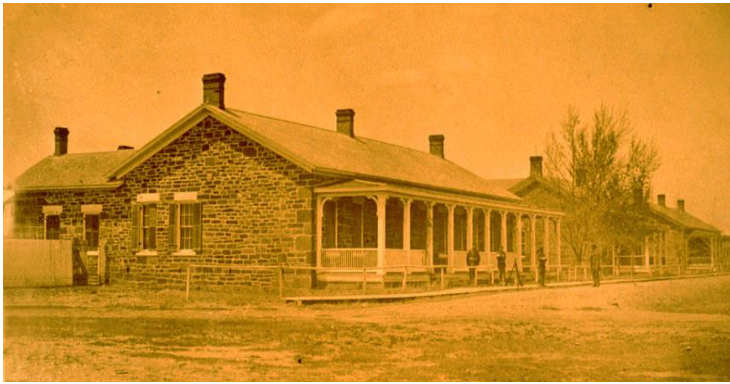


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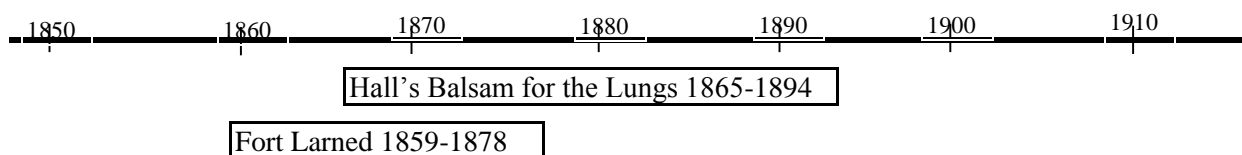
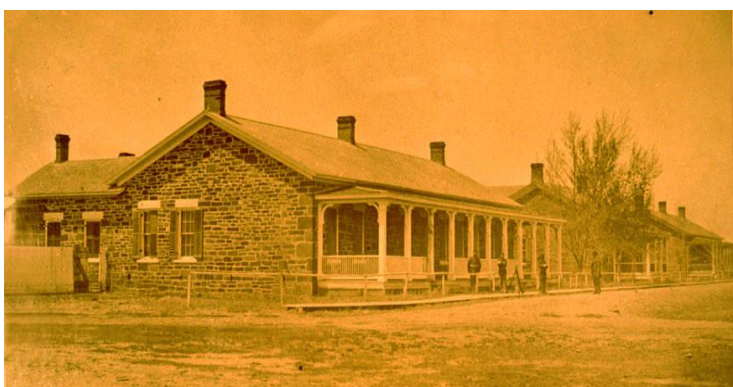


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The answer is sometime between 1865 and 1878. These are the dates these two items share: the date the medicine was first made and the closing date of the fort. The medicine bottle could only have been added to the Fort Larned trash pit after it began being made and while the fort was open.