



Alfred Stieglitz  
American, 1864 - 1946

## *Before the Tavern*

1890, printed 1895/1896

platinum print

sheet (trimmed to image): 11 × 15.3 cm (4 5/16 × 6 in.)

page size: 27.2 × 34.4 cm (10 11/16 × 13 9/16 in.)

Alfred Stieglitz Collection 1949.3.61

Stieglitz Estate Number 76A

Key Set Number 67

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### KEY SET ENTRY

#### Related Key Set Photographs



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## Remarks

Stieglitz submitted this image to *The Amateur Photographer's* "Travelling Studentship Competition" as *Before the Wayside Inn*. The journal notes: "all the negatives are un-retouched, and no cloud negatives are used. They have been taken with a Steinheil Aplanat. The plates used include Obernetter, Eosine, Schlenssn, Perulz (eosine), and Lumière. The developers have been pyro and soda and iron, and the whole of the prints have been produced in platinotype" (*The Amateur Photographer* 12 [18 July 1890], 41).

## Lifetime Exhibitions

A print from the same negative—perhaps a photograph from the Gallery's collection—appeared in the following exhibition(s) during Alfred Stieglitz's lifetime:

1891, New York, Fourth Annual Joint Exhibition (no. 302, as *Before the Wayside Inn*)

1891, New York, Society of Amateur Photographers (no. 219, as *Before the Wayside Inn*)

## Lifetime Publications

A reproduction of this work appeared in the following publication(s) during Alfred Stieglitz's lifetime:

Alfred Stieglitz, "The Hand Camera—Its Present Importance," *The American Annual of Photography and Photographic Times Almanac for 1897* (New York, 1896): 21 (ill., *A Hot Day*)

W. I. Lincoln Adams, *Sunlight and Shadow* (New York, 1897): 71 (ill., *A Hot Day*)

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## INSCRIPTION

by Alfred Stieglitz, on interleaving tissue, upper right, in graphite: *Before the Tavern / 1890*

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## PROVENANCE

*Before the Tavern*

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Georgia O'Keeffe; gift to NGA, 1949.

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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