ONE TIME SEAPORT BY EEL RIVER DID BRISK BUSINESS

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Port Kenyon was situated between Ferndale and the sea, along a tributary of the Eel river known as Salt River. It is rich in Humboldt history, for at one time it was a seaport that handled much of the interior trade and exporting commerce of the lower Eel river valley. The stream is actually a tidal estuary, although it is fed by several small fresh water streams from the hills in Port Kenyon surrounded by seasonally fertile bottom land, probably the result of alluvial deposits by Salt River in its course. It was the first to be settled by pioneers, attracted by its abundant farmland and fishery. In fact, offshoots still live there. Port Kenyon was situated before Ferndale, and was a bay city until the turn of the century.

Today, it is a beautiful and peaceful place, famed for its fish and chinook salmon and mackerel. The flats are a half-green-topped hay field, where the hills form a backdrop, while the stream forms a mirror reflection. Since the settlers have gone west, and the original family living there is deceased, this beautiful countryside still retains its pristine beauty.

The point of interest is the history of the bay, which has been at the center of the community since before Ferndale was a city. Port Kenyon was an important port for many years, and was known as the "City of Port Kenyon." The bay was originally named "Salt River" due to its saltwater conditions, and was later renamed "Port Kenyon" after the town that was once situated there.

Port Kenyon has a long and rich history, with the first settlers arriving in the area in the late 1800s. They were attracted by the fertile land and abundant natural resources, including fish and seafood. The bay was an important trading center for local farmers and fishermen, and was a major source of income for the community.

In the late 19th century, Port Kenyon became a hub for the local lumber industry, with sawmills and other相关工业 businesses operating along the waterfront. The bay was also a major shipping port for local produce, including hay, fruit, and livestock.

In the early 20th century, Port Kenyon began to decline as a seaport, with the rise of railroads and other transportation methods. However, the bay has continued to be an important part of the local economy, with its rich fishing grounds and abundant natural resources.

The port was once a bustling hub of activity, with numerous ships and boats coming and going. Today, the bay is a peaceful and serene place, with its beautiful natural scenery and tranquil waters. It is a popular destination for local residents and visitors, who enjoy the beauty of the bay and its surrounding countryside.

The history of Port Kenyon is a reminder of the importance of the bay as a center of commerce and industry, and as a source of natural resources. It is a place where people have lived and worked for many generations, and where the rich tapestry of the local community is woven into the fabric of the landscape.