb 15 Smith, L. G.		25	Real Estate	Corner 1 & 2 WCI Block
Feb 10 Shinn, R. C.		79	Retired	Blk 12 Yeslers Add
Feb 10 Sams, D. E.		52	Farmer	Cent. Ave N Smith E
Feb 16 Smith, F. S.		23	Dentist	WCI C. Block
Feb 16 Shoff, J. A.		32	Barber	Cor. 2nd & Saar Street
Feb 17 Smith, L. G.		25	Real Estate	Corn. 1 & 2 WCI Block
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REGISTER OF VOTERS, TOWN OF KENT, N.H. 1892 Registration

Date of Registration	NAME	Age	Occupation	Residence
1892 Feb 13	BLAISDELL G	54	Retired	State Street
13	BERLIN T J	36	Merchant	Cor. Meeker Ave & Central
May 2	BOULDRON T N	42	Carpenter	On 2nd St Bet Gowd & Titus
11	BATTERSON J L	25	Laborer	Blk 16 WCI Co. 1st Add.
11	BLAKE H L	28	Laborer	Blk 19 WCI Co. 1st Add.
16	BEESELY B B	33	Laborer	Blk 4 Clarks Add.
17	BARRETT J C	51	Restaurant	1st St. Bet Gowd & Titus
17	BROWNING A	39	Carpenter	Blk 13 Yeslers Add.
17	BLANCHARD J M	44	Attorney	Blk. Cent. Ave.
19	BERLIN A U	23	Merchant	Blk 10 WCI Co. 1st Add.
19	BOOTH JOHN	25	Teamster	Kent Mill Home
19	BOWMAN FRANK (Dough)	28	Woodsmen	Kent Mill Home
20	BROWN E H	38	Furniture Dealer	Blk 2 Yeslers Add.
23	BERLIN J B	30	Merchant	Cross Add.
7	BARNES N	33	Carpenter	Fourth Street
Sept 20	BISHER J H	63	Blacksmith	Blk 6 WCI Co. Add.
20	BISHER E W	31	Teamster	Blk 7 WCI Co. Add.
Oct 20	BLAISDELL E J	32	Mechanic	Blk 20 WCI Co. Add.
20	BOYCE W H	69	Retired	Blk 2 WCI Co. Add.
Oct 22	BERLIN T N	69	Physician	Lot 2 Blk 11 Yeslers Add
22	BREGLAND J B	24	Laborer	Kent
25	BERG SAM	21	Laborer	1st 9 Blk 1 Yeslers Add
28	BURKE GEO V	35	Farmer	Blk 16 Yeslers Add

Handwritten list of voters with names and addresses:

May 10	Barnes, N.	33	Carpenter	Fourth Street
May 12	Boultron, T. N.	42	Carpenter	On 2nd St Bet Gowd & Titus
" 11	Batterson, J. L.	25	Laborer	Blk 16 WCI Co 1st Add.
" 11	Blake, H. L.	28	Laborer	Blk 19 WCI Co 1st Add.
" 16	Beechey, B. B.	33	"	Blk 4 Clarks add.
" 17	Barnett, J. C.	51	Restaurant	1st St. Bet Gowd & Titus
" 17	Browning, A.	39	Carpenter	Blk 13 Yeslers Add
" 17	Blanchard, J. M.	44	Attorney	Blk. Cent. Ave.
" 19	Berlin, A. U.	23	Mechanic	Blk 10 WCI Co 1st Add.
" 19	Booth, John	25	Teamster	Kent Mill Home
" 19	Bowman, Frank	28	Woodsmen	" " "
" 20	Brown, E. H.	38	Furniture Dealer	Blk 2 Yeslers Add.
" 23	Berlin, J. B.	30	Mechanic	Cross Add.
" 25	Berg, Sam	21	Laborer	1st 9 Blk 1 Yeslers Add
" 28	Burke, Geo. V.	35	Farmer	Blk 16 Yeslers Add

Kent's Mary Ann Harn Bow & James Thomas Bow. They were married on July 29th, 1885 and these portraits would've been done around the same time period.



There is a faint stamp on the back that we believe was the name of the artist: "Edward T. Hick at 634 5th St., Seattle WASH"



BLACKSMITH AND REPAIR SHOP.



WAGONS FOR SALE.

**Repairing, Horse Shoeing and Wood
Working at Reasonable Prices.**

S. W. KUNKEL, KENT, WASH.

An ad from the White River Journal, April 4, 1896

1896
Contract
with
E. Molkie
for
delivering 75 cords
4 ft slab wood at
Light Plant from
Kent mill Co.
Oct. 12th 1896
\$25⁰⁰
J. C. Crow Mayor

Delivery to commence on or
before Nov 1st 1896;
25 cords to be delivered on or
before December 1st 1896;
25 cords to be delivered on or
before January 1st 1897.
And in case the party of the
second part shall fail to fulfil
the agreement of this
contract then the party of the
first part may if it so elect
declare this contract forfeited.
In witness whereof the said
party of the second part has
hereunto subscribed his name and
the said party of the first part
has caused its corporate name to
be affixed by its mayor and
attested by its clerk the year
and day first above written.
E. Molkie
Mayor
Town of Kent of Jefferson
Office
D. C. Lebeck
Clerk

Contract
This agreement made and entered
into this 12th day of October, 1896, by
and between the Town of Kent, the party
of the first part and E. Molkie of the
Town of Kent, party of the second part,
Witnesseth;
That the said party of the second part
for and in consideration of the
sum of twenty-five dollars to be
paid by a warrant drawn on the
"Current Expenses" fund by the
said party of the first part, upon
the completion of the covenants
and agreements hereafter entered
into by the said party of the sec-
ond part, does agree and is hereby
bound to deliver at the electric
light power house owned by the
said party of the first part
seventy-five cords of 4 ft. slab
wood, and pile the same in cord
ricks eight feet high in such
places as he may be directed
by the supt. of water and light.
Said wood to be delivered as
follows:
Delivery to commence on or;
25 cords to be delivered on or
before Nov 1st 1896;
25 cords to be delivered on or
before December 1st 1896;
25 cords to be delivered on or
before January 1st 1897.
And in case the party of the
second part shall fail to fulfil.

This is a contract between the City of Kent and E. Molkie to deliver 75 cords of 4 ft. slab wood to the Light Plant from the Kent Mill on Oct. 12th, 1896, all for \$25.

AMONG THE NEWSPAPERS.

It is now the first among Ohio's leading men.—Yakima Times.

There is a great difference between taking a walk in your land and wharfe on the lake.—Bozette Argus.

A child playing with matches is not more dangerous than a politician playing with relations.—Pawnee News.

Do not count any thing forward a candidate by history, based on the Expedition 1846-51 (1848)—Yakima Herald.

Spain is still engaged in the routine work of telling what she will do with the money to—when she captures them.—Bozette Argus.

The Chicago, by its action and A. P. A. has, will political situation of 1891, are either that being forgotten or denied.—Bozette Argus.

McKibben is in the lead there in the race for the Presidential nomination in the Republican United at St. Louis in June.—Bozette Argus.

The hard work of the candidates may be completed, but the whole still show the wisdom in that given by the remaining nomination.—The Evening News.

The way McKibben is picking up delegates in all the states looks as if he could be beaten only by a combination of "the field" against him.—Pawnee News.

The risk for the Alaska gold field has apparently nearly reached a crisis, to judge by the great crowd formed for the gold mines of that work.—Bozette Argus.

A number of newspapers look up warnings of the supposed approach of the season to try to move some of their readers into paying up their subscription.—Bozette Argus.

The Federal party in this state no longer count on the progress of a respectable election. It is only the divided ones who relying their words.—Bozette Argus.

The so-called silver men will undoubtedly make "quite a show" of their silver when they will pay them off on an honest public as a whole, will have a check or two a year of their money.—Bozette Argus.

1896 Tweets

(from the White River Journal, April 4, 1896)

Bicycling by both men and women was very popular near the turn of the century. People would form "cycling clubs" devoted to the pleasures of touring, sight-seeing and visiting.

This was taken c.1899 and one woman is named- in the upper right was Nellie Guiberson.

