

County of Nevada  
State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission  
Application for Registration of Historical Landmark

Name of proposed landmark Walsh Sawmill/ City Brewery

Location 309 Mill Street


Name of applicant City of Grass Valley on behalf of GV Historical Commission

Address 125 East Main Street

Home or work phone 530-274-4711 cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of owner upon whose property proposed landmark  
is located, if owner is not applicant City of Grass Valley

I consent to this application and authorize the placing of a plaque or marker  
on site.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's signature

11/4/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Brief history and description of proposed landmark

(attach additional sheets as necessary)

James Walsh established a sawmill to provide lumber for a mining camp that eventually became Grass Valley. Built in July 1850, it was Grass Valley's first business enterprise. Mill and Walsh Streets got their names from this business. James Walsh was elected Justice of the Peace for Grass Valley, served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and served as a State Senator.

From 1873 to 1909 the City Brewery operated on this site, built by Thomas Hodge who was a 55-year resident of Grass Valley and passed away and the neighboring Cornish-style cottage, which still exists. The City Brewery was a thriving business during the Gold Rush, making regular deliveries by wagon to every mining camp within a 30-mile radius.

## Historically significant aspects or properties of proposed landmark

Site of Grass Valley's first business enterprise which provided lumber for the camp that would become the City; Site of an historic brewery.

## How will the landmark be protected and maintained?

This is a city-owned and maintained property.

Bibliography. Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark.

Books and articles:

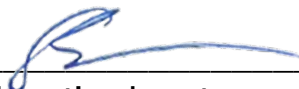
See attached documentation compiled by the Grass Valley Commission.

Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments etc.)

See attached documentation compiled by the Grass Valley Commission.

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)

See attached documentation compiled by the Grass Valley Commission.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

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This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission  
Attention: Chairman  
P. O. Box 1014, Nevada City, Cal. 95959

Attachments and related documents may be submitted in electronic format.

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non historical reasons.

An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant, but all applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular session.

## PIONEER GOES TO MEET MAKER

Thomas Hodge Lies Dead at  
His Old Home on  
Mill Street.

He Had Resided in This City  
for the Past Fifty-  
five Years.

Pioneer Thomas Hodge lies dead at his home on Mill street, in the cottage which had been his home for forty-three years. He passed away at 9:50 o'clock Sunday evening, after a long and hopeless illness. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Congregational church under the auspices of Wiener Tribe of Red Men. Interment will be made in the Red Men's cemetery.

Decedent was a native of Golsithney, England, aged sixty-nine years and eighteen days. He came to Grass Valley at the age of fourteen and engaged with others in mining on Deer creek. After a few years of that life he accumulated considerable money, returned to his native land and induced his father and several other relatives to accompany him back to the new Eldorado. He continued to mine in this section for a few years, but deserted that life to engage in the brewery business. In this he prospered wonderfully, conducting what is now known as the City brewery. From four to six large wagons made regular trips to every mining camp within a radius of thirty miles or more. Later unfortunate speculations proved disastrous. Something like twelve years ago he disposed of his brewery business and retired to a quiet life, though hitherto he had taken a deep interest in all that pertained to city government. He was a man who easily made friends, and to his credit he it said he retained them all to the last. Manifestations of sorrow were heard on all sides when it became known that "Tom" Hodge had breathed his last.

By his death a widow and six children are left. They are Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. T. J. Keleher, Richard Hodge, Mrs. Sarah Ahearn, Samuel Hodge, Mrs. Hitchcock, Alex, John and Miss Lizzie Hodge.

THOMAS HODGE 1907

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# If It's Good

Beer it won't hurt you. The product from our brewery is good, it's pure, it's nutritious. We make steam beer, porter and half and half. The family and saloon trade supplied. Ask for the City Brewery brew.

**CITY BREWERY**  
WILHELM & MEIER, Prop'rs.

'Phone Main 820.


CITY BREWERY WILHEM AND MEIER 1906

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**A HOME BREW**  
**POPP'S BEER IS**  
made at the **CITY BREWERY.** You  
can go there and see it brewed.  
Delivered to you **FRESH EVERY**  
**DAY.**

**CITY BREWERY,**  
**M. Popp, Proprietor.**

Mill Street, Grass Valley



CITY BREWERY M. POPP 1905

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## SUIT TO QUIET TITLE.

### Thomas Hodge Brings Suit Against Peter Knight, Michael Popp and Others.

Thomas Hodge has brought suit in the superior court against Peter Knight, Louisa Knight, Michael Popp and others to quiet title to property in the city of Grass Valley. The plaintiff alleges that for more than twenty years past he has been the sole owner of the undivided one-half of lot of land lying in Block forty-three and also a like undivided one-half interest in a certain water right flowing from a tunnel on Church Hill in said Grass Valley. A portion of the property in question is that on which the brewery conducted by M. Popp is located.

The complaint further states that the defendants claim some interest in said lots and water right adversely to the plaintiff and that such claims are without right or foundation in law or fact. The plaintiff prays that the defendants be commanded to set up their respective claims to said premises and that they be decreed to have no right.

THOMAS HODGE 1901

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Jun 16, 2023

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Linda Jack &lt;lkjack1199@gmail.com&gt;

**Old Brewery on Main**

4 messages

**Watson, Jedidiah** <Jedidiah.Watson@cerner.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 3:21 PM

To: Linda Jack &lt;lkjack1199@gmail.com&gt;, "Teresa Poston (poston-poston@sbcglobal.net)" &lt;poston-poston@sbcglobal.net&gt;

Good Morning,

I wanted to share with you some of the information on the empty lot next to the stone house often referred to as the 'Hodge House' on Mill St.

In talking with the owner she had believed that the house was originally owned by Judge Walsh and he then sold it to the Hodge Family. With Covid going on I haven't been able to see if there were any legal documents at the county office to support this. However, I did find an interesting map online (<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/5909/Undated-Village-of-Grass-Valley-Nevada-County-PDF>) where it would allude to Walsh's Mill being on the property at this location as it is just after the bend of Wolf Creek and across from Echo Hill.

Additionally, I found an article which stated that the first business in Grass Valley was Walsh's Mill which was located next to the Foundary which is where the apartments are today. As you can see after the brewery burnt down the foundation wall which looks to be the same type of stones used in the stone house were covered up, but are still intact.

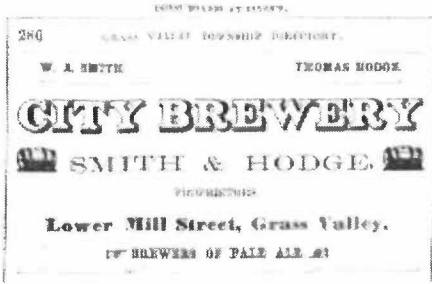
I think it would be good to make sure this history isn't lost and patched over, especially if this is the site of the first business in Grass Valley.

Thank You,

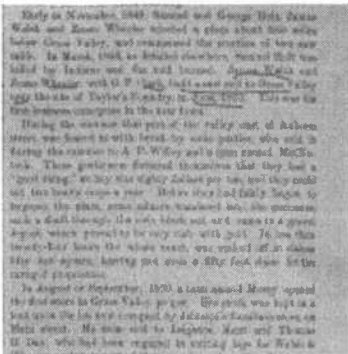
Jedidiah Watson

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city brewery wa smith and thomas hodge ad directory 1856.JPG  
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1850 walsh wheeler clark site of first business.JPG  
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-  **309 Mill St City Brewery.docx**  
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**Linda Jack** <lkjack1199@gmail.com>  
To: "Watson, Jedidiah" <Jedidiah.Watson@cerner.com>

Fri, Aug 7, 2020 at 7:13 AM

Interesting, Jedidiah, thanks for the research. Linda  
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**Linda Jack** <lkjack1199@gmail.com>  
To: Lance Lowe <lancel@cityofgrassvalley.com>, Teresa Poston <poston-poston@sbcglobal.net>, Chris Enss <gvcenss@aol.com>, "Haven Caravelli (hcaravelli@yahoo.com)" <hcaravelli@yahoo.com>

Thu, Oct 29, 2020 at 11:33 AM

Hi All, per our discussion at the last meeting, here is the email sent by Jedidiah. At a minimum, I recommend that we be sure no further action is taken on the stones until we confirm this information, in the hope that if this is proven to be such an early business site that the stones can be used productively. Lance, can you add this to a future agenda?  
Thanks, Linda  
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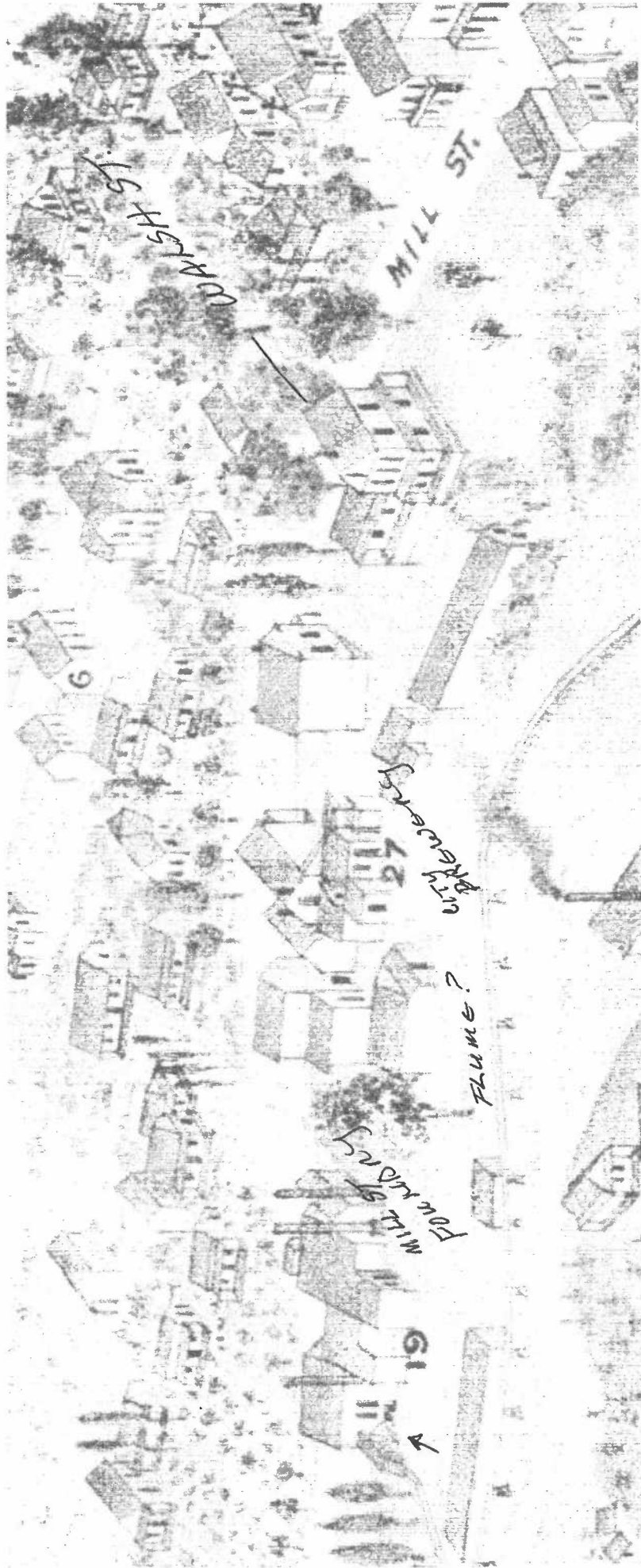
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- 8 CONCERT.....
- 9 MASONIC & ODD FELLOW HALL.
- 10 EXCHANGE HOTEL.
- 11 HOTEL DE FRANCE.
- 12 PACIFIC HOTEL.
- 13 WISCONSIN HOUSE.
- 14 BENSON.....
- 15 HIGH SCHOOL.
- 16 CHURCH HILL SCHOOL.
- 17 VINCHESTER HILL SCHOOL.

CHURCHES



- 18 GRASS VALLEY FOUNDRY.
- 19 MILL STREET ..
- 20 HARRUNSTETER PLANING MILL.
- 21 .. LUMBER YARD.
- 22 R. LEECH'S ..
- 23 C. CONAWAY ..
- 24 GRASS VALLEY GAS WORKS.
- 25 .. BREWERY.
- 26 CALIFORNIA ..
- 27 CITY ..
- 28 NEW YORK HILL MILLS.
- 29 ROCKY BAR ..
- 30 GOLD HILL ..
- 31 OROMEDARY MINES.
- 32 LA CROSSE QUARTZ MINES.
- 33 DARTMOUTH GRAVEL ..
- 34 ALTONA ..
- 35 HOPE ..
- 36 ALTA NY'S ..
- 37 GRASS VALLEY ORPHAN ASYLUM

KOCH BIRDSEYE MAP  
OF GRASS VALLEY





Newfoundland and terrier, and resting upon his early well-earned laurels, is of a very pacific disposition. A few friendly Indians gave their assistance during the night, and Capt. Day, (present County Surveyor,) and another man came in on noticing the fires and disorder. Old Chief Wemeh behaved very well in the matter, gave the party his countenance and furnished the guard of friendly Indians. He also brought the dead body of Holt to the camp, and in all things was friendly, so far as could be observed. The next morning Capt. Day and his friend started for camp "Far West," on Johnson's ranch at Bear River; and the morning after, twenty-four U.S. soldiers arrived, supplied by Major Day, commanding at that station. A hundred miners from Deer Creek also poured in, and in a couple of days they had killed and run off all the Indians. Mr. G. Holt was removed to Stocking's store on Deer Creek, and recovered in ten days. He afterwards went to mining on Deer Creek, below Nevada.

A less cause than these Indian troubles influenced the State to issue \$600,000 war bonds for the El Dorado and Mariposa Indian wars, but we believe the Legislature refused Messrs. Walsh and Holt anything for their losses and their services. Perhaps it was because they did not resort to the *modus operandi* that secured the success of many legislative acts.

Judge Walsh removed to Grass Valley, where he built a sawmill in July, 1850. Among the early settlers were Z. Wheeler, C.W. Wood, B.C. Lamarque, F. Squire, Fowler and others. The first cabin built on Main street, Grass Valley, was by a man named Scott, nearly opposite where the Grass Valley Hotel stood before the fire. The first hotel was built by J. B. Underwood, called "The Mountain Home."

As late as January, 1851, there were but three or four cabins in Grass Valley proper. Shortly after, the population increased rapidly, and an attempt was made by the people to change the name to Centerville, as there were so many places known as Grass Valley it was difficult to have letters properly sent. The growth of Grass Valley in 1851 was most remarkable. Probably no town in the State



CHESS BOARDS AT DIXON'S.

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GRASS VALLEY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY.

W. A. SMITH.

THOMAS HODGE.

# CITY BREWERY

 SMITH & HODGE, 

PROPRIETORS,

Lower Mill Street, Grass Valley.

 BREWERS OF PALE ALE. 

Early in November, 1849, Samuel and George Holt, James Walsh and Zenas Wheeler selected a place about four miles below Grass Valley, and commenced the erection of two saw mills. In March, 1850, as detailed elsewhere, Samuel Holt was killed by Indians and the mill burned. James Walsh and Zenas Wheeler, with G. P. Clark, built a saw mill in Grass Valley near the site of Taylor's Foundry, in June, 1850. This was the first business enterprise in the new town.

During the summer that part of the valley east of Auburn street was fenced in with brush by some parties, who sold it during the summer to A. P. Willey and a man named McClinck. These gentlemen flattered themselves that they had a "good thing," as hay was eighty dollars per ton, and they could cut two heavy crops a year. Before they had fairly begun to improve the place, some miners wandered into the enclosure, sank a shaft through the rich, black soil, and came to a gravel deposit which proved to be very rich with gold. In less than twenty-four hours the whole ranch was staked off in claims fifty feet square, leaving not even a fifty foot claim for the ravaged proprietors.

In August or September, 1850, a man named Morey opened the first store in Grass Valley proper. His stock was kept in a tent upon the lot now occupied by Johnson's furniture store, on Main street. He soon sold to Leighton, Kent and Thomas H. Day, who had been engaged in cutting logs for Walsh & Wheeler, and took part of their stock.

**AUSTIN WALRATH ( -1902) (REP)**

- Born, probably in New York state. Son of Abraham Walrath and Catherine Casler. Brother of John H., Richard and Elizabeth Walrath.
- 1831—Father died (age 39.)  
—Came to Calif.
- Dec 1870—Came to Nevada City, Nevada County. He and brother Richard purchased the Providence Mine, in partnership with John V. Hunter and W. H. Smith.
- 1883—Elected to state assembly (REP).  
1885—Reelected to state assembly (REP).  
1887—Elected to state senate (REP).  
March 29, 1902—Died at San Francisco.

**RICHARD C. WALRATH (1828- ) (REP)**

- Nov 30, 1828—Born in Chittenango, Madison County, New York. Son of Abraham Walrath and Catherine Casler. Brother of Austin, Elizabeth and John H. Walrath.
- 1831—Father died (age 39.)  
—Graduated from Yates Polytechnic Institute.
- 1842—Began clerking in a country store.  
1849—Became a partner in the firm.
- June 14, 1854—Married Catherine Ehle (b. Chittenango, New York) at Chittenango.  
—Son Austin H. born.  
—Daughter Grace L. born.
- 1856—Colonel in New York National Guard.  
1859—Entered the boat building business with brother John H., at Chittenango, on the Erie Canal.
- 1864—Closed dry dock business.  
1868—Came to San Francisco, Calif. with wife and children. Was partner of John V. Hunter and Z. Amos in the business of importing hard wood, lumber, timber, and wagon and carriage materials.
- Dec 26, 1870—Wife died in San Francisco.  
Dec 1870—Came to Nevada City, Nevada County. He and brother Austin purchased the Providence Mine, in partnership with John V. Hunter and W. H. Smith.
- 1873—Mother died.  
—Married Margaret \_\_\_\_.
- 1873—Charter member of Evangeline Chapter 9, Eastern Star.
- 1877—Second wife was initiated into Evangeline Chapter 9.  
1880—Lived at Nevada City with wife, son and daughter. Partner in Thomas mine at Nevada City.  
—Owned the Reward and Gracie mines.
- March 29, 1902—Brother Austin died at San Francisco.  
1902—Sold the Providence mine.

*(View of Thomas mine facing p. 44 of 1880 TW History)*

**JAMES WALSH ( -1894) (DEM)**

- Sept 12, 1849—Arrived in Calif.
- ✓ Nov 1849—Began building a water-powered mill with the Holt brothers and Zenas Wheeler on Wolf Creek, south of Grass Valley.
- April or May 1850—Elected justice of the peace for Grass Valley township.
- ✓ July 1850—He, Wheeler, and G. P. Clark built a sawmill next to Wolf Creek on Mill Street, Grass Valley.
- April 19, 1851—Was fitting up a stamp mill at Grass Valley.  
Sept 3, 1851—Elected to state senate from Nevada County (DEM).  
Oct 23, 1851—His quartz mill had ten stamps.

*David Comstock*  
*Lives of Nevada County Pioneers (version 4)*

- ✓ 1852—Dr. W. S. McMurtry bought an interest in the sawmill from Wheeler Bros., Pain and A. P. Willey.  
Jan 8, 1852—Elected delegate to Democratic state conv.  
Jan 31, 1852—Nevada *Journal* editor discussed Walsh's views about mineral lands.
- Feb 4, 1852—Said he would introduce a bill to authorize California's governor to sell warrants for 500,000 acres of land ceded by U.S. to state for common school purposes.  
May 1852—Drew short term for state senate.  
June 22-23, 1852—Sued by James Pierson, Godfrey Sudwig, Isaac Coy and Samuel Latta.  
Feb 12, 1853—Member of the Plank Road Committee.  
June 4, 1853—Chosen delegate to Democratic state conv.  
Sept 30, 1853—Chosen delegate from Nevada County to the Pacific Railroad Convention.  
Oct 3, 1853—Attended the Pacific Railroad convention at San Francisco.  
Dec 30, 1853—Agent of the Gold Hill Quartz Mining Co. and the Nevada County Mining Co.  
Sept 5, 1855—Elected to the Nevada County board of supervisors.  
Oct 1, 1855—Elected chairman of the board of supervisors.  
April 10, 1856—Dr. John Lark won a \$716.91 judgement against Walsh, W. S. McMurtry, and J. B. Montgomery; sheriff was to sell McMurtry's mill on Boston Ravine, and the Camp Spring Ranch on the Grass Valley to Nevada City road.  
Spring 1856—Resigned office of Major General of California Militia 4th Division; was replaced by Volney H. Howard of San Francisco.  
Dec 11, 1856—Said he would request pardon for John Walsh, convicted of assault to commit murder on John Downing.  
March 6, 1857—Governor Johnson pardoned John Walsh.  
Aug 1857—Nominated for state senator; denied charge that he favored selling mineral lands (DEM).  
Sept 1, 1857—Defeated for state senator (DEM).  
Feb 9, 1858—Lectured to benefit Grass Valley Young Men's Literary Assn.  
Sept 1858—Assessed worth of Wheeler and Walsh was \$5,000.  
July 29, 1859—Left Grass Valley with Joseph Woodworth, John P. Stone and B. Augustus Harrison to investigate the silver discovery at Gold Hill.  
Aug 1859—After first leasing the Ophir Mine from Henry T. P. Comstock, Walsh sent a sack of ore to San Francisco, where the assay confirmed earlier high values assigned at Nevada City and Grass Valley.  
Aug 12, 1859—For \$10 down and a promise of \$10,990 more in the future, Walsh purchased Comstock's entire interest in the Ophir Mine and all other properties owned by him, including those at Six-Mile Canyon, and the half-interest in the water source at the new workings. Comstock's partner, Emanuel Penrod, sold his interest to Walsh for \$5,500.  
Dec 20, 1859—J. J. Musser, delegate to Congress from proposed Nevada Territory, left for Washington DC with a block of silver ore 2 feet 6 inches by 10 inches by 6 or 8 inches thick, weighing 163 pounds and valued at \$600. It was from the Ophir lead and had been donated by Walsh, Morrison & Co. for inclusion in the Washington monument.  
Dec 1868—Was putting up a mill at Shermantown, Nevada, in White Pine district.  
April 1894—Died at San Francisco.

# Smith & Hodge, City Brewery of Grass Valley, California, USA

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| Dates       | Trade Name                           | Historic Address  |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1873 - 1874 | City Brewery, Smith & Hodge          | 85 Mill           |
| 1874 - 1875 | City Brewery, Scadden & Hodge        | 85 Mill           |
| 1875 - 1893 | City Brewery, Thomas Hodge & Company | 85 Mill           |
| 1893 - 1895 | W. F. Mitchell                       | Lower Mill St     |
| 1895 - 1899 | Wm. F. Mitchell & Company            | Lower Mill St     |
| 1899 - 1905 | Michael Popp                         | Lower Mill St     |
| 1905 - 1906 | Wilhelm & Meier                      | Lower Mill Street |
| 1906 - 1909 | Geo. Wilhelm                         | Lower Mill Street |

The Fate of the Brewery building is unknown

## Timeline

- 1873 Founded  
City Brewery, Smith & Hodge  
85 Mill
- 1874  
City Brewery, Scadden & Hodge  
85 Mill
- 1875  
City Brewery, Thomas Hodge & Company  
85 Mill
- 1893  
W. F. Mitchell  
Lower Mill St
- 1895  
Wm. F. Mitchell & Company  
Lower Mill St
- 1899  
Michael Popp  
Lower Mill St
- 1905  
Wilhelm & Meier  
Lower Mill Street
- 1906  
Geo. Wilhelm  
Lower Mill Street

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Recording requested by and  
When recorded mail to:

William G. Apger  
686 Rio Lindo Avenue  
Chico, CA 95926



Nevada County Recorder  
Gregory J. Diaz  
DOC- 2007-0038004-00

Check Number 5606  
Monday, DEC 17, 2007 13:36:00  
REC \$6.00:CCF \$1.00:SBS \$1.00  
MIC \$1.00:AUT \$2.00:  
Ttl Pd \$11.00  
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VJR/JR/1-2

Documentary Transfer Tax \$0.00  
R&T Code Sec. 11930, Trust Transfer  
\_\_\_\_ Computed on full value of property conveyed  
\_\_\_\_ Computed on full value less liens and encum-  
brances remaining at time of sale

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Declarant or Agent

Assessor's Parcel Number: 008-410-008

*Current owner*

**GRANT DEED**

**FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION**, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by **MALOU THOMPSON**, a single woman

hereby grants to  
MALOU THOMPSON, Trustee of the Malou Thompson Revocable Trust established October 12, 2007,  
the following real property situate in the City of Grass Valley, County of Nevada, State of California,  
described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT ONE ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

Dated: OCTOBER 12, 2007

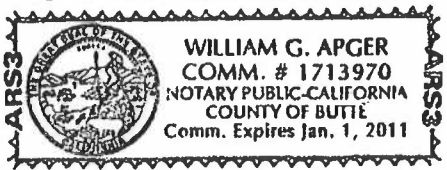
\_\_\_\_\_  
MALOU THOMPSON

State of California )  
  )  
County of BUTTE )

On OCTOBER 12, before me, WILLIAM G. APGER, a  
Notary Public, personally appeared MALOU THOMPSON, personally known to me (or proved to me on  
the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and  
acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on  
the instrument the person, or the entity on behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO: Malou Thompson, P.O. Box 552, Oroville, CA 95965



## EXHIBIT ONE

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Nevada, State of California, described as follows:

A portion of Lot 16, Block 43, Grass Valley (now City) Townsite, as said Lot and Block are designated on the Official Map thereof as made by Samuel Bethel in the year 1872 and being on file in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Nevada, State of California, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: beginning at a point on the Southeasterly line of Mill Street, said point being a corner situate on the Northwesterly line of said Lot 16 from which the most Northerly corner of said Lot 16 bears North  $33^{\circ} 36'$  East 24.31 feet distant; thence from said point of commencement with True Bearings South  $53^{\circ} 23' 45''$  East 240.70 feet to a point on the Southeasterly line of said Lot 16; thence following said Southeasterly line South  $47^{\circ} 19'$  West 66.18 feet to the most Southerly corner thereof; thence leaving said Southeasterly line and following the Southwesterly lines of said Lot 16 the following successive courses and distances, to-wit: North  $54^{\circ} 28'$  West 91.34 feet, North  $57^{\circ} 31'$  West 25.74 feet, North  $53^{\circ} 22'$  West 107.32 feet to the most Westerly corner of said Lot 16 said point being situate on the Southeasterly line of Mill Street which is identical with the Northwesterly line of said Lot 16; thence leaving said Southwesterly line and following said Northwesterly line of said Lot 16 North  $32^{\circ} 45'$  East 69.48 feet to the place of beginning.

Excepting therefrom all mineral matter, metal, ore and rock and the right to mine for and extract the same below a depth of 125 feet of the surface of the realty herein described as conveyed by the deed dated January 24, 1949, recorded January 27, 1949, in Book "136" of Official Records, at Page 238, executed by John J. Hodge and Adele I. Hodge, his wife, to Cooley Butler.

Further excepting therefrom all that real property conveyed in that certain Grant Deed from Llewellyn S. Thompson and Virginia M. Thomason to John J. Hodge and Adele C. Hodge, his wife, dated January 30, 1957 and recorded at Volume 232, Page 518 of the Official Records of Nevada County, California.

APN: 08-410-08-000

State of California — The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings  
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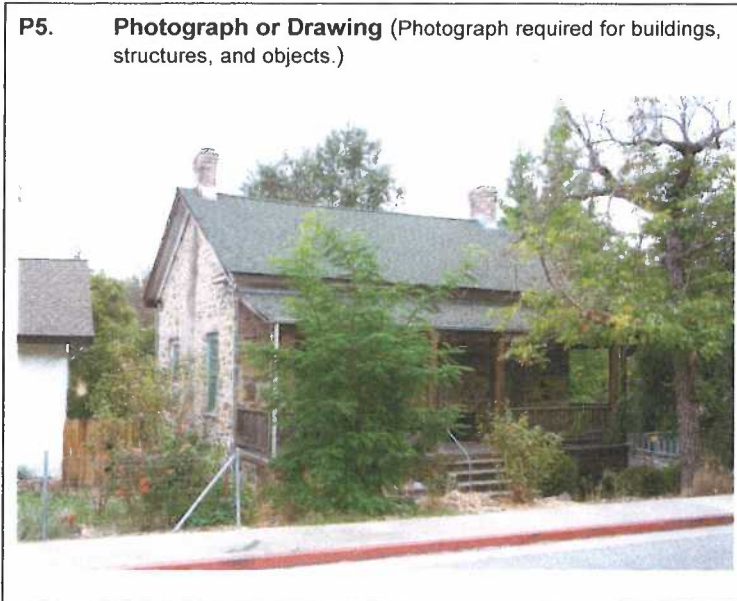
\*Resource Name or #: 303 Mill Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** West Grass Valley/APN 08-410-09
- \*P2. Location:**  Not for Publication  Unrestricted **\*a. County:** Nevada
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973
- c. Address:** 303 Mill Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the east side of Mill Street.
- \*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a 1 1/2-story, fieldstone Late Victorian vernacular Cornish style cottage. Character defining features of the residence include a moderately sloping gable roof clad with asphalt shingles, two opposing brick chimney at either side of the gable roof, boxed gable eaves, a plain frieze under the gable, a full front porch with a shed roof that is likely replaced years ago, arched brick lintels over the original 6 over 6 light wood-sash windows, and stone sills below the windows, exposed brick from the fireplace on the northern gable end, a four panel period wood front entry door, horizontal replaced v-groove sheeting covering the front foundation, and a sloped southern side yard that provides a full below-grade living area beneath the house featuring a older entry door and a period 6 over 6 light window. The upper gable on the southern elevation is filled with deteriorated clapboard wood siding over the stone masonry tying into a return on the porch that provides some degree of shelter for the lower portion of the house. This is the only documented residence in Grass Valley with this form of fieldstone masonry. It may also be the most important masonry home resembling Cornish construction techniques. The front yard is landscaped with large trees, and rose bushes. The stone masonry is coursed on the front facade and more random with smaller material on the side gables. The stones vary in color and consistency, but appear to be of local origin, including rhyolite, which has been used for corners and edging.

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.
- \*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking east at the residence.
- \*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic Circa 1865; Grass Valley City Records Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA.
- \*P7. Owner and Address:** Richard A. Hodge, Executor, 960 New Valley Road, Colfax, CA 95713.
- \*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
- \*P9. Date Recorded:** June 20, 2009
- \*P10. Type of Survey:**  Architectural
- Describe:** Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley 1872 Townsite.
- \*P11. Report Citation:** City of Grass Valley Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California. Prepared for the City of Grass Valley, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Prepared by Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

\*Attachments: Property Location Map

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Newfoundland and terrier, and resting upon his early well-earned laurels, is of a very pacific disposition. A few friendly Indians gave their assistance during the night, and Capt. Day, (present County Surveyor,) and another man came in on noticing the fires and disorder. Old Chief Wemeh behaved very well in the matter, gave the party his countenance and furnished the guard of friendly Indians. He also brought the dead body of Holt to the camp, and in all things was friendly, so far as could be observed. The next morning Capt. Day and his friend started for camp "Far West," on Johnson's ranch at Bear River; and the morning after, twenty-four U.S. soldiers arrived, supplied by Major Day, commanding at that station. A hundred miners from Deer Creek also poured in, and in a couple of days they had killed and run off all the Indians. Mr. G. Holt was removed to Stocking's store on Deer Creek, and recovered in ten days. He afterwards went to mining on Deer Creek, below Nevada.

A less cause than these Indian troubles influenced the State to issue \$600,000 war bonds for the El Dorado and Mariposa Indian wars, but we believe the Legislature refused Messrs. Walsh and Holt anything for their losses and their services. Perhaps it was because they did not resort to the *modus operandi* that secured the success of many legislative acts.

Judge Walsh removed to Grass Valley, where he built a sawmill in July, 1850. Among the early settlers were Z. Wheeler, C.W. Wood, B.C. Lamarque, F. Squire, Fowler and others. The first cabin built on Main street, Grass Valley, was by a man named Scott, nearly opposite where the Grass Valley Hotel stood before the fire. The first hotel was built by J. B. Underwood, called "The Mountain Home."

As late as January, 1851, there were but three or four cabins in Grass Valley proper. Shortly after, the population increased rapidly, and an attempt was made by the people to change the name to Centerville, as there were so many places known as Grass Valley it was difficult to have letters properly sent. The growth of Grass Valley in 1851 was most remarkable. Probably no town in the State has ever sprung so suddenly into importance. Much of this was



Early in November, 1849, Samuel and George Holt, James Walsh and Zenas Wheeler selected a place about four miles below Grass Valley, and commenced the erection of two saw mills. In March, 1850, as detailed elsewhere, Samuel Holt was killed by Indians and the mill burned. James Walsh and Zenas Wheeler, with G. P. Clark, built a saw mill in Grass Valley near the site of Taylor's Foundry, in June, 1850. This was the first business enterprise in the new town.

During the summer that part of the valley east of Auburn street was fenced in with brush by some parties, who sold it during the summer to A. P. Willey and a man named McClin-  
tock. These gentlemen flattered themselves that they had a "good thing," as hay was eighty dollars per ton, and they could cut two heavy crops a year. Before they had fairly begun to improve the place, some miners wandered into the enclosure, sank a shaft through the rich, black soil, and came to a gravel deposit which proved to be very rich with gold. In less than twenty-four hours the whole ranch was staked off in claims fifty feet square, leaving not even a fifty foot claim for the ravaged proprietors.

In August or September, 1850, a man named Morey opened the first store in Grass Valley proper. His stock was kept in a tent upon the lot now occupied by Johnson's furniture store, on Main street. He soon sold to Leighton, Kent and Thomas H. Day, who had been engaged in cutting logs for Walsh & Wheeler and took part of their...

The Mill Street Foundry of Grass Valley, owned by M. C. Taylor, is another successful enterprise of this kind. In company with William Francy and James M. Lakenan, Mr. Taylor commenced operations in 1856. After a year the firm was changed to Taylor & Lakenan, and continued two years, when Mr. Taylor purchased Mr. Lakenan's interest and has continued the business ever since. In 1865 the foundry was destroyed by a fire supposed to be of incendiary origin, but was immediately rebuilt. Quartz mill machinery and general foundry work are made here, and an average of ten men are employed. This is one of Grass Valley's oldest institutions.

Grass Valley Foundry, J. M. Lakenan, proprietor, was built in spring of 1865 by the present owner, who went East and purchased the necessary tools and machinery. Mining machinery, water wheels and castings are made here, also pattern making and moulding. The gross annual product is about \$40,000.

#### NEVADA TANNERY.

A building was erected near the County Hospital in 1863 by Kelsey & Butler for a large tannery. They had thirty-two vats and facilities for working 1200 hides annually. The product was sole and harness leather. The enterprise was conducted successfully for several years.

#### PACIFIC SOAP WORKS.

This was a small factory started in 1866 on Cayote street by J. B. Henry. It was not long conducted.

#### FISH.

The Truckee river and the mountain streams and lakes abound in fish, the Truckee trout having a celebrity that is wide spread. Since the opening up of this region by the railroad the shipping of fish has been quite an extensive business. In 1869 the Pioneer Fishery was established on the river above Truckee, and Stewart & Kelly started one at Donner lake in 1871, where they put in 22,000 small fish and commenced hatching thousands of eggs. In 1874 the Pioneer Fishery had 50,000 trout from one to five years of age. Besides the regular fisheries many whitemen and Indians catch fish in the natural streams. Independence and Webber lakes furnish the silver trout, a very high priced dainty. Great efforts have been made to protect the fish in spawning season, but not always with success. The Fish Commission has transported a large

the western slope. During the intensely cold weather of December, 1879, the thermometer marked 38° below zero, and the mercury refused longer to perform its functions. This region has long been known as a cold one, and had the reputation, which experience has fully sustained, of being the coldest spot in the passage of the mountains, as many an old stage driver on the Henness Pass route to the Washoe mines will testify. Here then, with the minimum of snow and the maximum of cold, with plenty of clear and pure mountain water and with facilities for storage and railroad transportation to all points, has the ice business of the Pacific slope concentrated. There are now seven ice companies engaged in the business along the Truckee river and its tributaries. They are the Nevada Ice Co., the Summit Ice Co., the Boca Mill and Ice Co., all at Boca; the People's Ice Co. and J. Smith, at Bronco, the Mutual Ice Co. and the Crystal Ice Co. at Verdi. These companies have a storage capacity of 60,000 tons, an amount that is far in excess of the consumption of that portion of the coast to which ice can be profitably shipped. At least three times the quantity that can be consumed here is annually in store, some of it kept over from year to year. The unusual scantiness of the ice crop in the East this season opens a field that has heretofore been closed, and the probabilities are that the surplus stock of ice in store here can be shipped to the East and sold at such rates as to remunerate the ice owners. Such an opportunity will probably not occur again for a long time. The only competitor the mountain ice has is the artificial ice, manufactured chiefly in Sacramento. This lacks both the firmness and quality of the natural ice of the pure mountain streams, and is mainly used for packing purposes.

The first ice company to enter the Truckee basin was the Boca Mill and Ice Co., which began operations in 1868 at Boca, then a construction camp on the newly constructed line of the Central Pacific Railroad. They built a dam at a cost of \$11,000, which flooded a pond of thirty acres, used to float logs into for their lumber business. In 1869 they built an ice house and filled it with ice from this pond, all in thirty days. The house had a capacity of 8,000 tons, and was 40x48 feet, and 17 feet high. The ice was cut by machinery and hoisted by a steam elevator.

The Nevada Ice Co., for several years previous to 1870, was engaged in the ice business at Blue Tent and Quaker Hill, being composed of business men of Nevada City. In 1870 they

extent of \$50,000. After expending an endeavor to construct buildings that would weight of snow that fell upon and crushed located on Prosser creek in 1873, about half that stream empties into the Truckee river. A dam 50x450 feet and 24 feet high was erected, and another of the same height and width and 300 feet long. The total capacity of the two is 16,000 tons. The storage capacity of any ice company on the Truckee river. The company has a dam across Prosser creek, which covers thirty-two acres. There are also boardwalks, a blacksmith shop, tool house, etc. During the winter the company employs from seventy-five men to one hundred. The ice houses have doors at every thirty feet sections from the floor to the roof, for conveying the ice into cars, standing on a track that leads to the Station. The method of cutting, handling and storing is very simple. The surface of the pond is covered with a floor of the ice house, and when the ice is cut it floats down to an opening through the dam and drops through a grating into the creek, thence being conveyed to the cakes of ice upon a steel runway, where they slide into any part of the ice house desired. The floating of these cakes can be done so rapidly that the men will be kept busy stowing them in the houses.

In 1873, the Nevada Ice Co., Summit Ice Co. and Ice Co. combined as the Pacific Ice Co. and they do now, their separate organizations. The business is conducted independently. This combination of the ice property of the State, and enjoyed a monopoly in the trade. In 1873 an experiment was tried of a flume three miles in length. The result was that the thickness of the ice was reduced to three inches and the experiment was abandoned.

In 1875 the People's Ice Co. was organized, and they joined the combination, commencing operations in 1875. Besides the ice house there they built two more near Truckee, the total capacity of a dam at Bronco, where they built a dam, located, and erected ice houses.

The Crystal Ice Co. commenced business in 1876. They have a dam across the Truckee river at Boca, a ditch one mile long, ice house 50x450 feet, and a capacity of 5,000 tons. The Mutual Ice



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H.C. Hodge (1851) elected as Treasurer &  
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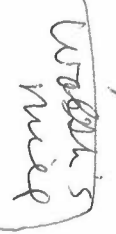
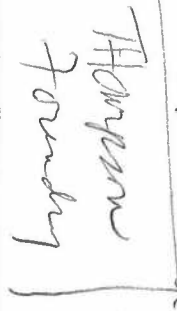
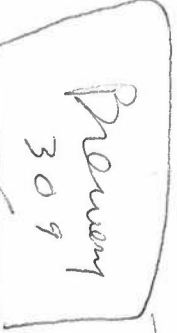
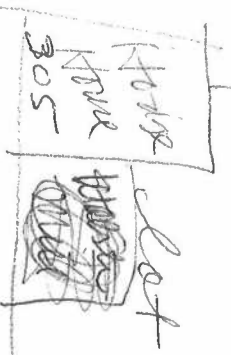
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Before I get to Lindsey, I will mention two other items. Later in life, my mother tells me that a time or two when she was ill, my father would not change my diapers, and I would cry all day until my grandmother (Sitto Leon) came over to change me. The story was told to me to illustrate what a terrible father I had (naturally), but it does confirm for me the rather bleak darkness of spirit that I can vaguely remember. The actual feeling was strong--being alone and crying in darkness and feeling so alone in the universe. Maybe that's where the feeling came from.

The other is the response to "Blueberry Hill," a song popular in my childhood. When I hear the song, I picture the hill behind our house, telephone poles, and dune-sand-color, everything one beige color. The song itself always made me want to cry. The words do not really match the melody. The melody has intervals that are infinitely sad. Anyway, I don't know if it's just the song or if I heard it the first time while looking at the tawny hill near our house (we were practically in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada) or what. But the song touched me deeply.

I was named Mary Lou because a nurse at the hospital had that name. Unfortunately, a song of that same name was popular and I have been plagued all my life with that inane ditty.

wise, and his client was convicted and sentenced to die.  
 June 23, 1852—Chairman of Main St. Democratic precinct; chosen to attend county convention on July 3.  
 July 16, 1852—Barrett was hanged at Nevada City with Hodge in attendance; it was the first legal hanging in county, and the only hanging of a thief.  
 Oct 1852—Dr. Alban moved his City Drug Store into the Hodge building on Main St.  
 Oct 9, 1852—Member of committee to write new laws for Nevada quartz mining district.  
 Nov 13, 1852—Attended miners convention at Nevada City, which was adjourned to Dec. 19 and continued to Dec. 20.  
 Jan 26, 1853—Hodge's younger brother, Horatio N., of Pulaske, Jackson Co., MI, died at Panama of yellow fever while on his way to Calif. and left a widow and children in Michigan.  
 July 1853—Pres. of Democratic county convention.  
 Aug 1, 1853—Left Calif. to attend World Fair as Gov. John Bigler's commissioned delegate.  
 ca Oct 1853—Married Ellen A. Cruttenden of Concord, Jackson Co., Michigan, daughter of Joel Cruttenden.  
 1877—Wrote and published *Arizona As It Is: or The Coming Country*, which was reprinted in 1962 as *Arizona As It Was, 1877*.

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#### SAMUEL HODGE ( - )

—Born in England.  
 —Married Mary \_\_\_\_ (b. ca 1818 in England).  
 1838—Son Thomas born in England.  
 —Son Frank born in England.  
 1848—Brought family to Connecticut.  
 —Moved to Pennsylvania.  
 1854—Came to Grass Valley, Nevada County, Calif., and mined with son Thomas.  
 1859—Bought the City Brewery, corner of Main and Church streets.  
 Summer 1859—First Cornish games were held on a lot in rear of Hodges brewery.  
 June 11, 1862—City Brewery burned and he lost \$8,000.  
 1862—Moved brewery to Mill St. after city bought his lot and built a brick city hall and engine house facing Main St., near the corner of Church.  
 Nov 16, 1863—Richard Hodge (relative?) was killed by Capt. Frank Walker in a saloon brawl.  
 1863—Son Thomas took charge of the brewery.  
 April 4, 1863—He and B. F. Woodworth came up with \$1,000 bail after Hodge's son Frank was arrested for assaulting a Chinese man.  
 Sept 12, 1864—Young boy (5-1/2) was killed either by falling from Frank Hodge's wagon, or by being struck in the head by Frank's whip handle.  
 March 21, 1868—Wife Mary died at Grass Valley. Funeral at Grass Valley Methodist Church. Left 5 children.

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#### THOMAS HODGE (1838- )

1838—Born in England, son of Samuel Hodge.  
 1848—Came to Connecticut with parents.  
 —Moved to Pennsylvania.  
 1854—Came with father to Grass Valley, Nevada County, Calif. and was interested in mining.  
 1859—Father bought the City Brewery at corner of Church and Main streets in Grass Valley.  
 1861—Moved brewery to Mill Street.  
 1863—Took charge of his father's brewery.  
 1864—Married Delia Connolly (b. in Maine).

1865—Prop. of City Brewery on Mill Street.  
 1871—Partner of Henry Scadden. Resided at 83 Mill St.  
 1880—Lived with wife, 4 sons and 4 daughters at Grass Valley. He and Henry Scadden owned the City Brewery on Mill Street under the name of Thomas Hodge & Co.  
 (*View of his place facing p. 100 of 1880 TW History*)

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#### THOMAS J. HODGES (aka TOM BELL) (c1823/6-1856)

ca 1823/26—Born in Rome, Tennessee  
 —Graduated from medical school.  
 1846—Was a noncommissioned officer in Mexican War.  
 1850—Came to Calif. and mined.  
 —Took up gambling and then became a highway robber known as Tom Bell.  
 1855—Arrested and sentenced to 5 years at prison on Angel Island.  
 May 1855—Escaped with Bill Gristy (aka White), Ned Convery (aka Conners) and Jim Smith.  
 June 17, 1856—Robbed a teamster near Dry Creek of \$45.75.  
 July 21, 1856—He and partners robbed Grizzly Store, between Nevada City and Woolsey's Flat, Nevada County.  
 Aug 18, 1856—Members of his gang crossed David Wood's bridge near mouth of South Yuba River without paying toll; Wood followed them to French Corral before losing them.  
 Oct 6, 1856—Had been executed near Merced River.

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#### JAMES HOEL (1790-1864)

Aug 1790—Born.  
 June 1850—Came to Calif. from Mississippi with a slave known as Anderson.  
 ca July 1850—Went to Nevada City, where Anderson escaped his custody.  
 Fall 1851—Owner of a grizzly bear that won more than one bear and bull fight in the arena at Nevada City, Nevada County.  
 Oct 12, 1853—Dissolved partnership with R. H. Porter in the White Hall Stables on Broad Street in Nevada City.  
 Oct 27, 1853—Sole prop. of White Hall Stables. Advertised room for 100 horses, corral and wagon yard, plenty of hay and barley, and a grizzly bear on view.  
 Nov 10, 1853—Endorsed character of R. H. Porter.  
 July 4, 1854—His bear fought bulls at Hughes' Union race course on ridge between Grass Valley and Nevada City.  
 July 28, 1854—Hughes took Hoel's bear to Iowa Hill for fights and it escaped.  
 Aug 15, 1854—Offered his White Hall Stables for sale, along with other possessions.  
 Sept 7, 1854—Advertised for information about slave named Anderson, offered \$100 for information. Advertisement had a description of Anderson.  
 ca Feb 10, 1855—Thieves bored a hole through wall of his room and stole \$150 and a gold watch.  
 Feb 20, 1855—Broad St. fire destroyed his stable; he lost \$5,300.  
 Dec 7, 1855—Had a wagon- and hay-yard opposite Parsons & Cleveland's livery stable on Broad St.  
 Jan 1, 1856—His Whitehall Stables were listed at two locations: 87 and 91 Broad sts. (#89 separated the two parcels). The Whitehall Livery Stables, run by Parsons and Cleveland, was at 112 Broad (other side of street).  
 July 19, 1856—Lost \$4,000 when burned out by city fire.  
 Aug 8, 1856—Reopened business at 87 Broad St.  
 Nov 22, 1857—Thief stole a horse from his stable.

**AUSTIN WALRATH ( -1902) (REP)**

- Born, probably in New York state. Son of Abraham Walrath and Catherine Casler. Brother of John H., Richard and Elizabeth Walrath.
- 1831—Father died (age 39.)
- Came to Calif.
- Dec 1870—Came to Nevada City, Nevada County. He and brother Richard purchased the Providence Mine, in partnership with John V. Hunter and W. H. Smith.
- 1883—Elected to state assembly (REP).
- 1885—Reelected to state assembly (REP).
- 1887—Elected to state senate (REP).
- March 29, 1902—Died at San Francisco.

**RICHARD C. WALRATH (1828- ) (REP)**

- Nov 30, 1828—Born in Chittenango, Madison County, New York. Son of Abraham Walrath and Catherine Casler. Brother of Austin, Elizabeth and John H. Walrath.
- 1831—Father died (age 39.)
- Graduated from Yates Polytechnic Institute.
- 1842—Began clerking in a country store.
- 1849—Became a partner in the firm.
- June 14, 1854—Married Catherine Ehle (b. Chittenango, New York) at Chittenango.
- Son Austin H. born.
- Daughter Grace L. born.
- 1856—Colonel in New York National Guard.
- 1859—Entered the boat building business with brother John H., at Chittenango, on the Erie Canal.
- 1864—Closed dry dock business.
- 1868—Came to San Francisco, Calif. with wife and children. Was partner of John V. Hunter and Z. Amos in the business of importing hard wood, lumber, timber, and wagon and carriage materials.
- Dec 26, 1870—Wife died in San Francisco.
- Dec 1870—Came to Nevada City, Nevada County. He and brother Austin purchased the Providence Mine, in partnership with John V. Hunter and W. H. Smith.
- 1873—Mother died.
- Married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1873—Charter member of Evangeline Chapter 9, Eastern Star.
- 1877—Second wife was initiated into Evangeline Chapter 9.
- 1880—Lived at Nevada City with wife, son and daughter. Partner in Thomas mine at Nevada City.
- Owned the Reward and Gracie mines.
- March 29, 1902—Brother Austin died at San Francisco.
- 1902—Sold the Providence mine.

*(View of Thomas mine facing p. 44 of 1880 TW History)*

**JAMES WALSH ( -1894) (DEM)**

- Sept 12, 1849—Arrived in Calif.
- ✓ Nov 1849—Began building a water-powered mill with the Holt brothers and Zenas Wheeler on Wolf Creek, south of Grass Valley.
- April or May 1850—Elected justice of the peace for Grass Valley township.
- ✓ July 1850—He, Wheeler, and G. P. Clark built a sawmill next to Wolf Creek on Mill Street, Grass Valley.
- April 19, 1851—Was fitting up a stamp mill at Grass Valley.
- Sept 3, 1851—Elected to state senate from Nevada County (DEM).
- Oct 23, 1851—His quartz mill had ten stamps.

- ✓ 1852—Dr. W. S. McMurtry bought an interest in the sawmill from Wheeler Bros., Pain and A. P. Willey.
- Jan 8, 1852—Elected delegate to Democratic state conv.
- Jan 31, 1852—Nevada *Journal* editor discussed Walsh's views about mineral lands.
- Feb 4, 1852—Said he would introduce a bill to authorize California's governor to sell warrants for 500,000 acres of land ceded by U.S. to state for common school purposes.
- May 1852—Drew short term for state senate.
- June 22-23, 1852—Sued by James Pierson, Godfrey Sudwig, Isaac Coy and Samuel Latta.
- Feb 12, 1853—Member of the Plank Road Committee.
- June 4, 1853—Chosen delegate to Democratic state conv.
- Sept 30, 1853—Chosen delegate from Nevada County to the Pacific Railroad Convention.
- Oct 3, 1853—Attended the Pacific Railroad convention at San Francisco.
- Dec 30, 1853—Agent of the Gold Hill Quartz Mining Co. and the Nevada County Mining Co.
- Sept 5, 1855—Elected to the Nevada County board of supervisors.
- Oct 1, 1855—Elected chairman of the board of supervisors.
- April 10, 1856—Dr. John Lark won a \$716.91 judgement against Walsh, W. S. McMurtry, and J. B. Montgomery; sheriff was to sell McMurtry's mill on Boston Ravine, and the Camp Spring Ranch on the Grass Valley to Nevada City road.
- Spring 1856—Resigned office of Major General of California Militia 4th Division; was replaced by Volney H. Howard of San Francisco.
- Dec 11, 1856—Said he would request pardon for John Walsh, convicted of assault to commit murder on John Downing.
- March 6, 1857—Governor Johnson pardoned John Walsh.
- Aug 1857—Nominated for state senator; denied charge that he favored selling mineral lands (DEM).
- Sept 1, 1857—Defeated for state senator (DEM).
- Feb 9, 1858—Lectured to benefit Grass Valley Young Men's Literary Assn.
- Sept 1858—Assessed worth of Wheeler and Walsh was \$5,000.
- July 29, 1859—Left Grass Valley with Joseph Woodworth, John P. Stone and B. Augustus Harrison to investigate the silver discovery at Gold Hill.
- Aug 1859—After first leasing the Ophir Mine from Henry T. P. Comstock, Walsh sent a sack of ore to San Francisco, where the assay confirmed earlier high values assigned at Nevada City and Grass Valley.
- Aug 12, 1859—For \$10 down and a promise of \$10,990 more in the future, Walsh purchased Comstock's entire interest in the Ophir Mine and all other properties owned by him, including those at Six-Mile Canyon, and the half-interest in the water source at the new workings. Comstock's partner, Emanuel Penrod, sold his interest to Walsh for \$5,500.
- Dec 20, 1859—J. J. Musser, delegate to Congress from proposed Nevada Territory, left for Washington DC with a block of silver ore 2 feet 6 inches by 10 inches by 6 or 8 inches thick, weighing 163 pounds and valued at \$600. It was from the Ophir lead and had been donated by Walsh, Morrison & Co. for inclusion in the Washington monument.
- Dec 1868—Was putting up a mill at Shermantown, Nevada, in White Pine district.
- April 1894—Died at San Francisco.





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## Old Brewery on Main

2 messages

**Watson, Jedidiah** <Jedidiah.Watson@cerner.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 3:21 PM

To: Linda Jack <lkjack1199@gmail.com>, "Teresa Poston (poston-poston@sbcglobal.net)" <poston-poston@sbcglobal.net>

Good Morning,

I wanted to share with you some of the information on the empty lot next to the stone house often referred to as the 'Hodge House' on Mill St.

In talking with the owner she had believed that the house was originally owned by Judge Walsh and he then sold it to the Hodge Family. With Covid going on I haven't been able to see if there were any legal documents at the county office to support this. However, I did find an interesting map online (<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/5909/Undated-Village-of-Grass-Valley-Nevada-County-PDF>) where it would allude to Walsh's Mill being on the property at this location as it is just after the bend of Wolf Creek and across from Echo Hill.

Additionally, I found an article which stated that the first business in Grass Valley was Walsh's Mill which was located next to the Foundary which is where the apartments are today. As you can see after the brewery burnt down the foundation wall which looks to be the same type of stones used in the stone house were covered up, but are still intact.

I think it would be good to make sure this history isn't lost and patched over, especially if this is the site of the first business in Grass Valley.

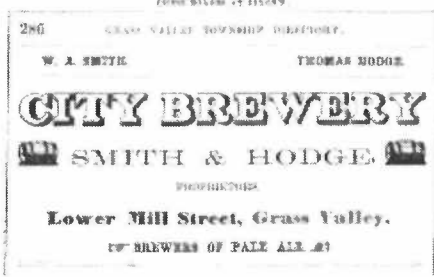
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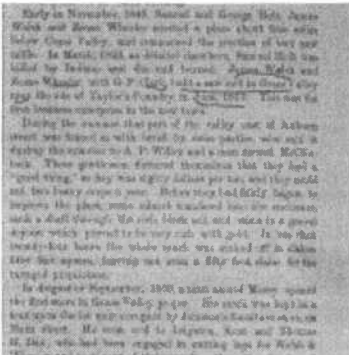
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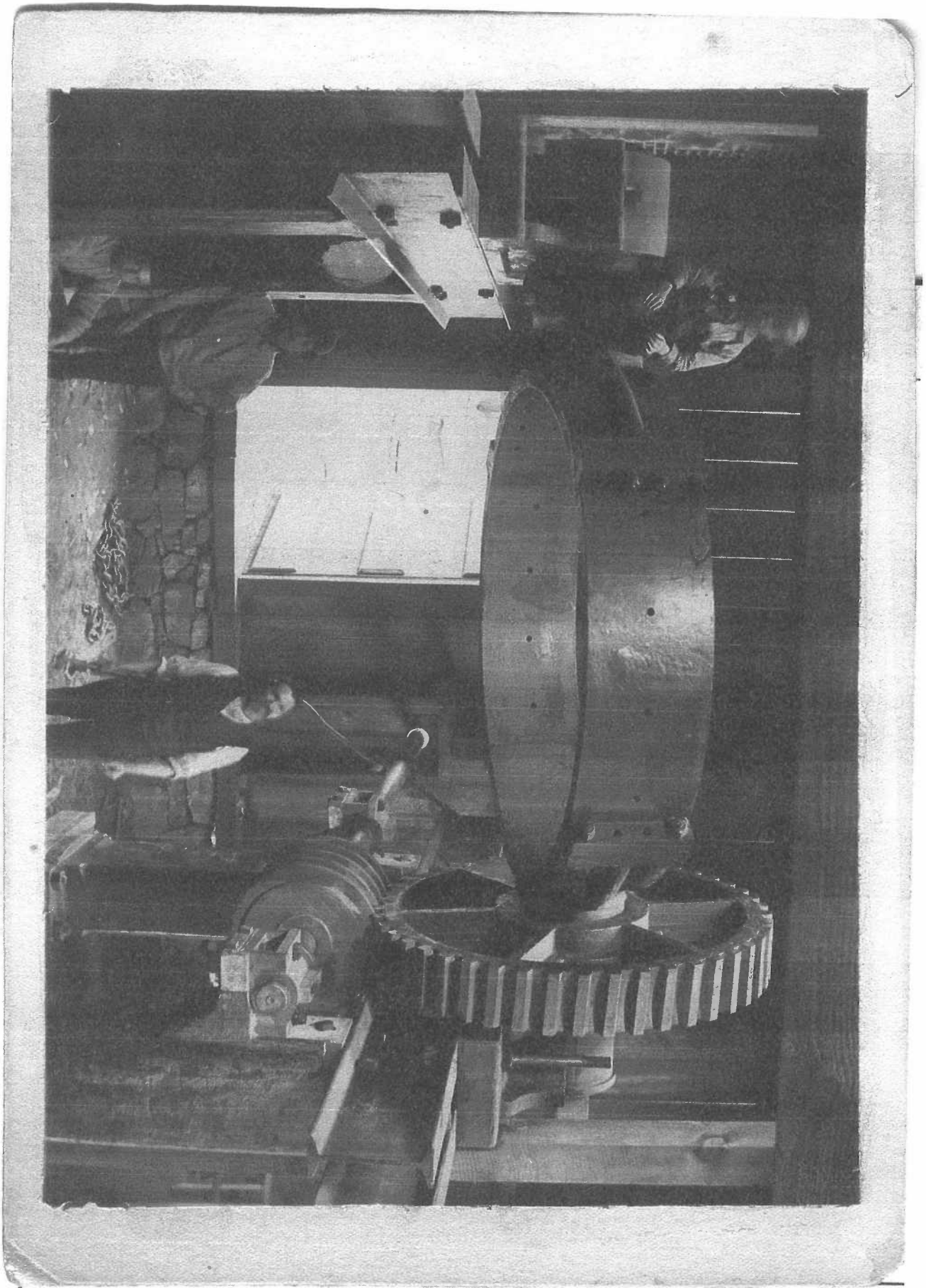
**Lower Mill Street, Grass Valley.**

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Early in November, 1849, Samuel and George Holt, James Walsh and Zenas Wheeler selected a place about four miles below Grass Valley, and commenced the erection of two saw mills. In March, 1850, as detailed elsewhere, Samuel Holt was killed by Indians and the mill burned. James Walsh and Zenas Wheeler, with G. P. Clark, built a saw mill in Grass Valley near the site of Taylor's Foundry, in June, 1850. This was the first business enterprise in the new town.

During the summer that part of the valley east of Auburn street was fenced in with brush by some parties, who sold it during the summer to A. P. Willey and a man named McClintock. These gentlemen flattered themselves that they had a "good thing," as hay was eighty dollars per ton, and they could cut two heavy crops a year. Before they had fairly begun to improve the place, some miners wandered into the enclosure, sank a shaft through the rich, black soil, and came to a gravel deposit which proved to be very rich with gold. In less than twenty-four hours the whole ranch was staked off in claims fifty feet square, leaving not even a fifty foot claim for the ravaged proprietors.

In August or September, 1850, a man named Morey opened the first store in Grass Valley proper. His stock was kept in a tent upon the lot now occupied by Johnson's furniture store, on Main street. He soon sold to Leighton, Kent and Thomas H. Day, who had been engaged in cutting logs for Walsh & Wheeler, and took part of their stock.



Interior of the Taylor Foundry  
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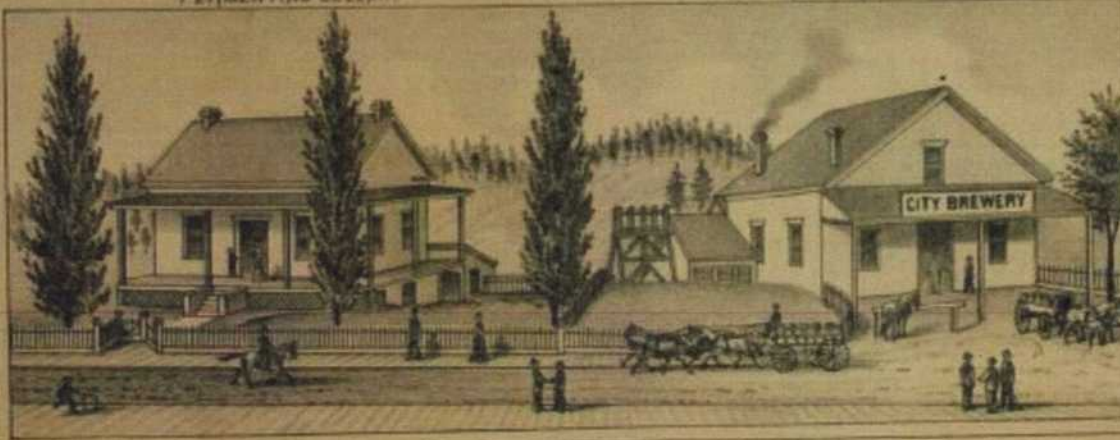






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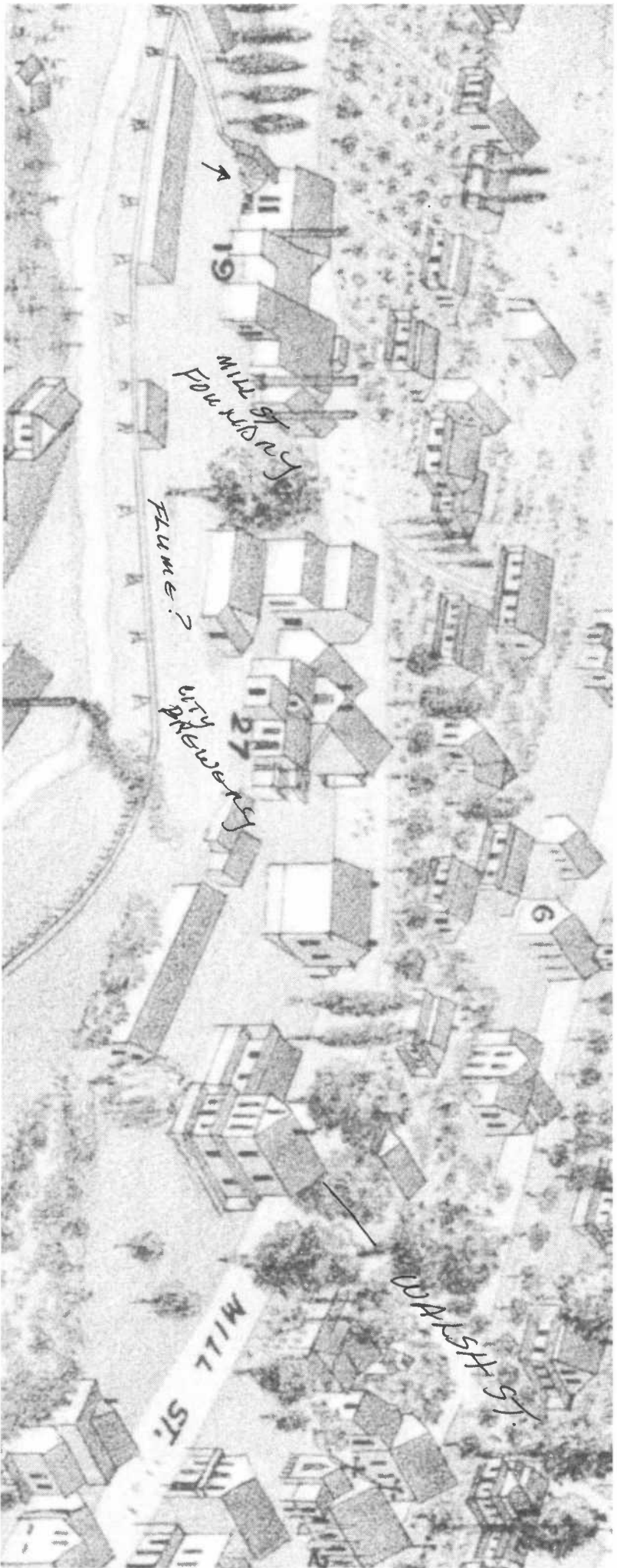


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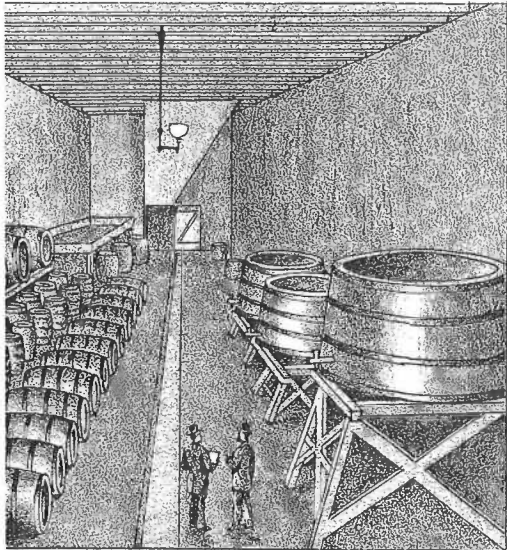
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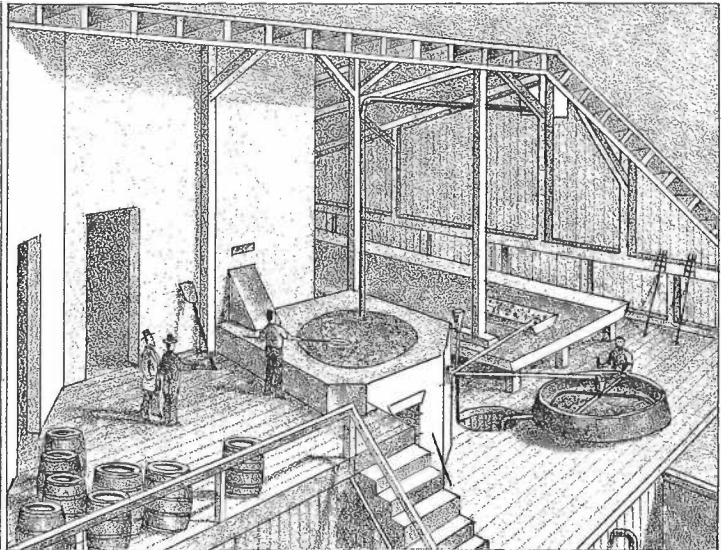
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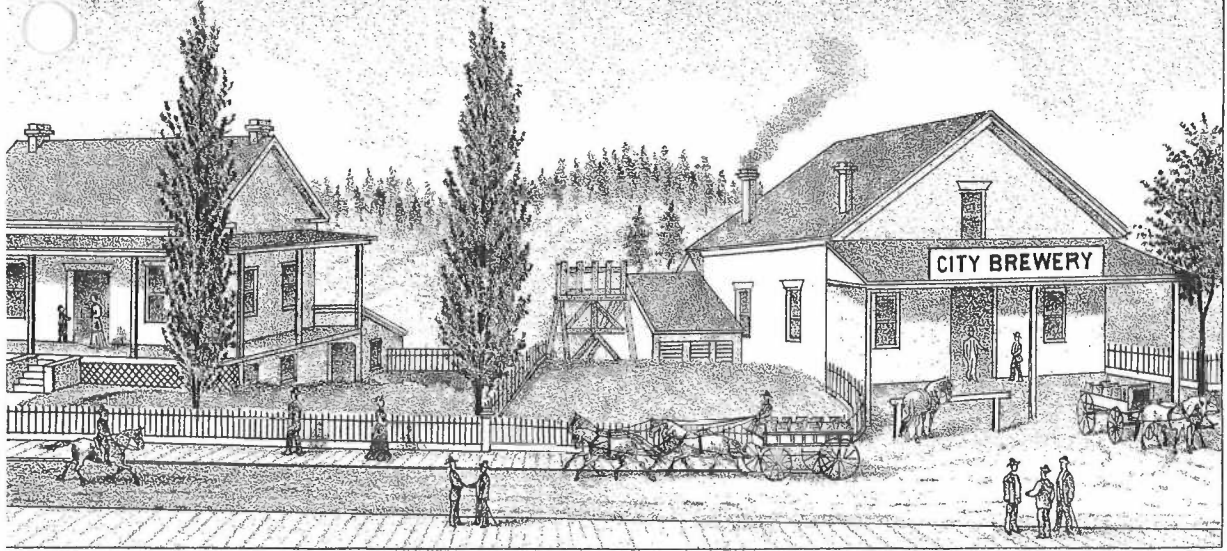




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\*Resource Name or #: 303 Mill Street



Photograph looking north at the lower story (south elevation).

SCADDEN, HENRY, resides at Grass Valley. He was born in Cornwall, England, 1829. In 1850 he went to South America, remaining there about five years. Reached California in 1855; located in Grass Valley soon after, and has resided there ever since. Mr. Scadden is a practical miner. He first worked for Wm. Watt and B. B. Layton upon Massachusetts Hill. Subsequently he did much contract work for different mining companies, and was also employed as superintendent of very valuable mines. He, in company with three others, finally bought the Scadden Flat mine, which was successfully and profitably worked. At one time Mr. S. was engaged in the livery business at Grass Valley, for two years. He and his son are at present conducting a grocery business at that place. He is also a partner of Mr. **Hodge** in the brewery, a view of which appears on another page. He was married September 27, 1855, to Mary Jane Yendel. They have had eight children, six of whom are now living, four boys and two girls. Post office Grass Valley.

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About eleven o'clock on Wednesday night, September 13, 1855, a fire broke out in the United States Hotel, kept by Madam Bonhore, on lower Main street, and rapidly spread to the adjoining buildings. The hoarse cry of "fire!" roused the sleeping citizens from their beds, and they rushed upon the street to meet and combat the enemy. All was confusion; the flames were crackling and roaring, licking up the tinder dry buildings in their pathway, and all the undirected efforts of the excited people were futile to stay their onward march. Buildings were pulled down, buckets of water by the hundreds were thrown upon the burning houses, wet blankets and other devices were resorted to, but to no avail, for the frame buildings, dried in the long summer sun, burned too fiercely for the flames to be subdued. All night they fought with tireless energy, and never ceased the struggle until the flames expired for want of food to live upon. In that one dreadful night over three hundred buildings, occupying thirty acres of ground, were swept away. In the business portion of the town only two structures escaped destruction, one a stone store, recently erected by **Sylvester** & Co., and the other a block of three stores but just completed, on Mill street. The churches and Temperance Hall were saved, being just beyond the limits of



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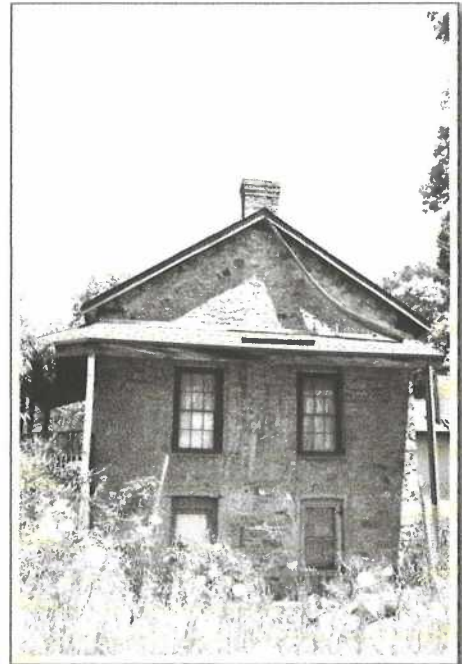
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\*Resource Name or #: 310 Mill Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** West Grass Valley/APN 08-405-04
- \*P2. Location:**  Not for Publication  Unrestricted **\*a. County:** Nevada
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973
- c. Address:** 310 Mill Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the west side of Mill Street.
- \*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a modest, single-story or 1 1/2-story, wood-frame, Late Victorian style residence. Character defining features of the residence include its L-shaped massing (likely a later addition to the rear of the house), a moderately sloping gable roof clad with asphalt shingles, molding covering the eaves along with a plain frieze, 1 over 1 light wood-sash attic window, a full hipped roof front porch supported by turned wood Doric columns, a 1 over 1 light wood-sash window to the right of the front wood and lighted entry door (not period to the house), surrounded by side lights with panels at the base, and a divided wood-sash top light. A wooden staircase with turned balustrades leads from the porch to the front yard, and a lattic skirt covers the foundation in the front of the house. The rear addition appears to have v-groove exterior wood siding, rather than the larger shiplap used on the original house. The front yard is landscaped with a large redwood tree, shrubs, planting beds, and a concrete walkway. In 1872 the property was owned by George McClean (City of Grass Valley Historical Files).

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.
- \*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking west at the residence.
- \*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic  
Circa 1870; City of Grass Valley Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA.
- \*P7. Owner and Address:** Gary D. and Victoria C. Flynn, 657 Cayunga Drive, San Jose, CA 95123.
- \*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
- \*P9. Date Recorded:** June 20, 2009
- \*P10. Type of Survey:**  Architectural
- Describe:** Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley 1872 Townsite.
- \*P11. Report Citation:** City of Grass Valley Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California. Prepared for the City of Grass Valley, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Prepared by Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

\*Attachments: Property Location Map

\*Required Information

Our tour begins at the historic Lola Montez House, home to the Grass Valley/Nevada County Chamber of Commerce. The tour can be enjoyed on foot, by bicycle or car. Walkers and cyclists should be in reasonably good shape and able to climb hills. Many of the buildings are private residences not open to the public. Please do not trespass or disturb the occupants.

**1. LOLA MONTEZ HOUSE**, 248 Mill Street. Local government began under an oak tree on this site in November 1850, when votes were collected in a cigar box and James Walsh was elected Justice of the Peace. A cabin was built here in 1851 and it was purchased in 1853 by international celebrity and performer Lola Montez. She resided here until 1855 when she returned to San Francisco. The present structure is a replica of Lola's original house (which had been extensively remodeled and finally was condemned in 1975). The structure houses the Grass Valley/Nevada County Chamber of Commerce, and a few artifacts from Lola's residency.

**2. THE HODGE STONE HOUSE & BREWERY**, 305 & 309 Mill Street. This structure has stone walls up to two feet thick, reflecting a bit of European architecture. It is a fine example of the mason's art. Built in 1861 by Thomas Hodge, the stone house was once accompanied by a brewery located where the adjacent apartment building now stands.

**3. LOTTA CRABTREE HOUSE**, 238 Mill Street. Lotta Crabtree was born in New York in 1847 and in the early 1850's came to Grass Valley where her parents operated a boardinghouse for gold miners. It was there that young Lotta met the famous Lola Montez who legend tells us taught her to sing and dance. Lotta entertained in mining camps and later graced the American stage until she retired at age forty four. She was the first American entertainer to become a millionaire, earning an estimated \$3 million. The home of her youth has since been remodeled into apartments.

**4. GRASS VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 207 Mill Street. The renowned teacher and philosopher Josiah Royce was born at this site in 1855. The library was built in 1916 with funding from the Carnegie Foundation.

**5. WELLS FARGO BANK**, 204 Mill Street. In the 1880's, this was the site of the Centennial Market. By the time of WW I, it was being used as a garage and Studebaker agency. Legend has it that owner A.B. Snyder was excavating for an underground gasoline tank when he came across a ledge of gold quartz. Several tons of quartz gold were removed and Snyder later sold the rights to the "Garage Vein" to the Golden Center Mining Co.

**6. MINER'S HOTEL**, 203 Mill Street. This three-story wooden building was built in 1896 as a hotel for single miners. During the 1940's, it was known as the Valley Hotel.

The accompanying text describes each of the 47 buildings shown on the Grass Valley Walking Tour map.



**7. VAN'S OPERA HOUSE**, 161 Mill Street. Now home to Hedman Furniture, this three-story stucco and stone building was built in 1890 by Pauline Van Hoeter. She sold it in 1894 to Charles Clinch of the Clinch Mercantile Co. For years, it was known as the Grass Valley Auditorium and many dramatic companies and musicians performed on its stage. Later, it became a movie theater known as The Strand.

**8. UNION SQUARE BUILDING**, 151 Mill Street. The Union newspaper was published here for 76 years before it moved to its present plant in the Glenbrook Basin in 1978. The Union was established in 1864 and named thusly because its publisher stood for the preservation of the Union during the Civil War.

**9. BON ALLURE BUILDING**, 139-143 Mill Street. Known for many years as the Thomas Building, this structure stands on a site occupied by the Railroad Hotel in the 1880's. The building was purchased in the 1930's by Arletta Douglas of Grass Valley, longtime proprietor of the Bon Allure clothing store.

**10. NEVADA COUNTY BANK BUILDING**, 131 Mill Street. This is perhaps the most impressive of all downtown buildings. Built in 1917 by the Rector Brothers, who

operated a Nevada City banking firm, the building was acquired in the 1930's by Bank of America which operated here until 1975. The glass-domed structure was renovated in 1975 and now houses an insurance company.

**11. THE OWL GRILL & SALOON**, 134 Mill Street. The first wooden building on this site dates to the early 1850's but was destroyed by fire. Today's Owl Grill & Saloon is made up of two structures, built in 1857 and 1862. It became a saloon in 1883. The "Owl" is derived from the days when local gold mines ran 24 hours per day.

**12. FOOTHILL MERCANTILE**, 121 Mill Street. This is one of Mill Street's newer facilities, built in 1942 as a storage depot for the J. C. Penney store. It also was the location for Sprouse-Reitz variety store for many years.

**13. BEITZ/HARTUNG BUILDING**, 124 Mill Street. This building has housed a jewelry store for more than a century. Watchmaker and engraver Henry Hartung, the son of German immigrants, began the tradition which was carried on by the Beitz family who operated Beitz Jewelers for forty years.

**14. MILL STREET CLOTHING/DOVETAIL DESIGN**, 150-117 Mill Street. This site was once occupied by the Empire Livery Stable and it was here that



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- \*P2. Location:**  Not for Publication  Unrestricted **\*a. County:** Nevada
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973
- c. Address:** 310 Henderson Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located at the west side of Henderson Street.
- \*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a single-story, wood-frame, Late Victorian style residence. Character defining features of the residence include its rectangular massing, front gable design, plain frieze below the gable eaves, horizontal wood shiplap exterior siding, a rectangular and louvered wood gable vent, a 1 over 1 light wood-sash attic window with a scalloped pattern beneath the window sill, a full front porch with two rectangular wood-sash windows flanking the angled and paneled door entrance that features a transom window over the period Victorian wood and lighted front door, and a full front porch with turned Victorian columns. The front yard is landscaped with roses, shrubs, and a white picket fence. The property was owned by John Bennett in 1872. The home was likely owned by the Bennett and Bastian families. Richard Bastian was a native of Cornwall, England and came to Grass Valley as a miner in the 1860s (City of Grass Valley Historical Files).

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.
- \*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking west at the residence.
- \*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic Circa 1866; City of Grass Valley Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA; Heritage Homes of Grass Valley, 2008, p. 7.
- \*P7. Owner and Address:** Ivan M. and Diane Longacre, 114 Conaway Avenue, Grass Valley, CA 95945.
- \*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
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Charles Clinch and W.D. Bourn Jr. formed the Clinch Mercantile Co. This was Grass Valley's J.C. Penney store from 1928 until 1989.

**15. ODD FELLOWS HALL AND GRASS VALLEY HARDWARE**, 112-116 Mill Street. Built in 1855, the hall in this three-building complex was first known as Parker's Hall, named after builder and merchant John Parker. One of the buildings housed Grass Valley Hardware Co. for more than a century, until the company closed in 1989. The Union newspaper began on the second floor of the Grass Valley Hardware building in 1864. The third building served as a bakery, grocery and dry goods outlet. Today, the buildings house various shops.

**16. WILD PLUM BUILDING**, 111-113 Mill Street. An 1891 map shows this as a furniture store. A photo from the 1920's shows it as Gill Miller, Undertaker. Safeway operated here in the 1930's and a Ben Franklin variety store was here in the 1940's and 1950's. Collier's Shoe Store opened here in the mid 1950's and closed in March, 2004.

**17. OLD TOWN CAFE**, 110 Mill Street. This is the original site of the Nevada County Bank which opened in 1900 and moved in 1917 to the bank building at Mill and Bank Streets.

**18. ADAMS EXPRESS AND STAGE CO. BUILDING**, 102 Mill Street. Completed in 1854 at a cost of \$10,000, this was the first brick structure in Grass Valley. The building was used for grocery and clothing sales until the 1870's when it became home to The Union newspaper which later built a plant at 151 Mill Street.

**19. HARDSCRABBLE BUILDING**, 107 West Main Street. Built in the late 1850's, this was the home of Harris and Saxon, furniture dealers. William Harris later became partners with John Farrell in a clothing business and the two were instrumental in forming Grass Valley's famous Cornish Choir.

**20. PACIFIC HOTEL**, Corner of South Auburn and West Main Streets. One of Grass Valley's earliest hotels, built in 1850 and destroyed by fire in 1855 and 1860, it was rebuilt each time. The hotel was demolished in 1931 to make way for a Standard Oil Co. gas station. A small brick building stands at the corner today.

**21. WISCONSIN HOTEL**, Corner of South Auburn and East Main Streets. Today a city parking lot, this site housed a hotel twice destroyed by fire and rebuilt. In the 1930's, the Richfield Oil Co. razed the old hotel and installed a gas station. In the 1880's, John Glasson operated a gas plant adjacent to the hotel, supplying the city with light and the Maryland Mine with power. The plant was sold in 1896 to the Nevada County Electrical Power Co.

**22. THE OLD POST OFFICE**, 131 South Auburn Street. Dr. Will Jones erected his residence here in 1874 and sold the site to the U.S. Government in 1913. Construction of the federal building, as it was then known,



The Holbrooke Hotel, circa 1930s

began in 1914. The post office opened in 1916 and operated until 1981 when a new post office was built on Bennett Street. The building now houses professional offices.

**23. SALVATION ARMY CITADEL**, 134 South Auburn Street. The Salvation Army first came to Grass Valley in 1887 as a Temperance Movement swept the nation. A wooden building to house the corps was built in 1887 and the present structure was completed in 1923. The building has been remodeled but the exterior remains as it was in the early 1920's.

**24. THE STEWART HOUSE**, 124 Bank Street. This attractive two-story Victorian was built in the 1880's by Henry John Stewart, a Canadian lumberman who owned a mill on Wolf Creek. The building was extensively restored and remodeled in 1991 and is now a restaurant.

**25. CHINATOWN**, Directly across from The Stewart House. This area, where a new hotel was planned, was once Grass Valley's Chinatown, second only to San Francisco's. More than 1,000 Chinese lived here in the 1870's. There were stores, gardens, opium and gambling parlors and "houses of joy." The area, nearly destroyed by fire in 1877, was razed in 1938.

**26. MAYBELLE FOSTER HOUSE**, 114 Stewart Street. Known as "The Miner's Friend", Maybelle Foster operated a bordello here in the 1920's and 1930's. Before that, the site served as the Cornish Wrestling Ring where for several decades Cornish miners and Cousin Jacks held their annual games.

**27. THE NEVADA ROOMS**, Second floor, 124 East Main Street. A brothel of some importance in the decades when prostitution flourished.

**28. THE GOLDEN GATE ROOMS**, Second floor, 122 East Main Street. Grass Valley's most famous brothel. Operated by the flamboyant Texas Tommy in the 1930's and 1940's.

**29. THE WASHINGTON BREWERY**, 114-116 East Main Street. Built by John Frank and David Binkelmann in 1858, according to E Clampus Vitus; or in 1862, according to other sources. Binkelmann had begun the Grass Valley Brewery in 1856 on North Auburn Street. The brewery was closed by Prohibition and later reopened as the Washington Tavern.

**30. THE EMPIRE ROOMS**, Second floor, 110 East Main Street. Another house of ill repute, operated during the 1930's by Jo May. From 1949 to 1958 the rooms became the Bartenders and Culinary Workers Union Hall.

**31. FOOTHILL FLOWERS**, 102 West Main Street. Located on the site of the original Loutzenheiser Pharmacy, this impressive brick structure was purchased by Marie Johnson in 1966 and is home to Foothill Flowers. The brick structure dates to the 1850's and remained in the Loutzenheiser family until 1928.

**32. WILLIAMS STATIONERY**, 112 West Main Street. Grass Valley's second oldest building was erected in 1854-55 as a mercantile and grocery business. It was known as Jenkins Variety Store for 47 years until 1949 when Floyd and Elton Williams purchased the business. Elton and Helen Williams bought the building and business in 1971.

**33. MONTEZ THEATER**, 116 West Main Street. Named for Lola Montez, this theater operated in 1930's and 1940's. From 1880 to 1900, this location was the site of Watt & Co., a general merchandise and grocery. Today, the building has been remodeled to become the Main Street Mall.

**34. ALPHA HARDWARE**, 204 West Main Street. This is the original 1870's site of Peter Purcell's Fashion Livery Stable and later served for decades as the home of the Alpha Hardware Co. The thick rock walls seen from the Holbrooke Hotel parking lot were built from local mine rock.

**35. BEATTY HOUSE-QUICK BUILDING**, 205-209 West Main Street. Built in late 1850 by Thomas and Zacheus Beatty, this wooden frame boardinghouse was destroyed in the fire of 1855 and rebuilt soon after. In 1882, A.P. Tietje and his brother, Henry, opened a cigar factory here. Former mayor William Parsons joined the firm and produced the Sierra Nevada Cigar.

**36. HOTEL DE FRANCE**, 206 West Main Street. Now home to the Canton Valley Chinese Restaurant, this site dates to 1852 and the opening of the Adams Express and Stage Co. A hotel was built following the 1855 fire and it was later renamed the Golden Gate Hotel. The hotel operated until 1905 when it was converted to a bank branch by Citizens Bank of Nevada City. The building was demolished in 1965 to make way for a Sears store.

**37. THE HOLBROOKE HOTEL**, 212 West Main Street. This is one of Grass Valley's most recognized landmarks. The Golden Gate Saloon was established on this site in 1851 and was rebuilt with stone and brick after the fire of 1855 and became known as the Exchange Hotel.

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- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973
- c. Address:** 309 Race Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the south side of Race Street on a large parcel.

\*a. County: Nevada

**\*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a 1 ½-story, wood-frame Queen Anne style residence. Character defining features of the residence include its asymmetric fenestration, complex roof that includes a gable, hip, and six-sided turret, a 1 over 1 light sash window in the main gable attic, a bay window below the closed gable with a pair of 1 over 1 light wood-sash windows and two 1 over 1 light wood-sash windows on the side of the bay, a gabled front porch roof with a plain frieze supported by replaced metal decorative iron columns with similar metal railing on the porch and the stairway, a sloping lot with a below grade living area on the right hand side of the house that features a turret style bay rising two-stories with a ball finial atop the turret, and possibly replaced 1 over 1 light windows, and replacement aluminum exterior horizontal panel siding. The front yard is formally landscaped with a large lawn, hedges, shrubs, and planting beds. In 1872 the parcel was owned by Phillip Quark.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.

**\*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



**P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking south at the residence.

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic Circa 1898; City of Grass Valley Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA.

**\*P7. Owner and Address:** Gary W. and Alma G. Walker, 309 Race Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

**\*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

**\*P9. Date Recorded:** April 28, 2009

**\*P10. Type of Survey:**  Architectural

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\*Attachments: Property Location Map



Daniel P. Holbrooke purchased the building in 1870 and renamed it. Restored to its original splendor, the Holbrooke is owned by local business people.

**38. MAIN STREET RESTAURANT & ANNEX**, 213-215 West Main Street. A book store and telegraph office operated here in the 1850's and it was a pool hall for many years before becoming a restaurant. The annex includes what was known as the Van Hoerter building, built by Joseph and Pauline Van Hoerter. Pauline had worked for John Sutter in Sacramento as a seamstress. In Grass Valley, she operated a soap factory, was involved in various real estate and mining enterprises and built Van's Opera House (at the site of Hedman's Furniture on Mill Street).

**39. TOFANELLI'S RESTAURANT**, 302 West Main Street. This one-story brick structure was built by local attorneys Alfred Dibble and James Byrne. It later became a hardware store, a market and print shop. Gino Tofanelli leased it during the 1940's and did business for two decades as Tofanelli's Market. It became a restaurant in 1977.

**40. FREEMAN'S BAKERY**, 302A West Main Street. Eli Freeman, a baker from Iowa, came to Grass Valley in the 1870's. He and his nephew, William, operated a bakery here for several decades. The shop later housed the Three R's Bookstore for 25 years.

**41. BRET HARTE INN**, 305 West Main Street. The City Hotel stood here in the 1850's but it burned down June 11, 1862 and was rebuilt. In the 1870's, it was known as The Cabinet, operated by the Temby brothers, Cornish wrestlers. The Bret Harte, named for the famous author, was built in 1917 and was a rival to the Holbrooke. Extensively remodeled in the 1980's, it is now a senior citizen retirement home.

**42. THE COLEMAN HOUSE**, 318 Neal Street. The house was built in the mid-1860's by Edward Coleman, owner of the North Star and Idaho mines as well as the Mohawk Lumber Co. He was also treasurer of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad. In 1982 Mark Murphy established and operated the residence as a bed and breakfast inn and left the exterior unchanged from the original. It is currently a private residence.

**43. GEORGE HILL RESIDENCE**, 319 Neal Street. Hill came to Grass Valley in 1858. He was a miner, farmer and dairyman whose first house was in the Hills Flat area, which is named after him. The Neal Street house is where Caroline Hanson lived when she originated Grass Valley's Donation Day in 1883.

**44. FRANK J. BEATTY RESIDENCE**, 403 Neal Street. This house was built in the 1890's by Charles Clinch and is also known as the Ridge-Tremoureux house. Beatty came to Grass Valley in 1862, worked in mining, merchandising and banking. He married Alice B. Ridge, daughter of local newspaper editor John Rollin Ridge. Alice's grandmother, Elizabeth Ridge, planted the famed sugar

maple in the front yard in 1876; she brought this west from the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

**45. EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 245 South Church Street. Built on land donated by the Gold Hill Mining Co. in 1858, this is the oldest Episcopal church in the Northern Mines region.

**46. WILLIAM CAMPBELL RESIDENCE**, 328 South Church Street. One of Grass Valley's earliest settlers, Campbell operated a bakery and grocery. He became one of the wealthiest citizens of the county and was widely traveled. He built a beautiful home on Church Street which later became the Jones Hospital which operated from 1907 into the 1960's. It is now a bed and breakfast inn known as the Swan-Levine house.

**47. ST. JOSEPH'S CULTURAL CENTER**. The building, site of the former Mt. St. Mary's Convent for the Sisters of Mercy, was completed in 1866. As soon as it opened it also served as an orphanage, and later a private school. The building was granted State Historic Landmark Status after it had achieved non-profit status in 1972. Currently the building and the adjacent St. Joseph's Hall serve as a cultural center with the Grass Valley Museum and thirteen artist studios as its centerpiece. St. Patrick's Cemetery across the street is one of the area's oldest, dating to 1853.

## Other Points of Interest

**NORTH STAR POWERHOUSE AND PELTON WHEEL MINING EXHIBIT**. Located at the end of Mill Street, near McCourtney and Allison Ranch Roads, this museum is a designated historic landmark. It houses a large exhibition of mining equipment and artifacts from the 1880's. Included in this display is a Cornish pump, a stamp mill and the world's largest Pelton Wheel (30 feet) built in 1895 by A.D. Foote. The museum is open to the public May 1- October 15; donations are accepted.

**GOLD QUARTZ DISCOVERY MARKER**. Located on Jenkins Street (Via Brighton and Cornwall), this marker commemorates the discovery of gold-bearing quartz. The legend goes back to 1850 when a cow, owned by George McKnight, strayed off across a meadow. In a rush to retrieve his fleeing animal, McKnight stubbed his toe on a protruding rock. Looking closer, he saw gold embedded in the quartz and thus hardrock mining came into existence in this area. This is the location of the Gold Hill Mine that is credited with producing \$4 million in gold from 1850 to 1857.

**LYMAN GILMORE SCHOOL**. The school occupies the site of the first commercial air field in the United States, which opened March 15, 1907. A school wall features a large mural of California's first aviator, Lyman Gilmore, who claimed to have flown before the Wright Brothers. Gilmore, who was known locally for his colorful character, died in 1951 at 74.

**EMPIRE MINE STATE HISTORIC PARK**. This 780-acre state park is located off East Empire Street one and a half miles from the downtown area. The Empire Mine was one of the oldest, largest, and richest mines in California. During 107 years of operation, it produced more than \$960 million in gold (based on 1974 gold market prices). The surface of the mine with its mansion, formal gardens, mining artifacts and trail systems, make the park a renowned historical and recreational showplace. Self-guided and docent tours are available.

## Other Nearby Points of Interest

**NEVADA CITY**. Located four miles to the northeast, the Queen City of the Northern Mines tastefully preserves its colorful gold mining and Victorian era history. Sightseers and photographers are entranced by spring flowers and spectacular fall colors amid the city's beautiful old homes and white church steeples. The entire downtown area, illuminated by gas lamps, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Museums, interesting shops, restaurants, and wineries are among the attractions.

**ROUGH & READY**. Located a few miles west of Grass Valley via Rough & Ready Highway, this tiny village was settled by the Rough & Ready Mining Co. whose leader, Captain Townsend, named it after President Zachary Taylor "Old Rough & Ready,." This community once made history by seceding from the Union for a brief period and still holds an annual Secession Day celebration.

**BRIDGEPORT COVERED BRIDGE**. Located on the South Yuba River near Penn Valley, this 229-foot long span was built by David I. Wood in 1862. During the Gold Rush, countless Wells Fargo stagecoaches crossed this bridge enroute to the various northern mines.

**MALAKOFF DIGGINS STATE HISTORIC PARK**. Located a half-hour's drive northeast of Nevada City, the park includes what was once the largest hydraulic gold mine in the world along with the restored mining town of North Bloomfield.

## Grass Valley Parks

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**. Located at Colfax Avenue and Race Street, Memorial Park is situated on a parcel of land presented to the City of Grass Valley in memory of those who served in the war. The park has excellent picnic facilities, playground, softball field, tennis courts and swimming pool.

**CONDON PARK**. Located off Butler Road or Brighton Street, Condon Park includes 180 acres of forestland and playing fields. The property was willed to the city for recreational uses by Miss Lulu Condon, a dynamic citizen of the mining era. The park has a meeting hall, excellent barbecue and picnic facilities, playground, two baseball and softball fields, a disc golf course, skateboard park and a trail system.



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- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the east side of Marshall Street.
- \*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a single-story, wood-frame, front-gable residence that fronts Marshall Street. Character defining features of the home include a narrow, horizontal massing, a gently sloping gable roof, a hipped roof full front porch with turned Victorian style columns, wood shingles in the gable end surrounding a 6 light wood-sash attic window and above the window a wooden knee brace. The front of the house features two large 1 over 1 light horizontally oriented wood-sash windows flanking a contemporary wood and lighted front door. The porch balustrades appear to be replacements and a series of wood steps with wooden balustrades leads to the front entry door. The lower part of the house is sided with wood horizontal v-groove siding and in the left rear is a single-car garage. The front yard is landscaped with a large mature tree, lawn, planting beds, and a divided concrete driveway.

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.
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**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking east at the residence.
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- \*P7. Owner and Address:** Kathleen E. Luzmoor, 309 Marshall Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945.
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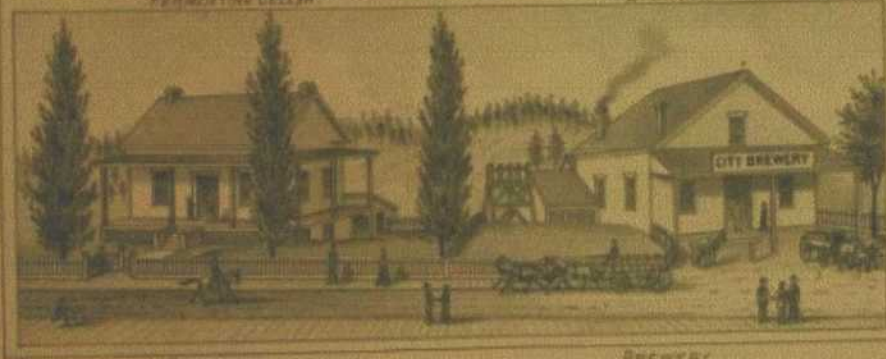
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FERMENTING CELLAR

MALT HOUSE



RESIDENCE,

BREWERY.

OF  
THOS. HODGE & CO.  
GRASS VALLEY, NEVADA, CAL.



SCADDEN, HENRY, resides at Grass Valley. He was born in Cornwall, England, 1829. In 1850 he went to South America, remaining there about five years. Reached California in 1855; located in Grass Valley soon after, and has resided there ever since. Mr. Scadden is a practical miner. He first worked for Wm. Watt and B. B. Layton upon Massachusetts Hill. Subsequently he did much contract work for different mining companies, and was also employed as superintendent of very valuable mines. He, in company with three others, finally bought the Scadden Flat mine, which was successfully and profitably worked. At one time Mr. S. was engaged in the livery business at Grass Valley, for two years. He and his son are at present conducting a grocery business at that place. He is also a partner of Mr. **Hodge** in the brewery, a view of which appears on another page. He was married September 27, 1855, to Mary Jane Yendel. They have had eight children, six of whom are now living, four boys and two girls. Post office Grass Valley.

**HODGE** THOMAS, of the firm of Thomas **Hodge** & Co., proprietors of the City Brewery, Grass Valley, was born in England in 1838, and in 1848 went with his parents to Connecticut and from there to Pennsylvania. In 1854, he came to Grass Valley with his father, Samuel Hodge, and was interested in mining until 1859. Samuel **Hodge** purchased the City Brewery, and in 1863, Thomas **Hodge** took charge of it. They are brewing ale, porter and beer, and are the only establishment making XXX ale and porter. The brewery originally stood on the corner of Church and Main streets, and in 1861 was moved to its present location on Mill street. In 1864, Mr. **Hodge** married Miss Delia Connolly, a native of Maine, and has four sons and four daughters. A view of the City Brewery is given elsewhere.





Figure 3. Stone house on Mill Street, Grass Valley (CDMG, 1949:158).

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## THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

A cutting affray took place at the Hodge brewery in Grass Valley between Thomas Hodge and a man named John Jones. Jones was quite badly injured.

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THOMAS HODGE 1913



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Sat, Jun 17, 2023



## PIONEER GOES TO MEET MAKER

**Thomas Hodge Lies Dead at  
His Old Home on  
Mill Street.**

**He Had Resided in This City  
for the Past Fifty-  
five Years.**

Pioneer Thomas Hodge lies dead at his home on Mill street, in the cottage which had been his home for forty-three years. He passed away at 9:59 o'clock Sunday evening, after a long and hopeless illness. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Congregational church under the auspices of Wiener Tribe of Red Men. Interment will be made in the Red Men's cemetery.

Decedent was a native of Goldthney, England, aged sixty-nine years and eighteen days. He came to Grass Valley at the age of fourteen and engaged with others in mining on Deer creek. After a few years of that life he accumulated considerable money, returned to his native land and induced his father and several other relatives to accompany him back to the new Eldorado. He continued to mine in this section for a few years, but deserted that life to engage in the brewery business. In this he prospered wonderfully, conducting what is now known as the City brewery. From four to six large wagons made regular trips to every mining camp within a radius of thirty miles or more. Later unfortunate speculations proved disastrous. Something like twelve years ago he disposed of his brewery business and retired to a quiet life, though hitherto he had taken a deep interest in all that pertained to city government. He was a man who easily made friends, and to his credit he it said he retained them all to the last. Manifestations of sorrow were heard on all sides when it became known that "Tom" Hodge had breathed his last.

By his death a widow and six children are left. They are Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. T. J. Kelsner, Richard Hodge, Mrs. Sarah Ahearn, Samuel Hodge, Mrs. Hitchcock, Alex, John and Miss Lizzie Hodge.

## VISITS BOYHOOD SCENES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith have arrived from Oakland to make a short visit at the boyhood home of the latter. It was about thirty years ago that Mr. Smith left here. His parents were pioneer residents, his father being a member of the brewery firm of Hodge & Smith on Mill street. The brewery is still in business, but has changed and enlarged much in later years. It is now known as the City brewery. Mr. Smith is cashier for the Oakland department of the gas and electric corporation which is owned by John Martin, E. S. de Sabla and others.

SMITH AND HODGE 1906



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Wed, Jun 21, 2023



*Built in 1855 by merchant named Sylvester*

**JAMES CREGAN ALIVE  
AND MYSTERY DEEPENS**

James Cregan is very much alive, but the identity of the dead body which was mistaken for that of Cregan is still a mystery.

After positively identifying the dead man Thursday evening, Thomas Hodge made a trip out to the old man's cabin yesterday morning to see if anything had been disturbed, having known him for forty years. To his astonishment he found Cregan about the place hale and hearty. When informed that he was supposed to be dead and in a casket awaiting burial, the old miner was greatly amused.

Hodge hurried back to town and informed Undertaker Harris that a mistake had been made. He stated that he had never seen features more alike, and until he came face to face with Cregan was still certain that the latter was dead.

Now the mystery is deeper than ever. All day yesterday vigorous inquiry was made to ascertain, if possible, the identity of the dead man, but without success. From all the surrounding country comes the report that nobody is missing, and conjecture is rife as to who the man was and whence he came.

The remains will be interred this morning in the potter's field, unless claimed before, the funeral taking place from Harris' undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock.

# JAMES CREGAN THOMAS HODGE 1905



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Wed, Jun 21, 2023



CHESS BOARDS AT DIXON'S.



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GRASS VALLEY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY.

W. A. SMITH



THOMAS HODGE

# CITY BREWERY

 SMITH & HODGE. 

PROPRIETORS.

**Lower Mill Street, Grass Valley.**



 BREWERS OF PALE ALE. 

**GO TO OLE JOHNSON'S**

— TWO STORY —

## FURNITURE WARE HOUSE,

IF YOU WANT TO GET

 PIANOS AND FURNITURE CHEAP 

Having a NEW HEARSE, I am prepared to attend to UNDERTAKING on the shortest notice. My prices are such as to defy competition.

OLE JOHNSON, Proprietor,  
Corner Main and Mill Streets, Grass Valley.

## GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL,



**J. L. CLAPP** Proprietor.

Located opposite the City Gas Works, Main Street,

**GRASS VALLEY.**

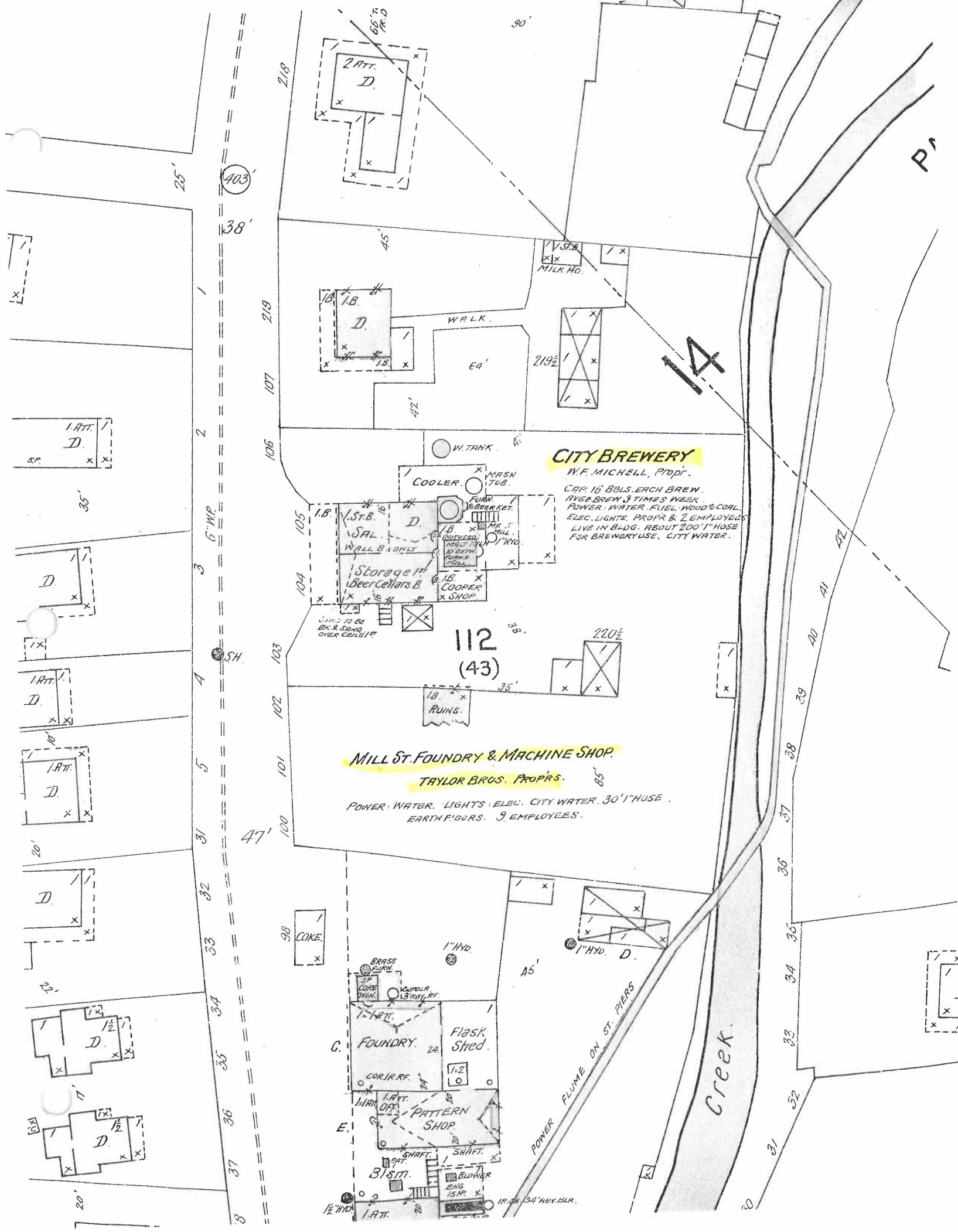


J. L. CLAPP has recently fitted up the house built by RELLEY, and is now prepared to furnish all who may call upon him with comfortable Rooms and the Best of Accommodations.

 The Table will be Supplied with the Best the Market Affords. 

WHO KEEPS THE GREAT CLOTHING EMPORIUM, CORNER OF





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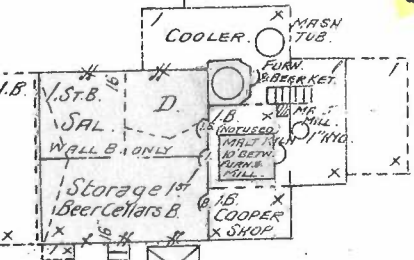
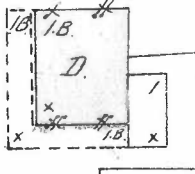
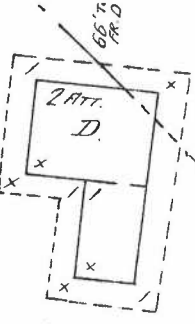
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### CITY BREWERY

W.F. MICHELL, Propr.

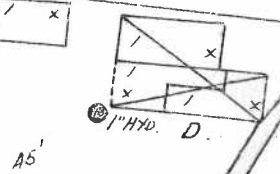
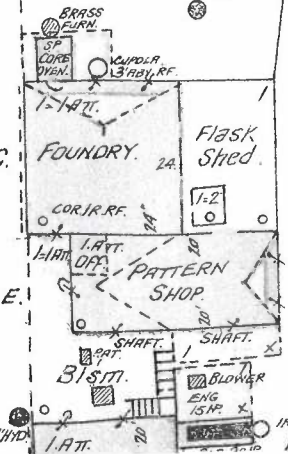
CAP. 16 BBL. EACH BREW.  
RYE & BREW 3 TIMES WEEK.  
POWER: WATER, FUEL, WOOD & COAL.  
ELEC. LIGHTS. PROP. & 2 EMPLOYEES.  
LIVE IN B-DG. ABOUT 200' HOSE  
FOR BREWERY USE. CITY WATER.

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### MILL ST. FOUNDRY & MACHINE SHOP.

TAYLOR BROS. PROPR.

POWER: WATER. LIGHTS: ELEC. CITY WATER. 30' HOSE.  
EARTH FLOORS. 9 EMPLOYEES.



POWER FLUME ON ST. PIERS

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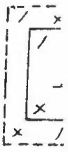
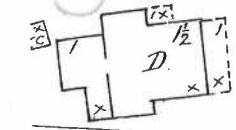
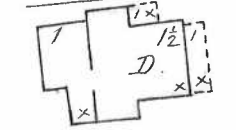
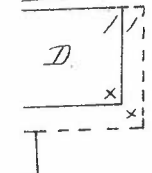
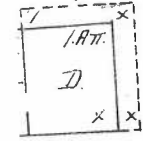
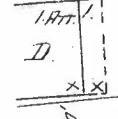
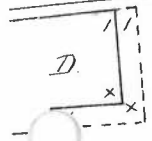
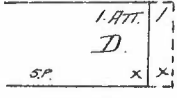
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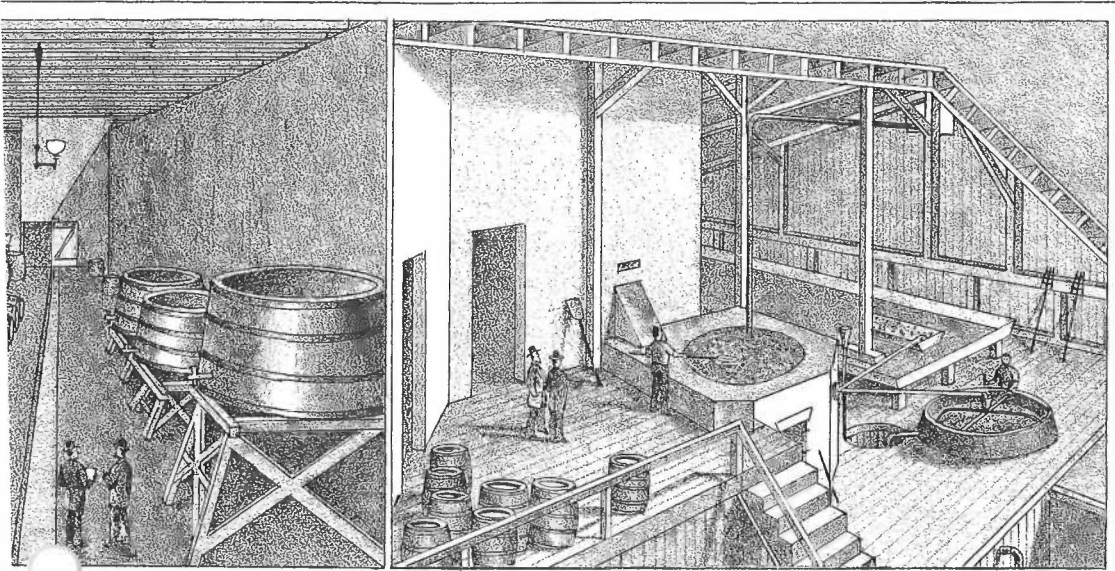
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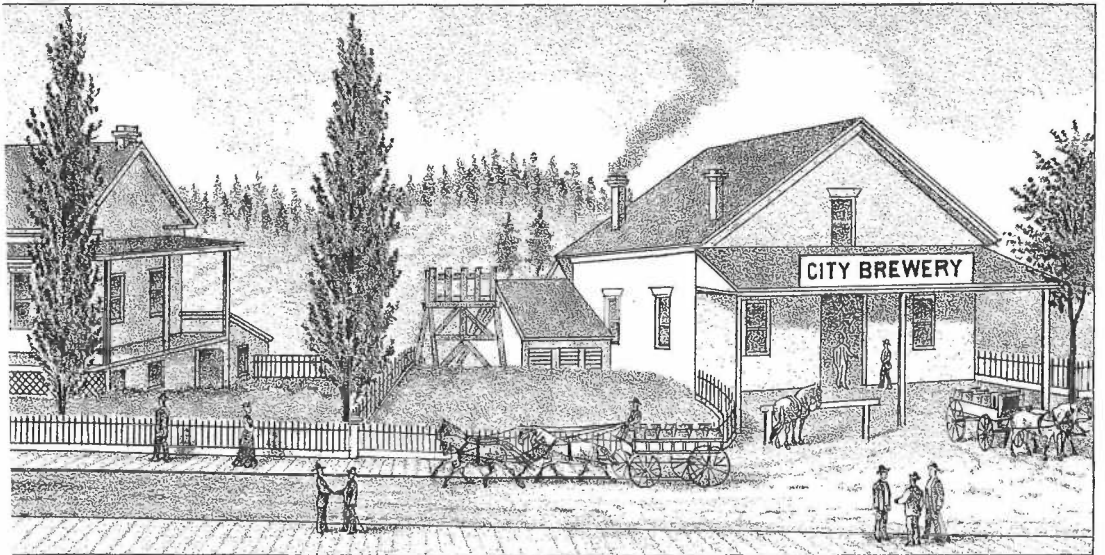
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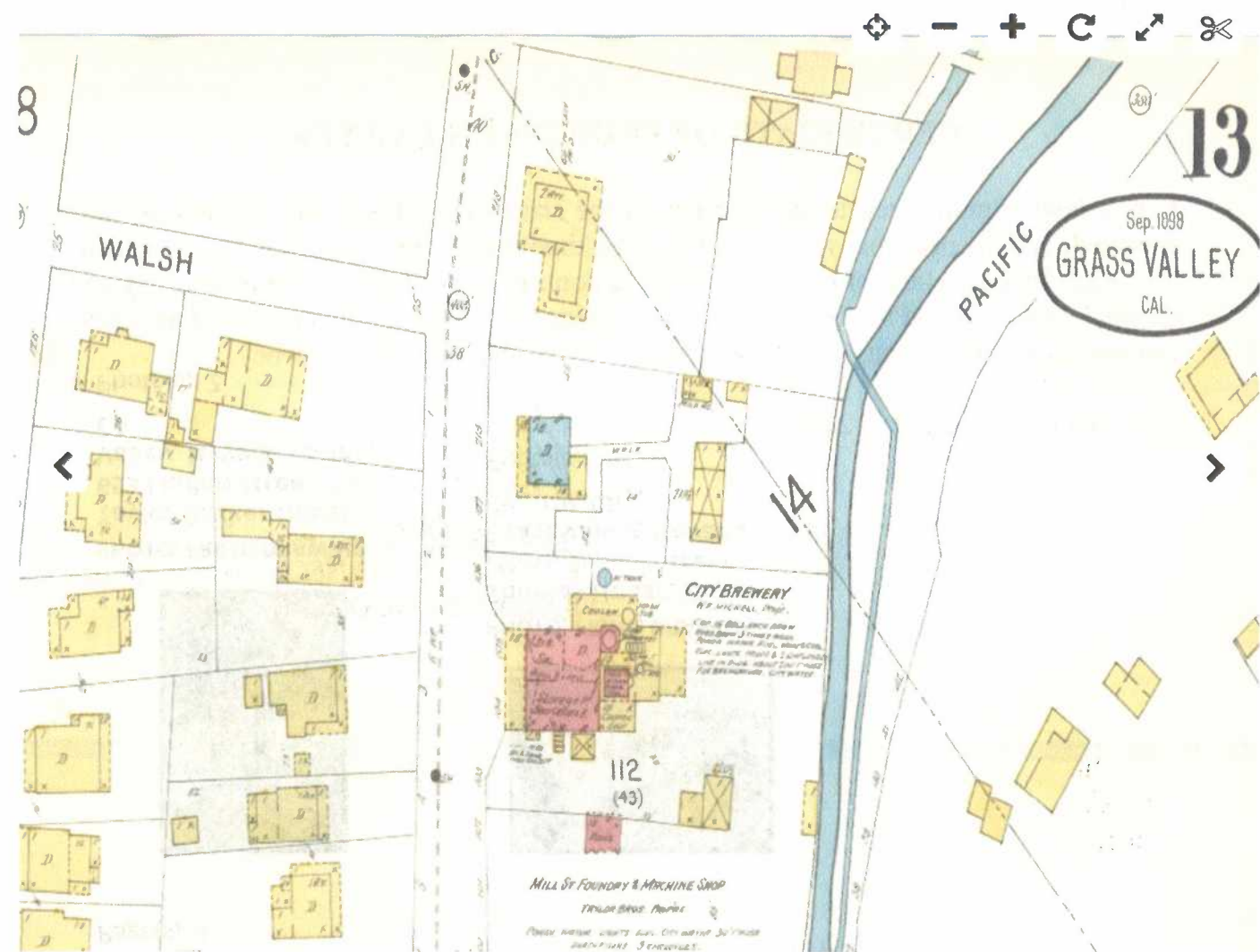
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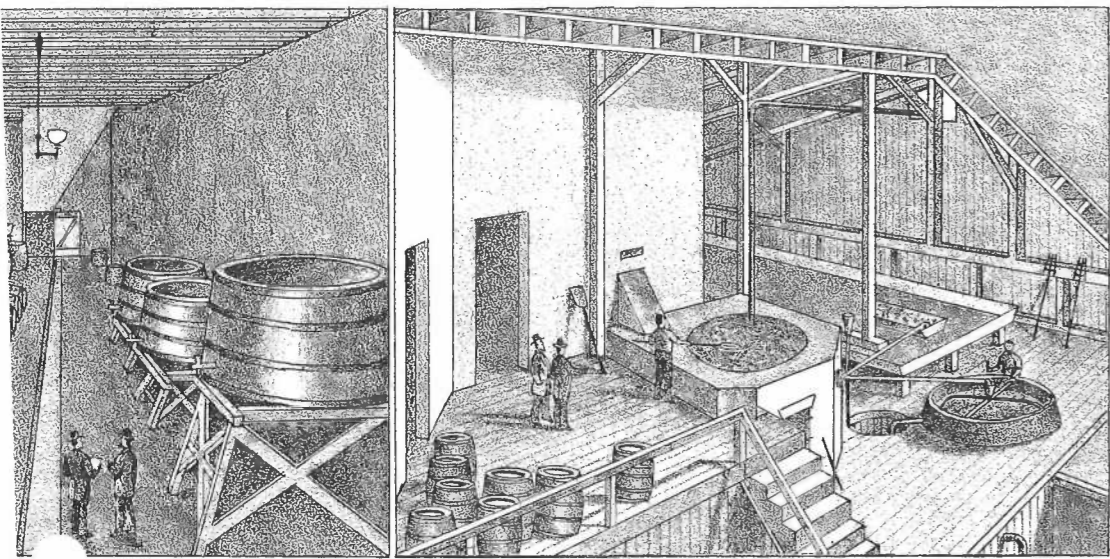
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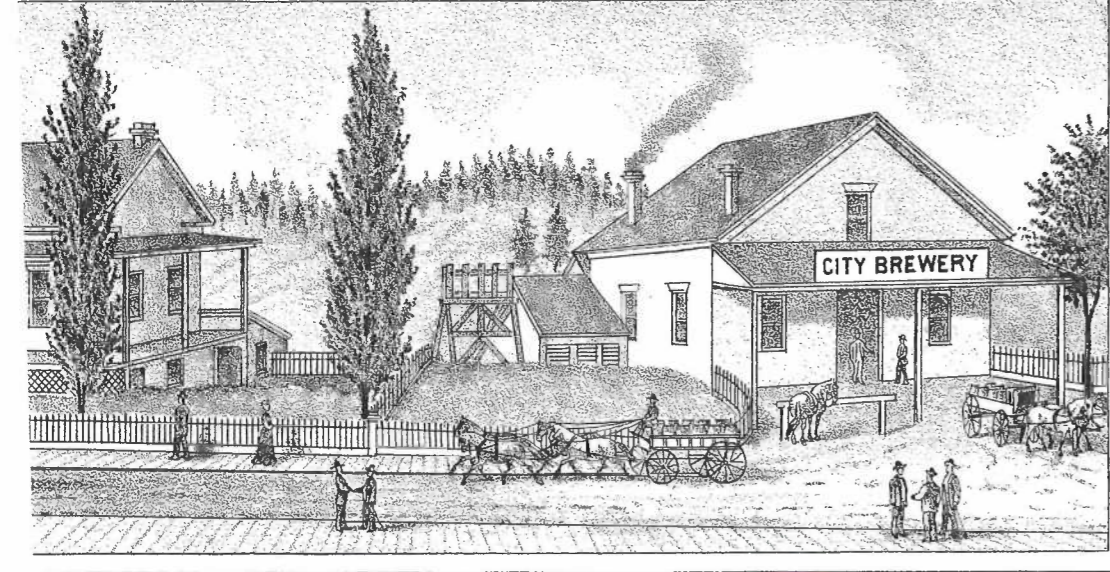
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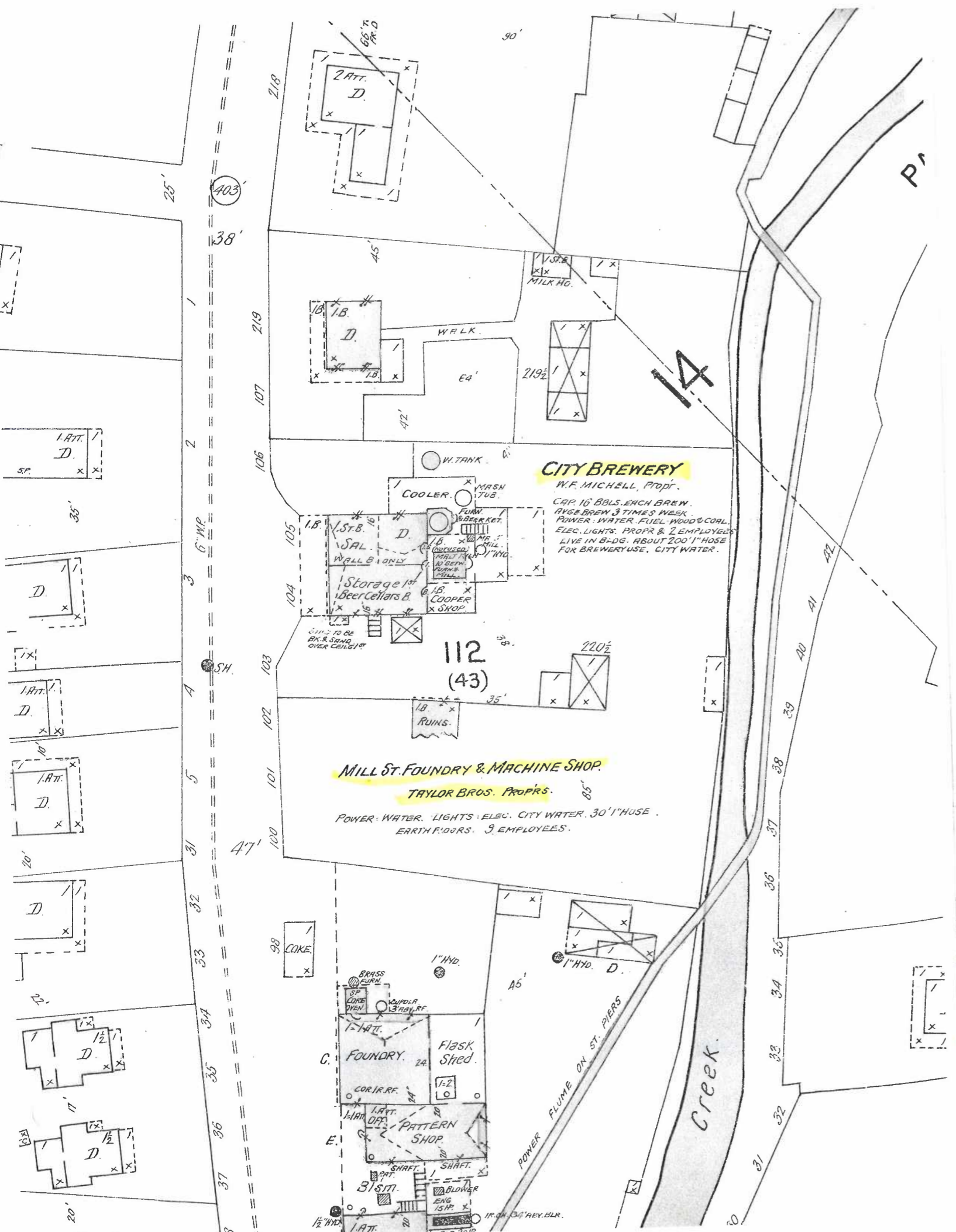


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**CITY BREWERY**

W.F. MICHELL, Prop'r.  
 CAP. 16 BBL. EACH BREW.  
 AVE. BREW 3 TIMES WEEK.  
 POWER: WATER, FUEL, WOOD & COAL.  
 ELEC. LIGHTS, PROP'R & 2 EMPLOYEES.  
 LIVE IN B-BDG. ABOUT 200' HOSE  
 FOR BREWERY USE, CITY WATER.

**MILL ST. FOUNDRY & MACHINE SHOP**

TAYLOR BROS. PROP'RS.  
 POWER: WATER, LIGHTS: ELEC. CITY WATER, 30' HOSE.  
 EARTH FLOORS. 3 EMPLOYEES.

**FOUNDRY**

BRASS FURN. 100  
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# CITY BREWERY

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PROPRIETORS.

Lower Mill Street, Grass Valley.

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# FURNITURE WARE HOUSE,

IF YOU WANT TO GET

PIANOS AND FURNITURE CHEAP

Having a NEW HEARSE, I am prepared to attend to UNDERTAKING on the shortest notice. My prices are such as to defy competition.

OLE JOHNSON, Proprietor.

Corner Main and Mill Streets, Grass Valley.

# GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL,

J. L. CLAPP Proprietor.

Located opposite the City Gas Works, Main Street, GRASS VALLEY.



J. L. CLAPP has recently fitted up the house built by KELLEY, and is now prepared to furnish all who may call upon him with comfortable Rooms and the Best of Accommodations.

The Table will be Supplied with the Best the Market Affords.

WHO KEEPS THE GREAT CLOTHING EMPORIUM, CORNER OF



**JAMES CREGAN ALIVE  
AND MYSTERY DEEPENS**

James Cregan is very much alive, but the identity of the dead body which was mistaken for that of Cregan is still a mystery.

After positively identifying the dead man Thursday evening, Thomas Hodge made a trip out to the old man's cabin yesterday morning to see if anything had been disturbed, having known him for forty years. To his astonishment he found Cregan about the place hale and hearty. When informed that he was supposed to be dead and in a casket awaiting burial, the old miner was greatly amused.

Hodge hurried back to town and informed Undertaker Harris that a mistake had been made. He stated that he had never seen features more alike, and until he came face to face with Cregan was still certain that the latter was dead.

Now the mystery is deeper than ever. All day yesterday vigorous inquiry was made to ascertain, if possible, the identity of the dead man, but without success. From all the surrounding country comes the report that nobody is missing, and conjecture is rife as to who the man was and whence he came.

The remains will be interred this morning in the potter's field, unless claimed before, the funeral taking place from Harris' undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock.

## JAMES CREGAN THOMAS HODGE 1905



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*Built in 1855 by merchant named Sylvester*

## VISITS BOYHOOD SCENES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith have arrived from Oakland to make a short visit at the boyhood home of the latter. It was about thirty years ago that Mr. Smith left here. His parents were pioneer residents, his father being a member of the brewery firm of Hodge & Smith on Mill street. The brewery is still in business, but has changed and enlarged much in later years. It is now known as the City brewery. Mr. Smith is cashier for the Oakland department of the gas and electric corporation which is owned by John Martin, E. S. de Sabla and others.

SMITH AND HODGE 1906



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# PIONEER GOES TO MEET MAKER

## Thomas Hodge Lies Dead at His Old Home on Mill Street.

### He Had Resided in This City for the Past Fifty-five Years.

Pioneer Thomas Hodge lies dead at his home on Mill street, in the cottage which had been his home for forty-three years. He passed away at 9:59 o'clock Sunday evening, after a long and hopeless illness. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Congregational church under the auspices of Wiener Tribe of Red Men. Interment will be made in the Red Men's cemetery.

Decedent was a native of Golsithney, England, aged sixty-nine years and eighteen days. He came to Grass Valley at the age of fourteen and engaged with others in mining on Deer creek. After a few years of that life he accumulated considerable money, returned to his native land and induced his father and several other relatives to accompany him back to the new Eldorado. He continued to mine in this section for a few years, but deserted that life to engage in the brewery business. In this he prospered wonderfully, conducting what is now known as the City brewery. From four to six large wagons made regular trips to every mining camp within a radius of thirty miles or more. Later unfortunate speculations proved disastrous. Something like twelve years ago he disposed of his brewery business and retired to a quiet life, though hitherto he had taken a deep interest in all that pertained to city government. He was a man who easily made friends, and to his credit he it said he retained them all to the last. Manifestations of sorrow were heard on all sides when it became known that "Tom" Hodge had breathed his last.

By his death a widow and six children are left. They are Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. T. J. Kehler, Richard Hodge, Mrs. Sarah Ahearn, Samuel Hodge, Mrs. Hitchcock, Alex, John and Miss Lizzie Hodge.

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### THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

A cutting affray took place at the Hodge brewery in Grass Valley between Thomas Hodge and a man named John Jones. Jones was quite badly injured.

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THOMAS HODGE 1913



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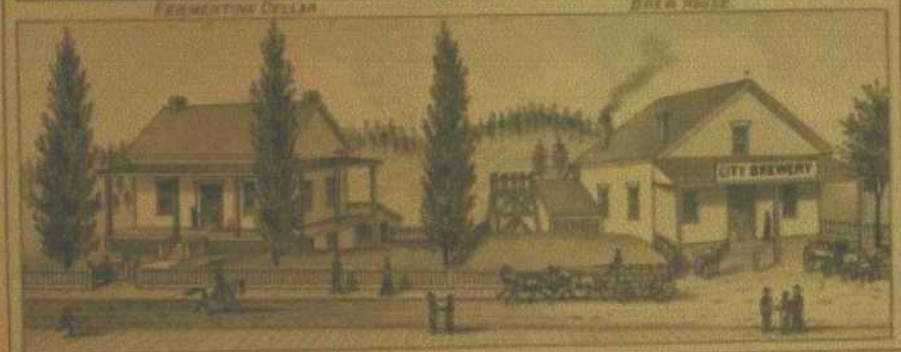


Figure 3. Stone house on Mill Street, Grass Valley (CDMG, 1949:158).

**HODGE**, THOMAS, of the firm of Thomas **Hodge** & Co., proprietors of the City Brewery, Grass Valley, was born in England in 1838, and in 1848 went with his parents to Connecticut and from there to Pennsylvania. In 1854, he came to Grass Valley with his father, Samuel Hodge, and was interested in mining until 1859. Samuel **Hodge** purchased the City Brewery, and in 1863, Thomas **Hodge** took charge of it. They are brewing ale, porter and beer, and are the only establishment making XXX ale and porter. The brewery originally stood on the corner of Church and Main streets, and in 1861 was moved to its present location on Mill street. In 1864, Mr. **Hodge** married Miss Delia Connolly, a native of Maine, and has four sons and four daughters. A view of the City Brewery is given elsewhere.

SCADDEN, HENRY, resides at Grass Valley. He was born in Cornwall, England, 1829. In 1850 he went to South America, remaining there about five years. Reached California in 1855; located in Grass Valley soon after, and has resided there ever since. Mr. Scadden is a practical miner. He first worked for Wm. Watt and B. B. Layton upon Massachusetts Hill. Subsequently he did much contract work for different mining companies, and was also employed as superintendent of very valuable mines. He, in company with three others, finally bought the Scadden Flat mine, which was successfully and profitably worked. At one time Mr. S. was engaged in the livery business at Grass Valley, for two years. He and his son are at present conducting a grocery business at that place. He is also a partner of Mr. Hodge in the brewery, a view of which appears on another page. He was married September 27, 1855, to Mary Jane Yendel. They have had eight children, six of whom are now living, four boys and two girls. Post office Grass Valley.





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GRASS VALLEY, NEVADA, CAL.

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\*Resource Name or #: 309 Marshall Street

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**\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973  
**c. Address:** 309 Marshall Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945  
**d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A  
**e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the east side of Marshall Street.  
**\*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a single-story, wood-frame, front-gable residence that fronts Marshall Street. Character defining features of the home include a narrow, horizontal massing, a gently sloping gable roof, a hipped roof full front porch with turned Victorian style columns, wood shingles in the gable end surrounding a 6 light wood-sash attic window and above the window a wooden knee brace. The front of the house features two large 1 over 1 light horizontally oriented wood-sash windows flanking a contemporary wood and lighted front door. The porch balustrades appear to be replacements and a series of wood steps with wooden balustrades leads to the front entry door. The lower part of the house is sided with wood horizontal v-groove siding and in the left rear is a single-car garage. The front yard is landscaped with a large mature tree, lawn, planting beds, and a divided concrete driveway.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.

**\*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



**P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking east at the residence.

- \*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic  
Circa 1910; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA.  
**\*P7. Owner and Address:** Kathleen E. Luzmoor, 309  
Marshall Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945.  
**\*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural  
Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El  
Dorado Hills, CA 95762.  
**\*P9. Date Recorded:** October 10, 2009  
**\*P10. Type of Survey:**  Architectural  
**Describe:** Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley 1872  
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**\*P11. Report Citation:** City of Grass Valley Historical  
Resources Inventory, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California.  
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Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

\*Attachments: Property Location Map

\*Required Information

Daniel P. Holbrooke purchased the building in 1870 and renamed it. Restored to its original splendor, the Holbrooke is owned by local business people.

**38. MAIN STREET RESTAURANT & ANNEX**, 213-215 West Main Street. A book store and telegraph office operated here in the 1850's and it was a pool hall for many years before becoming a restaurant. The annex includes what was known as the Van Hoerter building, built by Joseph and Pauline Van Hoerter. Pauline had worked for John Sutter in Sacramento as a seamstress. In Grass Valley, she operated a soap factory, was involved in various real estate and mining enterprises and built Van's Opera House (at the site of Hedman's Furniture on Mill Street).

**39. TOFANELLI'S RESTAURANT**, 302 West Main Street. This one-story brick structure was built by local attorneys Alfred Dibble and James Byrne. It later became a hardware store, a market and print shop. Gino Tofanelli leased it during the 1940's and did business for two decades as Tofanelli's Market. It became a restaurant in 1977.

**40. FREEMAN'S BAKERY**, 302A West Main Street. Eli Freeman, a baker from Iowa, came to Grass Valley in the 1870's. He and his nephew, William, operated a bakery here for several decades. The shop later housed the Three R's Bookstore for 25 years.

**41. BRET HARTE INN**, 305 West Main Street. The City Hotel stood here in the 1850's but it burned down June 11, 1862 and was rebuilt. In the 1870's, it was known as The Cabinet, operated by the Temby brothers, Cornish wrestlers. The Bret Harte, named for the famous author, was built in 1917 and was a rival to the Holbrooke. Extensively remodeled in the 1980's, it is now a senior citizen retirement home.

**42. THE COLEMAN HOUSE**, 318 Neal Street. The house was built in the mid-1860's by Edward Coleman, owner of the North Star and Idaho mines as well as the Mohawk Lumber Co. He was also treasurer of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad. In 1982 Mark Murphy established and operated the residence as a bed and breakfast inn and left the exterior unchanged from the original. It is currently a private residence.

**43. GEORGE HILL RESIDENCE**, 319 Neal Street. Hill came to Grass Valley in 1858. He was a miner, farmer and dairyman whose first house was in the Hills Flat area, which is named after him. The Neal Street house is where Caroline Hanson lived when she originated Grass Valley's Donation Day in 1883.

**44. FRANK J. BEATTY RESIDENCE**, 403 Neal Street. This house was built in the 1890's by Charles Clinch and is also known as the Ridge-Tremoureaux house. Beatty came to Grass Valley in 1862, worked in mining, merchandising and banking. He married Alice B. Ridge, daughter of local newspaper editor John Rollin Ridge. Alice's grandmother, Elizabeth Ridge, planted the famed sugar

maple in the front yard in 1876; she brought this west from the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

**45. EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 245 South Church Street. Built on land donated by the Gold Hill Mining Co. in 1858, this is the oldest Episcopal church in the Northern Mines region.

**46. WILLIAM CAMPBELL RESIDENCE**, 328 South Church Street. One of Grass Valley's earliest settlers, Campbell operated a bakery and grocery. He became one of the wealthiest citizens of the county and was widely traveled. He built a beautiful home on Church Street which later became the Jones Hospital which operated from 1907 into the 1960's. It is now a bed and breakfast inn known as the Swan-Levine house.

**47. ST. JOSEPH'S CULTURAL CENTER**. The building, site of the former Mt. St. Mary's Convent for the Sisters of Mercy, was completed in 1866. As soon as it opened it also served as an orphanage, and later a private school. The building was granted State Historic Landmark Status after it had achieved non-profit status in 1972. Currently the building and the adjacent St. Joseph's Hall serve as a cultural center with the Grass Valley Museum and thirteen artist studios as its centerpiece. St. Patrick's Cemetery across the street is one of the area's oldest, dating to 1853.

## Other Points of Interest

**NORTH STAR POWERHOUSE AND PELTON WHEEL MINING EXHIBIT**. Located at the end of Mill Street, near McCourtney and Allison Ranch Roads, this museum is a designated historic landmark. It houses a large exhibition of mining equipment and artifacts from the 1880's. Included in this display is a Cornish pump, a stamp mill and the world's largest Pelton Wheel (30 feet) built in 1895 by A.D. Foote. The museum is open to the public May 1- October 15; donations are accepted.

**GOLD QUARTZ DISCOVERY MARKER**. Located on Jenkins Street (Via Brighton and Cornwall), this marker commemorates the discovery of gold-bearing quartz. The legend goes back to 1850 when a cow, owned by George McKnight, strayed off across a meadow. In a rush to retrieve his fleeing animal, McKnight stubbed his toe on a protruding rock. Looking closer, he saw gold embedded in the quartz and thus hardrock mining came into existence in this area. This is the location of the Gold Hill Mine that is credited with producing \$4 million in gold from 1850 to 1857.

**LYMAN GILMORE SCHOOL**. The school occupies the site of the first commercial air field in the United States, which opened March 15, 1907. A school wall features a large mural of California's first aviator, Lyman Gilmore, who claimed to have flown before the Wright Brothers. Gilmore, who was known locally for his colorful character, died in 1951 at 74.

**EMPIRE MINE STATE HISTORIC PARK**. This 780-acre state park is located off East Empire Street one and a half miles from the downtown area. The Empire Mine was one of the oldest, largest, and richest mines in California. During 107 years of operation, it produced more than \$960 million in gold (based on 1974 gold market prices). The surface of the mine with its mansion, formal gardens, mining artifacts and trail systems, make the park a renowned historical and recreational showplace. Self-guided and docent tours are available.

## Other Nearby Points of Interest

**NEVADA CITY**. Located four miles to the northeast, the Queen City of the Northern Mines tastefully preserves its colorful gold mining and Victorian era history. Sightseers and photographers are entranced by spring flowers and spectacular fall colors amid the city's beautiful old homes and white church steeples. The entire downtown area, illuminated by gas lamps, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Museums, interesting shops, restaurants, and wineries are among the attractions.

**ROUGH & READY**. Located a few miles west of Grass Valley via Rough & Ready Highway, this tiny village was settled by the Rough & Ready Mining Co. whose leader, Captain Townsend, named it after President Zachary Taylor "Old Rough & Ready." This community once made history by seceding from the Union for a brief period and still holds an annual Secession Day celebration.

**BRIDGEPORT COVERED BRIDGE**. Located on the South Yuba River near Penn Valley, this 229-foot long span was built by David I. Wood in 1862. During the Gold Rush, countless Wells Fargo stagecoaches crossed this bridge enroute to the various northern mines.

**MALAKOFF DIGGINS STATE HISTORIC PARK**. Located a half-hour's drive northeast of Nevada City, the park includes what was once the largest hydraulic gold mine in the world along with the restored mining town of North Bloomfield.

## Grass Valley Parks

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**. Located at Colfax Avenue and Race Street, Memorial Park is situated on a parcel of land presented to the City of Grass Valley in memory of those who served in the war. The park has excellent picnic facilities, playground, softball field, tennis courts and swimming pool.

**CONDON PARK**. Located off Butler Road or Brighton Street, Condon Park includes 180 acres of forestland and playing fields. The property was willed to the city for recreational uses by Miss Lulu Condon, a dynamic citizen of the mining era. The park has a meeting hall, excellent barbecue and picnic facilities, playground, two baseball and softball fields, a disc golf course, skateboard park and a trail system.





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- c. Address:** 309 Race Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
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- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the south side of Race Street on a large parcel.

**\*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a 1 1/2-story, wood-frame Queen Anne style residence. Character defining features of the residence include its asymmetric fenestration, complex roof that includes a gable, hip, and six-sided turret, a 1 over 1 light sash window in the main gable attic, a bay window below the closed gable with a pair of 1 over 1 light wood-sash windows and two 1 over 1 light wood-sash windows on the side of the bay, a gabled front porch roof with a plain frieze supported by replaced metal decorative iron columns with similar metal railing on the porch and the stairway, a sloping lot with a below grade living area on the right hand side of the house that features a turret style bay rising two-stories with a ball finial atop the turret, and possibly replaced 1 over 1 light windows, and replacement aluminum exterior horizontal panel siding. The front yard is formally landscaped with a large lawn, hedges, shrubs, and planting beds. In 1872 the parcel was owned by Phillip Quark.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.

**\*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



**P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking south at the residence.

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic  
Circa 1898; City of Grass Valley Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA.

**\*P7. Owner and Address:** Gary W. and Alma G. Walker, 309 Race Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

**\*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

**\*P9. Date Recorded:** April 28, 2009

**\*P10. Type of Survey:**  Architectural

**Describe:** Historical Resources Inventory, Grass Valley 1872 Townsite.

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Charles Clinch and W.D. Bourn Jr. formed the Clinch Mercantile Co. This was Grass Valley's J.C. Penney store from 1928 until 1989.

**15. ODD FELLOWS HALL AND GRASS VALLEY HARDWARE**, 112-116 Mill Street. Built in 1855, the hall in this three-building complex was first known as Parker's Hall, named after builder and merchant John Parker. One of the buildings housed Grass Valley Hardware Co. for more than a century, until the company closed in 1989. The Union newspaper began on the second floor of the Grass Valley Hardware building in 1864. The third building served as a bakery, grocery and dry goods outlet. Today, the buildings house various shops.

**16. WILD PLUM BUILDING**, 111-113 Mill Street. An 1891 map shows this as a furniture store. A photo from the 1920's shows it as Gill Miller, Undertaker. Safeway operated here in the 1930's and a Ben Franklin variety store was here in the 1940's and 1950's. Collier's Shoe Store opened here in the mid 1950's and closed in March, 2004.

**17. OLD TOWN CAFE**, 110 Mill Street. This is the original site of the Nevada County Bank which opened in 1900 and moved in 1917 to the bank building at Mill and Bank Streets.

**18. ADAMS EXPRESS AND STAGE CO. BUILDING**, 102 Mill Street. Completed in 1854 at a cost of \$10,000, this was the first brick structure in Grass Valley. The building was used for grocery and clothing sales until the 1870's when it became home to The Union newspaper which later built a plant at 151 Mill Street.

**19. HARDCRABBLE BUILDING**, 107 West Main Street. Built in the late 1850's, this was the home of Harris and Saxon, furniture dealers. William Harris later became partners with John Farrell in a clothing business and the two were instrumental in forming Grass Valley's famous Cornish Choir.

**20. PACIFIC HOTEL**, Corner of South Auburn and West Main Streets. One of Grass Valley's earliest hotels, built in 1850 and destroyed by fire in 1855 and 1860, it was rebuilt each time. The hotel was demolished in 1931 to make way for a Standard Oil Co. gas station. A small brick building stands at the corner today.

**21. WISCONSIN HOTEL**, Corner of South Auburn and East Main Streets. Today a city parking lot, this site housed a hotel twice destroyed by fire and rebuilt. In the 1930's, the Richfield Oil Co. razed the old hotel and installed a gas station. In the 1880's, John Glasson operated a gas plant adjacent to the hotel, supplying the city with light and the Maryland Mine with power. The plant was sold in 1896 to the Nevada County Electrical Power Co.

**22. THE OLD POST OFFICE**, 131 South Auburn Street. Dr. Will Jones erected his residence here in 1874 and sold the site to the U.S. Government in 1913. Construction of the federal building, as it was then known,



The Holbrooke Hotel, circa 1930s

began in 1914. The post office opened in 1916 and operated until 1981 when a new post office was built on Bennett Street. The building now houses professional offices.

**23. SALVATION ARMY CITADEL**, 134 South Auburn Street. The Salvation Army first came to Grass Valley in 1887 as a Temperance Movement swept the nation. A wooden building to house the corps was built in 1887 and the present structure was completed in 1923. The building has been remodeled but the exterior remains as it was in the early 1920's.

**24. THE STEWART HOUSE**, 124 Bank Street. This attractive two-story Victorian was built in the 1880's by Henry John Stewart, a Canadian lumberman who owned a mill on Wolf Creek. The building was extensively restored and remodeled in 1991 and is now a restaurant.

**25. CHINATOWN**, Directly across from The Stewart House. This area, where a new hotel was planned, was once Grass Valley's Chinatown, second only to San Francisco's. More than 1,000 Chinese lived here in the 1870's. There were stores, gardens, opium and gambling parlors and "houses of joy." The area, nearly destroyed by fire in 1877, was razed in 1938.

**26. MAYBELLE FOSTER HOUSE**, 114 Stewart Street. Known as "The Miner's Friend", Maybelle Foster operated a bordello here in the 1920's and 1930's. Before that, the site served as the Cornish Wrestling Ring where for several decades Cornish miners and Cousin Jacks held their annual games.

**27. THE NEVADA ROOMS**, Second floor, 124 East Main Street. A brothel of some importance in the decades when prostitution flourished.

**28. THE GOLDEN GATE ROOMS**, Second floor, 122 East Main Street. Grass Valley's most famous brothel. Operated by the flamboyant Texas Tommy in the 1930's and 1940's.

**29. THE WASHINGTON BREWERY**, 114-116 East Main Street. Built by John Frank and David Binkelman in 1858, according to E Clampus Vitus; or in 1862, according to other sources. Binkelman had begun the Grass Valley Brewery in 1856 on North Auburn Street. The brewery was closed by Prohibition and later reopened as the Washington Tavern.

**30. THE EMPIRE ROOMS**, Second floor, 110 East Main Street. Another house of ill repute, operated during the 1930's by Jo May. From 1949 to 1958 the rooms became the Bartenders and Culinary Workers Union Hall.

**31. FOOTHILL FLOWERS**, 102 West Main Street. Located on the site of the original Loutzenheiser Pharmacy, this impressive brick structure was purchased by Marie Johnson in 1966 and is home to Foothill Flowers. The brick structure dates to the 1850's and remained in the Loutzenheiser family until 1928.

**32. WILLIAMS STATIONERY**, 112 West Main Street. Grass Valley's second oldest building was erected in 1854-55 as a mercantile and grocery business. It was known as Jenkins Variety Store for 47 years until 1949 when Floyd and Elton Williams purchased the business. Elton and Helen Williams bought the building and business in 1971.

**33. MONTEZ THEATER**, 116 West Main Street. Named for Lola Montez, this theater operated in 1930's and 1940's. From 1880 to 1900, this location was the site of Watt & Co., a general merchandise and grocery. Today, the building has been remodeled to become the Main Street Mall.

**34. ALPHA HARDWARE**, 204 West Main Street. This is the original 1870's site of Peter Purcell's Fashion Livery Stable and later served for decades as the home of the Alpha Hardware Co. The thick rock walls seen from the Holbrooke Hotel parking lot were built from local mine rock.

**35. BEATTY HOUSE-QUICK BUILDING**, 205-209 West Main Street. Built in late 1850 by Thomas and Zacheus Beatty, this wooden frame boardinghouse was destroyed in the fire of 1855 and rebuilt soon after. In 1882, A.P. Tietje and his brother, Henry, opened a cigar factory here. Former mayor William Parsons joined the firm and produced the Sierra Nevada Cigar.

**36. HOTEL DE FRANCE**, 206 West Main Street. Now home to the Canton Valley Chinese Restaurant, this site dates to 1852 and the opening of the Adams Express and Stage Co. A hotel was built following the 1855 fire and it was later renamed the Golden Gate Hotel. The hotel operated until 1905 when it was converted to a bank branch by Citizens Bank of Nevada City. The building was demolished in 1965 to make way for a Sears store.

**37. THE HOLBROOKE HOTEL**, 212 West Main Street. This is one of Grass Valley's most recognized landmarks. The Golden Gate Saloon was established on this site in 1851 and was rebuilt with stone and brick after the fire of 1855 and became known as the Exchange Hotel.

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- P1. Other Identifier:** South Grass Valley/APN 08-423-20/Heritage Home No. 10
- \*P2. Location:**  Not for Publication  Unrestricted **\*a. County:** Nevada
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Grass Valley, CA **Date:** revised 1973
- c. Address:** 310 Henderson Street **City:** Grass Valley **Zip:** 95945
- d. UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) N/A **Zone:** N/A
- e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located at the west side of Henderson Street.
- \*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a single-story, wood-frame, Late Victorian style residence. Character defining features of the residence include its rectangular massing, front gable design, plain frieze below the gable eaves, horizontal wood shiplap exterior siding, a rectangular and louvered wood gable vent, a 1 over 1 light wood-sash attic window with a scalloped pattern beneath the window sill, a full front porch with two rectangular wood-sash windows flanking the angled and paneled door entrance that features a transom window over the period Victorian wood and lighted front door, and a full front porch with turned Victorian columns. The front yard is landscaped with roses, shrubs, and a white picket fence. The property was owned by John Bennett in 1872. The home was likely owned by the Bennett and Bastian families. Richard Bastian was a native of Cornwall, England and came to Grass Valley as a miner in the 1860s (City of Grass Valley Historical Files).

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.
- \*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking west at the residence.
- \*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic  
Circa 1866; City of Grass Valley Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA; Heritage Homes of Grass Valley, 2008, p. 7.
- \*P7. Owner and Address:** Ivan M. and Diane Longacre, 114 Conaway Avenue, Grass Valley, CA 95945.
- \*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
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ur tour begins at the historic Lola Montez House, home to the Grass Valley/Nevada County Chamber of Commerce. The tour can be enjoyed on foot, by bicycle or car. Walkers and cyclists should be in reasonably good shape and able to climb hills. Many of the buildings are private residences not open to the public. Please do not trespass or disturb the occupants.

**1. LOLA MONTEZ HOUSE, 248 Mill Street.** Local government began under an oak tree on this site in November 1850, when votes were collected in a cigar box and James Walsh was elected Justice of the Peace. A cabin was built here in 1851 and it was purchased in 1853 by international celebrity and performer Lola Montez. She resided here until 1855 when she returned to San Francisco. The present structure is a replica of Lola's original house (which had been extensively remodeled and finally was condemned in 1975). The structure houses the Grass Valley/Nevada County Chamber of Commerce, and a few artifacts from Lola's residency.

**2. THE HODGE STONE HOUSE & BREWERY, 305 & 309 Mill Street.** This structure has stone walls up to two feet thick, reflecting a bit of European architecture. It is a fine example of the mason's art. Built in 1861 by Thomas Hodge, the stone house was once accompanied by a brewery located where the adjacent apartment building now stands.

**3. LOTTA CRABTREE HOUSE, 238 Mill Street.** Lotta Crabtree was born in New York in 1847 and in the early 1850's came to Grass Valley where her parents operated a boardinghouse for gold miners. It was there that young Lotta met the famous Lola Montez who legend tells us taught her to sing and dance. Lotta entertained in mining camps and later graced the American stage until she retired at age forty four. She was the first American entertainer to become a millionaire, earning an estimated \$3 million. The home of her youth has since been remodeled into apartments.

**4. GRASS VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 207 Mill Street.** The renowned teacher and philosopher Josiah Royce was born at this site in 1855. The library was built in 1916 with funding from the Carnegie Foundation.

**5. WELLS FARGO BANK, 204 Mill Street.** In the 1880's, this was the site of the Centennial Market. By the time of WW I, it was being used as a garage and Studebaker agency. Legend has it that owner A.B. Snyder was excavating for an underground gasoline tank when he came across a ledge of gold quartz. Several tons of quartz gold were removed and Snyder later sold the rights to the "Garage Vein" to the Golden Center Mining Co.

**6. MINER'S HOTEL, 203 Mill Street.** This three-story wooden building was built in 1896 as a hotel for single miners. During the 1940's, it was known as the Valley Hotel.

The accompanying text describes each of the 47 buildings shown on the Grass Valley Walking Tour map.



**7. VAN'S OPERA HOUSE, 161 Mill Street.** Now home to Hedman Furniture, this three-story stucco and stone building was built in 1890 by Pauline Van Hoeter. She sold it in 1894 to Charles Clinch of the Clinch Mercantile Co. For years, it was known as the Grass Valley Auditorium and many dramatic companies and musicians performed on its stage. Later, it became a movie theater known as The Strand.

**8. UNION SQUARE BUILDING, 151 Mill Street.** The Union newspaper was published here for 76 years before it moved to its present plant in the Glenbrook Basin in 1978. The Union was established in 1864 and named thusly because its publisher stood for the preservation of the Union during the Civil War.

**9. BON ALLURE BUILDING, 139-143 Mill Street.** Known for many years as the Thomas Building, this structure stands on a site occupied by the Railroad Hotel in the 1880's. The building was purchased in the 1930's by Arletta Douglas of Grass Valley, longtime proprietor of the Bon Allure clothing store.

**10. NEVADA COUNTY BANK BUILDING, 131 Mill Street.** This is perhaps the most impressive of all downtown buildings. Built in 1917 by the Rector Brothers, who

operated a Nevada City banking firm, the building was acquired in the 1930's by Bank of America which operated here until 1975. The glass-domed structure was renovated in 1975 and now houses an insurance company.

**11. THE OWL GRILL & SALOON, 134 Mill Street.** The first wooden building on this site dates to the early 1850's but was destroyed by fire. Today's Owl Grill & Saloon is made up of two structures, built in 1857 and 1862. It became a saloon in 1883. The "Owl" is derived from the days when local gold mines ran 24 hours per day.

**12. FOOTHILL MERCANTILE, 121 Mill Street.** This is one of Mill Street's newer facilities, built in 1942 as a storage depot for the J. C. Penney store. It also was the location for Sprouse-Reitz variety store for many years.

**13. BEITZ/HARTUNG BUILDING, 124 Mill Street.** This building has housed a jewelry store for more than a century. Watchmaker and engraver Henry Hartung, the son of German immigrants, began the tradition which was carried on by the Beitz family who operated Beitz Jewelers for forty years.

**14. MILL STREET CLOTHING/DOVETAIL DESIGN, 150-117 Mill Street.** This site was once occupied by the Empire Livery Stable and it was here that

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**e. Other Locational Data:** The subject property is located on the west side of Mill Street.  
**\*P3a. Description:**

The property consists of a modest, single-story or 1 1/2-story, wood-frame, Late Victorian style residence. Character defining features of the residence include its L-shaped massing (likely a later addition to the rear of the house), a moderately sloping gable roof clad with asphalt shingles, molding covering the eaves along with a plain frieze, 1 over 1 light wood-sash attic window, a full hipped roof front porch supported by turned wood Doric columns, a 1 over 1 light wood-sash window to the right of the front wood and lighted entry door (not period to the house), surrounded by side lights with panels at the base, and a divided wood-sash top light. A wooden staircase with turned balustrades leads from the porch to the front yard, and a lattic skirt covers the foundation in the front of the house. The rear addition appears to have v-groove exterior wood siding, rather than the larger shiplap used on the original house. The front yard is landscaped with a large redwood tree, shrubs, planting beds, and a concrete walkway. In 1872 the property was owned by George McClean (City of Grass Valley Historical Files).

- \*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP-2, single-family property.  
**\*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District

**P5. Photograph or Drawing** (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



- P5b. Description of Photo:** View looking west at the residence.  
**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic Circa 1870; City of Grass Valley Historical Files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Grass Valley, CA.  
**\*P7. Owner and Address:** Gary D. and Victoria C. Flynn, 657 Cayunga Drive, San Jose, CA 95123.  
**\*P8. Recorded by:** Dana E. Supernowicz, Architectural Historian, Historic Resource Associates, 2001 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.  
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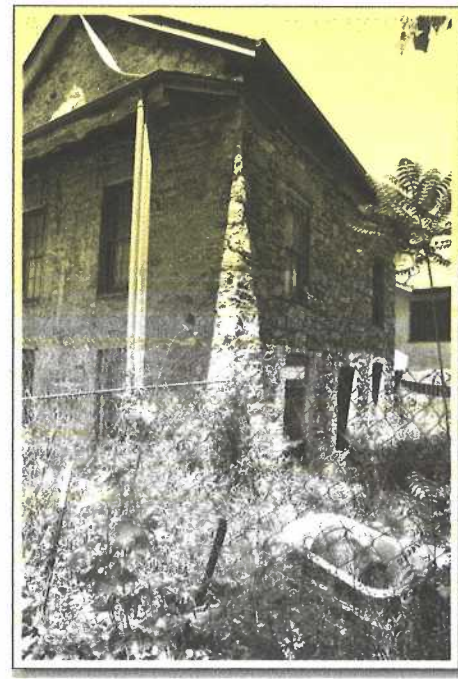
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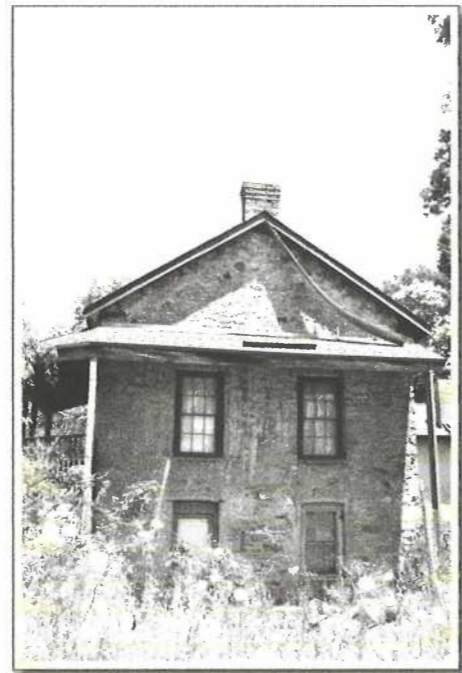
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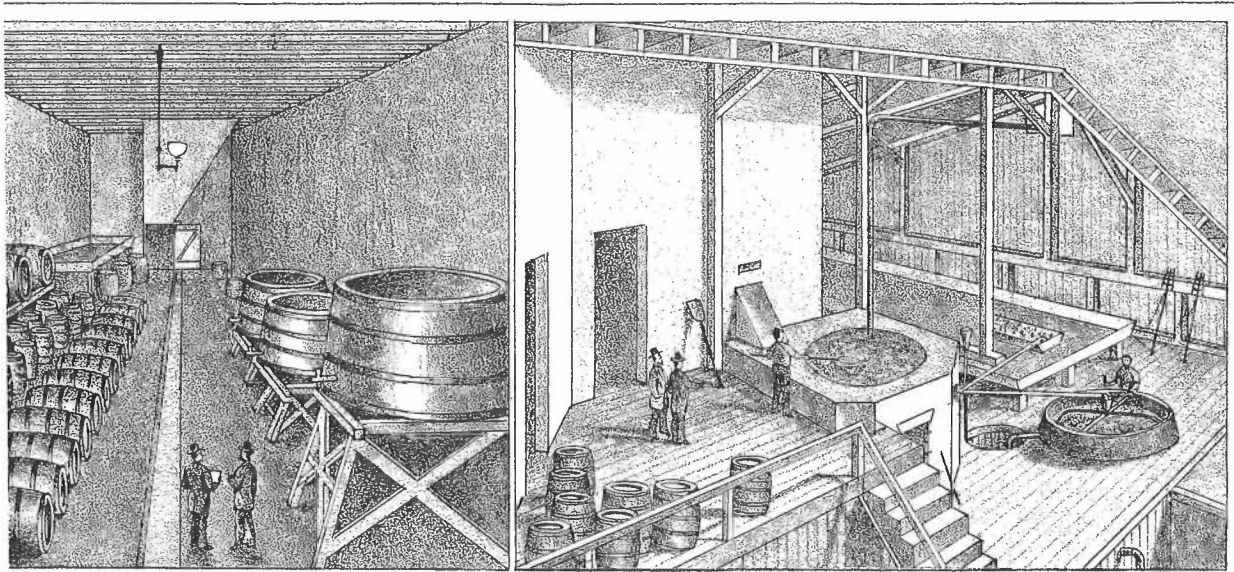
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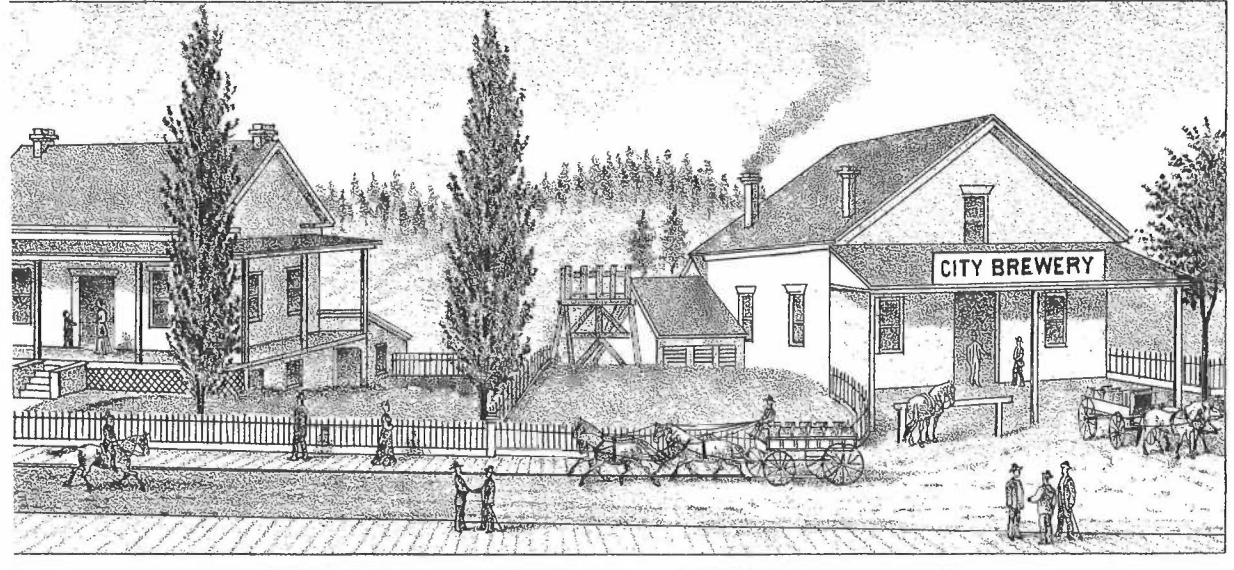


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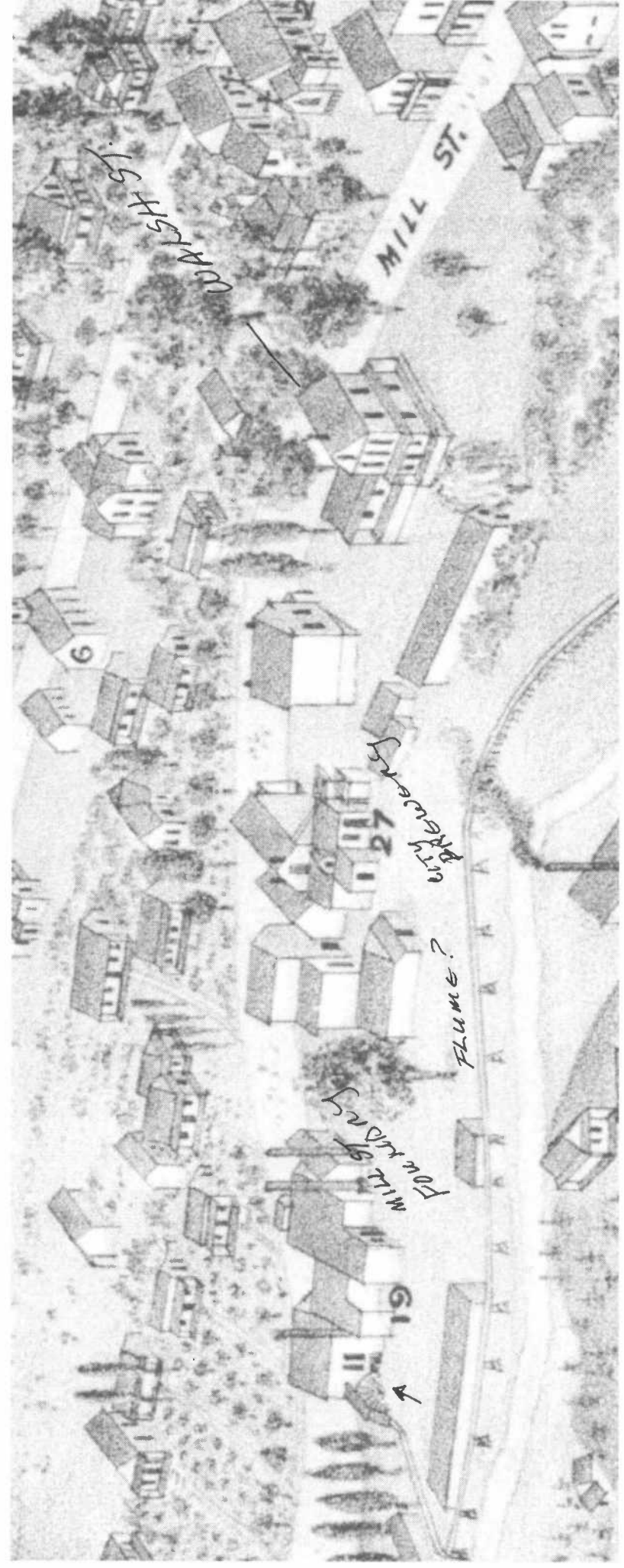
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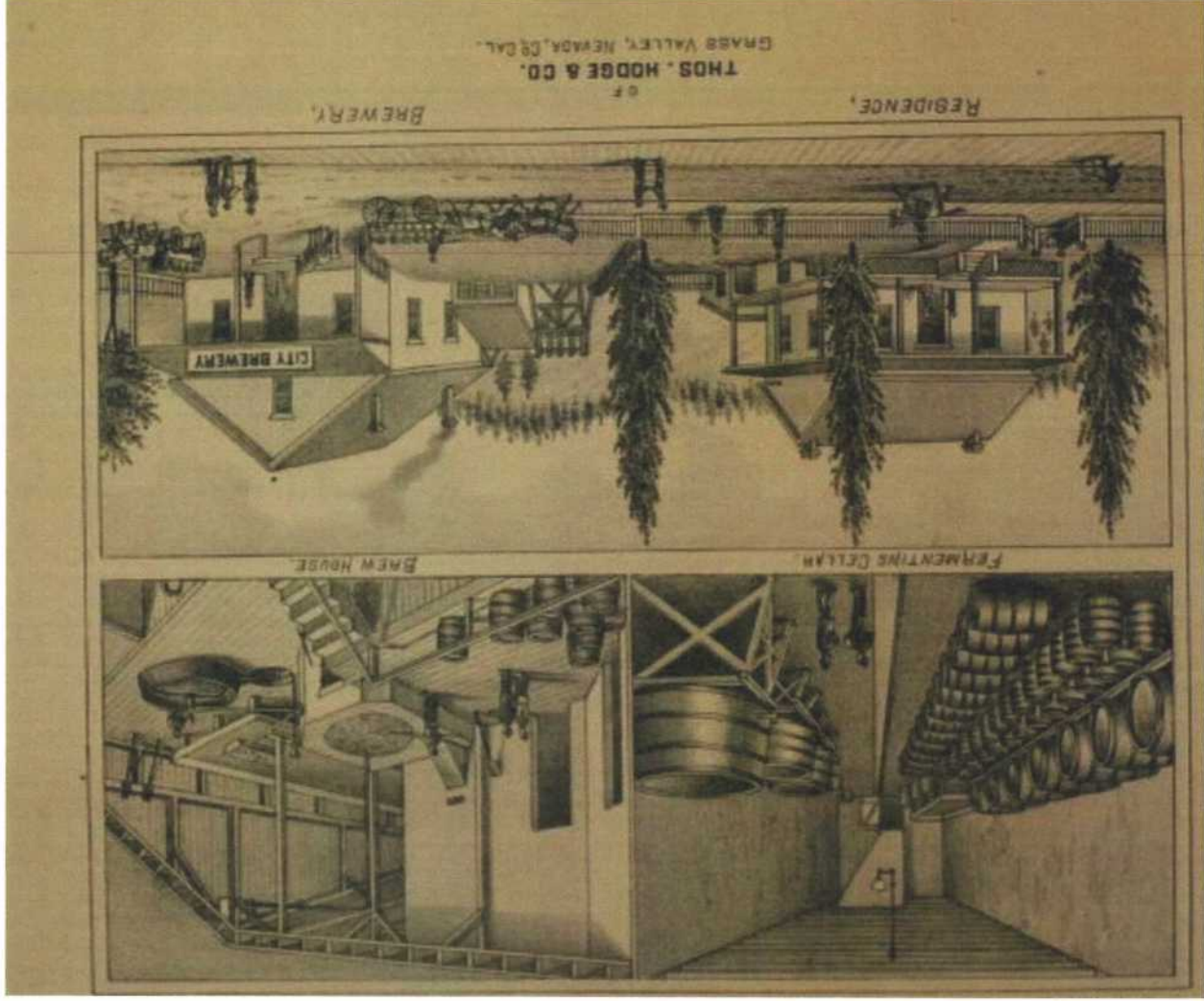
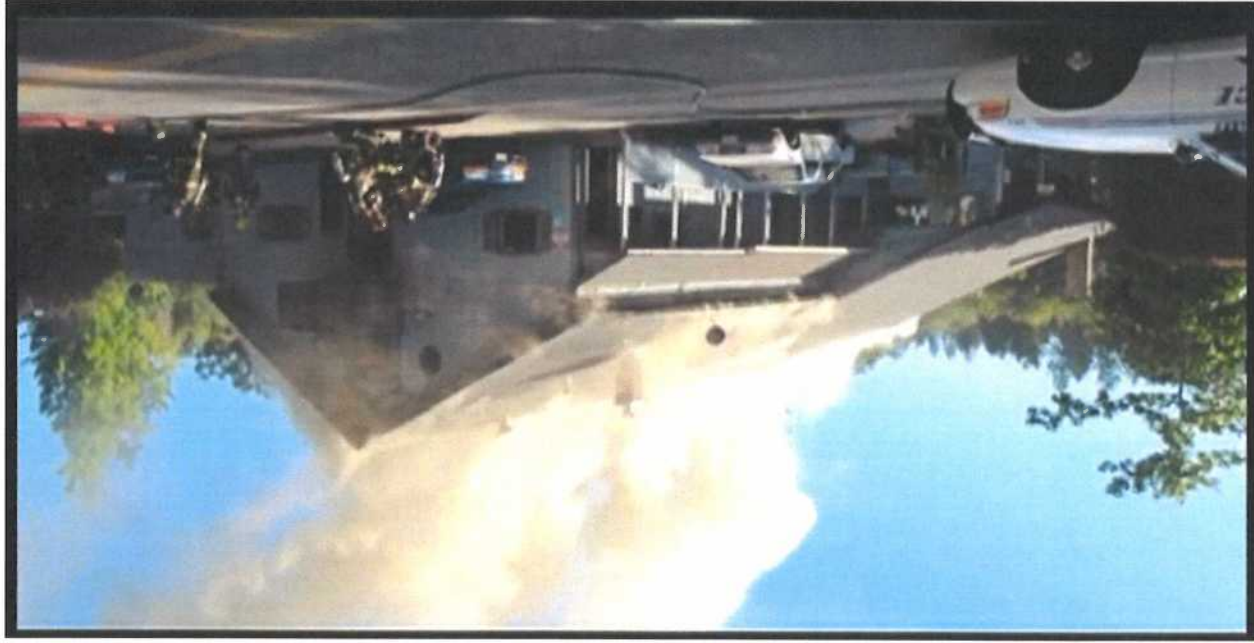
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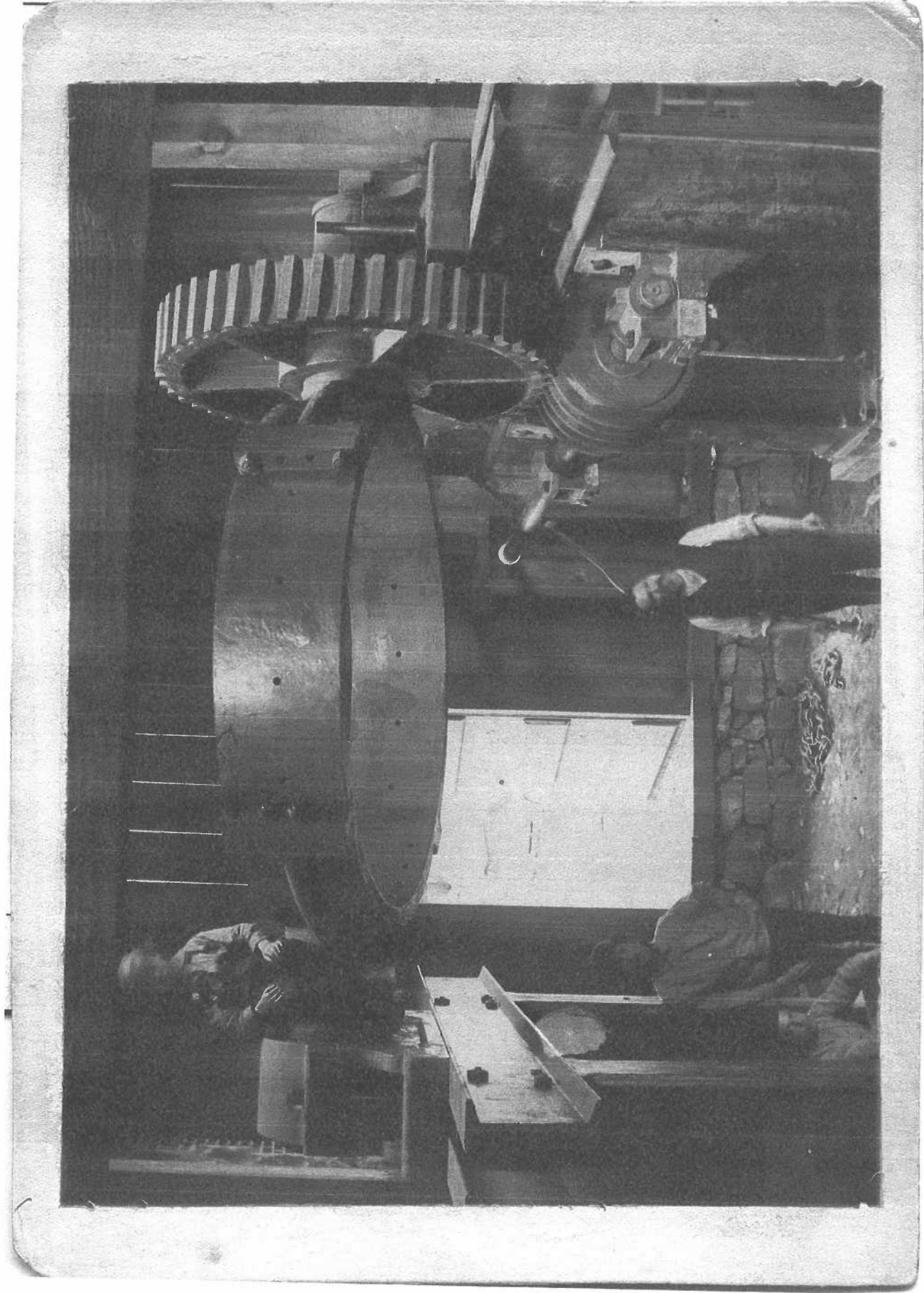




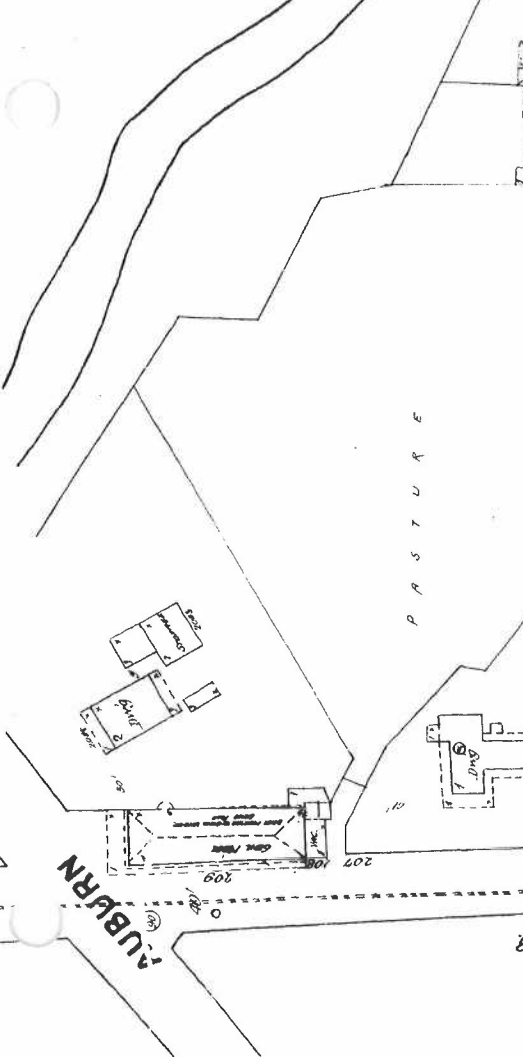
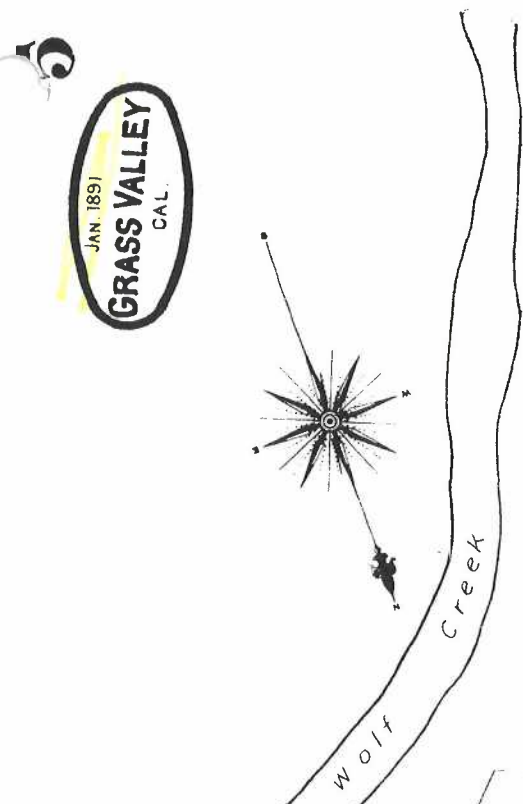
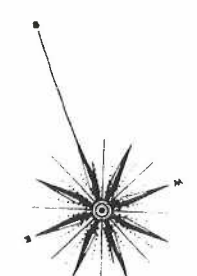








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Prey Winds: S.W.

**WATER FACILITIES:** South Valley Water Co. distributed by the City Water Works System. Reservoirs: 2000 ft. high, 1000 ft. long, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep. Reservoirs: 2000 ft. high, 1000 ft. long, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.

**FIRE DEPT.:** Volunteer. 100 men, 100 horses, 100 wagons, 100 engines, 100 ladders, 100 axes, 100 shovels, 100 pikes, 100 hooks, 100 nozzles, 100 hoses, 100 buckets, 100 pails, 100 axes, 100 shovels, 100 pikes, 100 hooks, 100 nozzles, 100 hoses, 100 buckets, 100 pails.

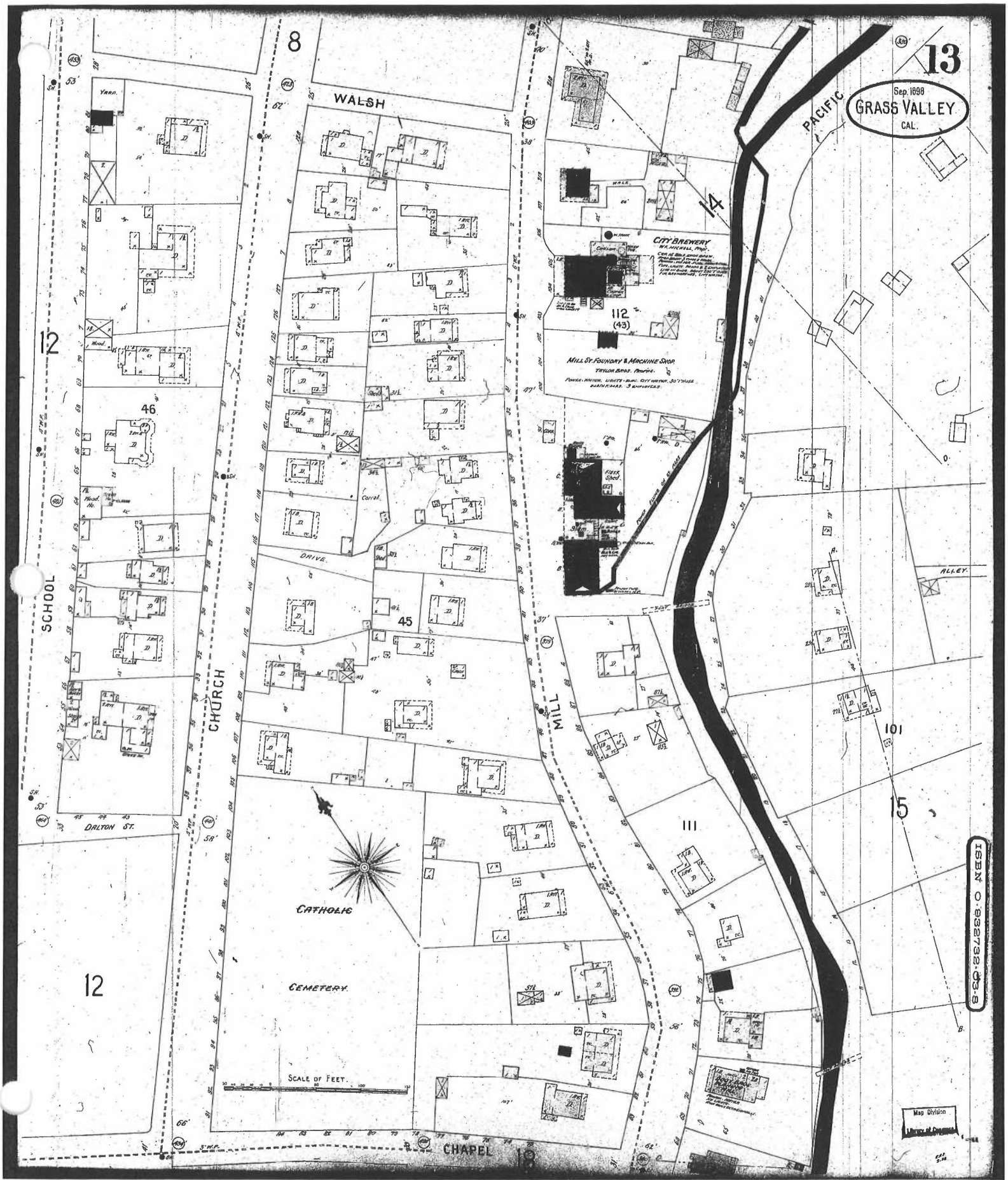


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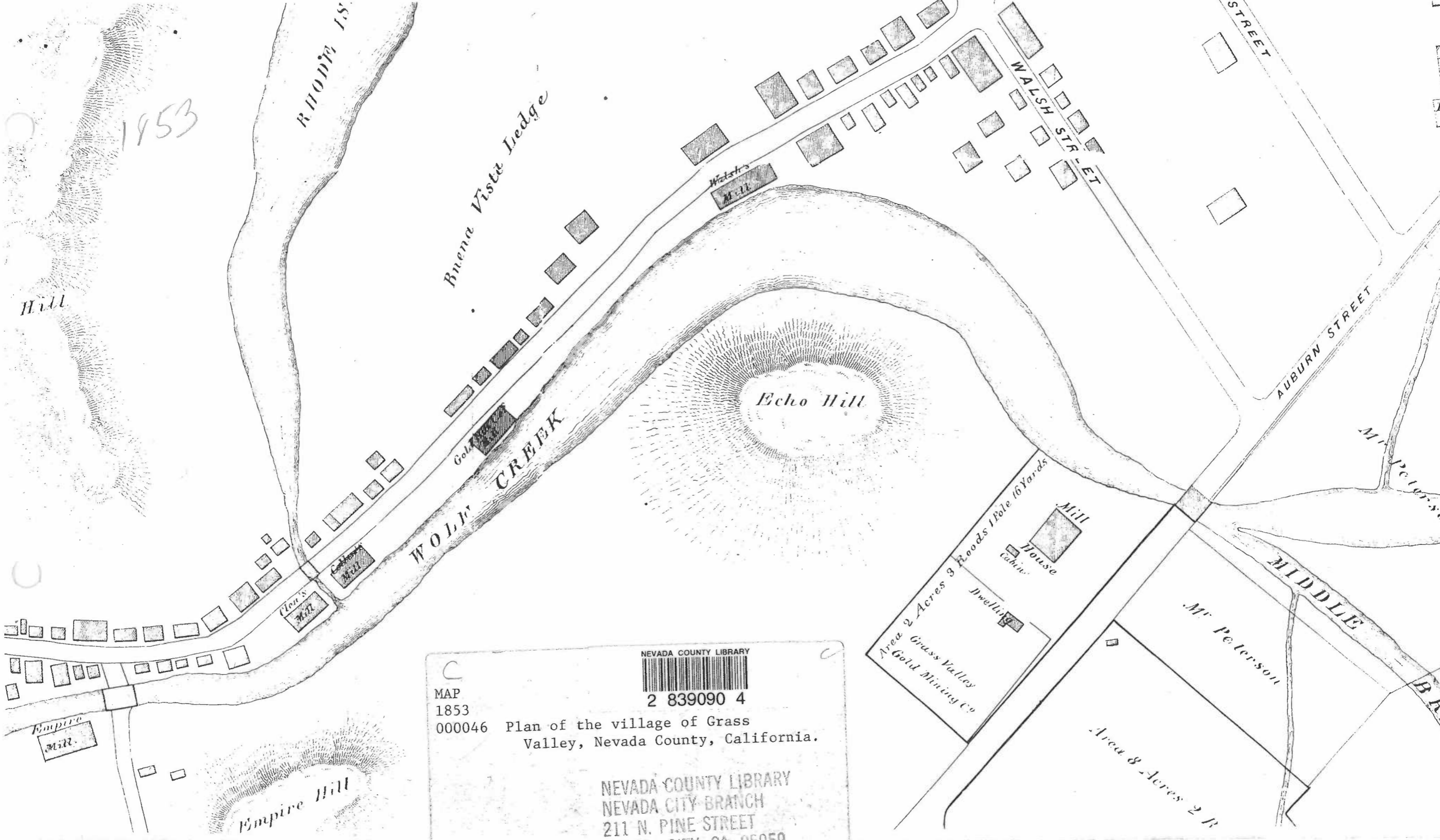
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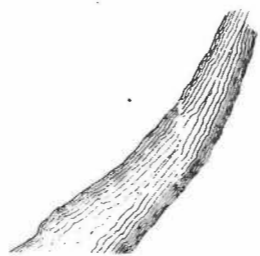
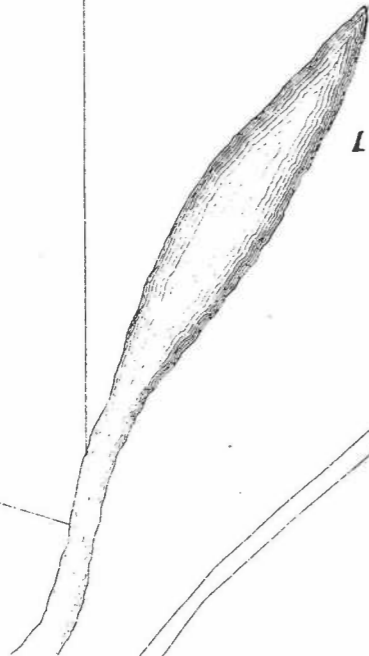
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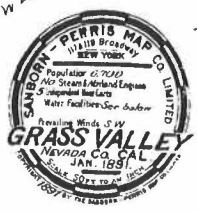
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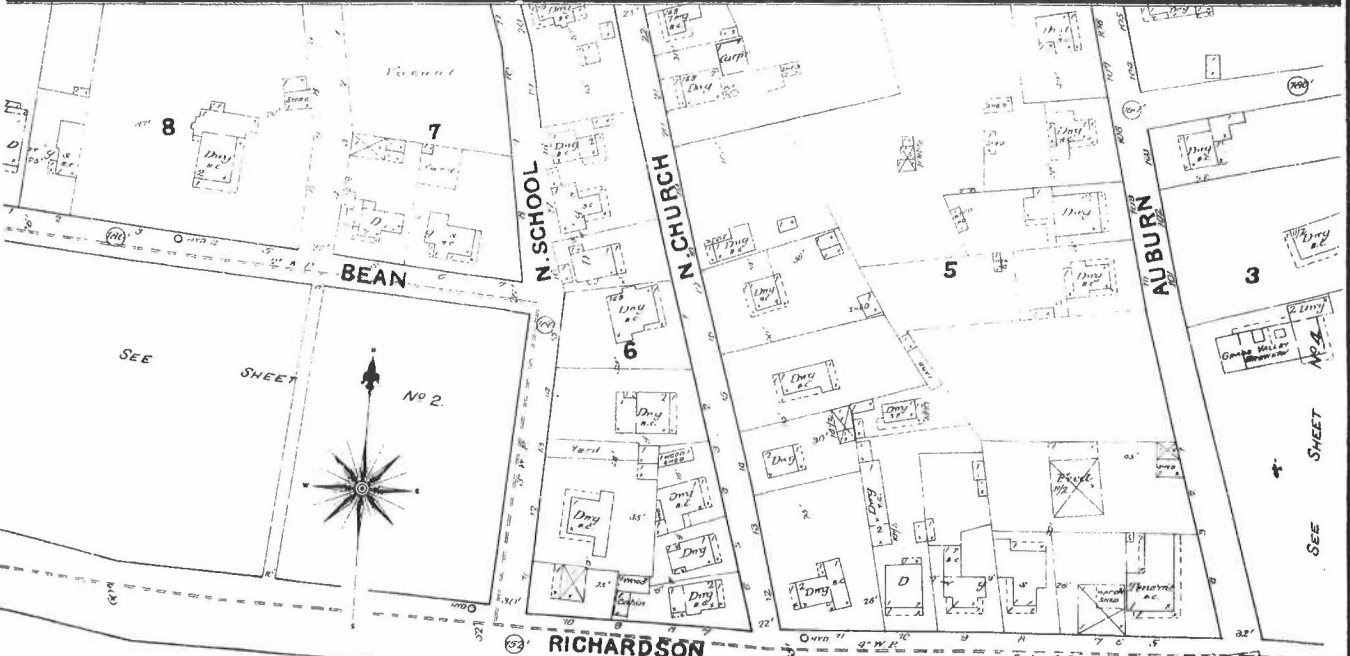
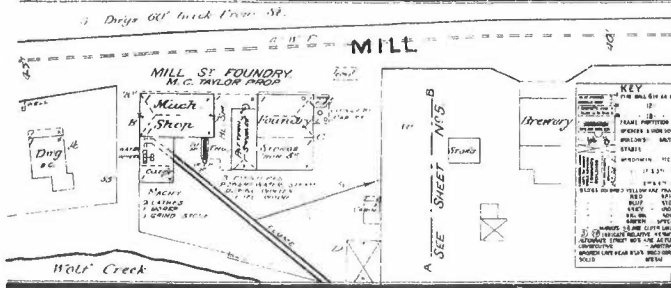
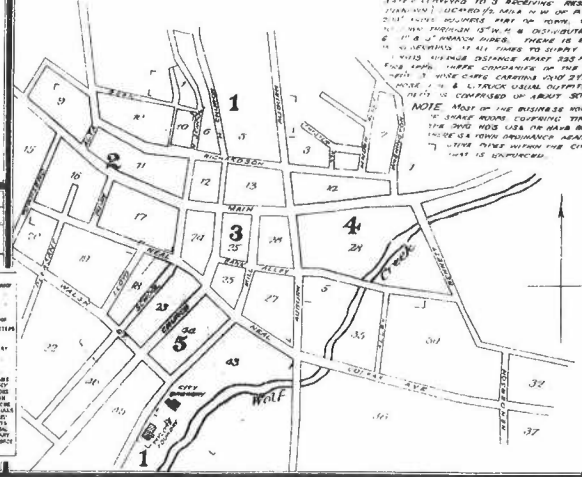
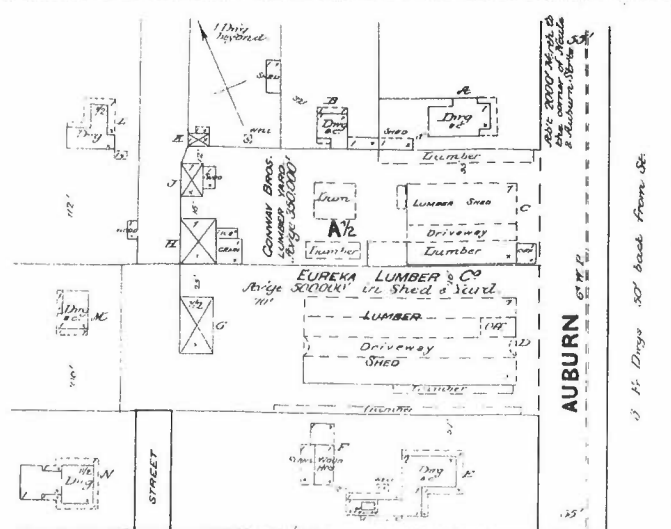
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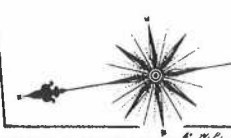
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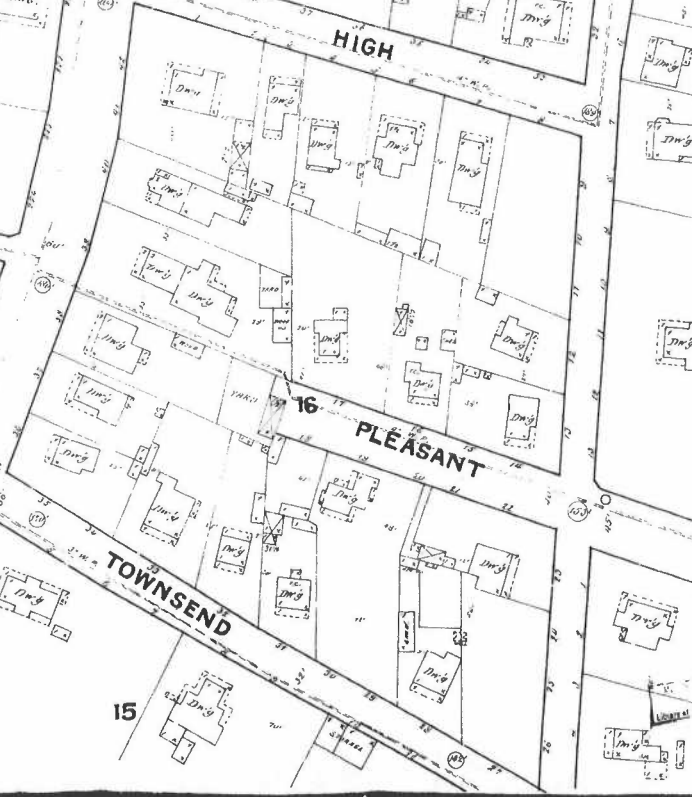
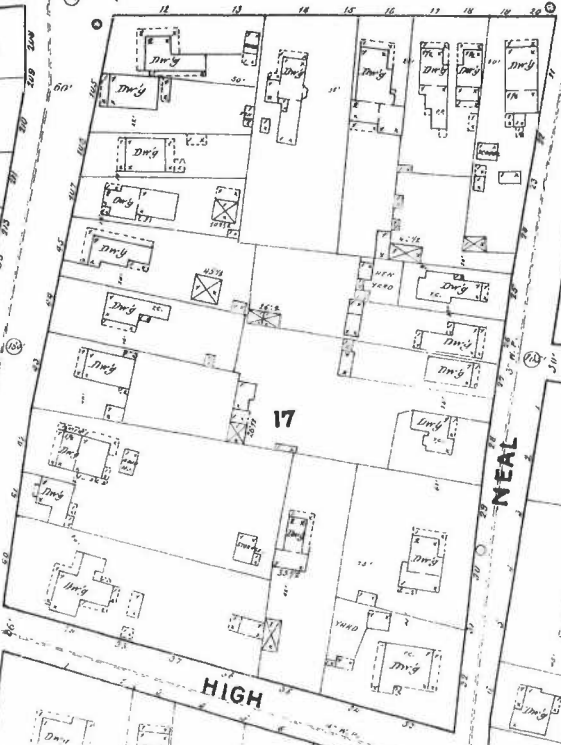
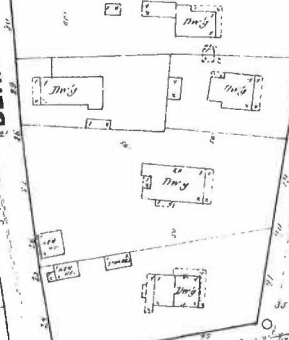
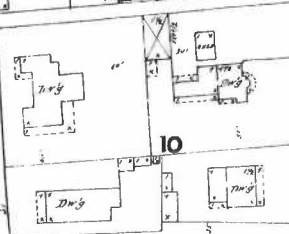
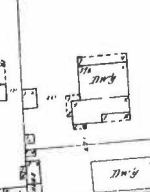
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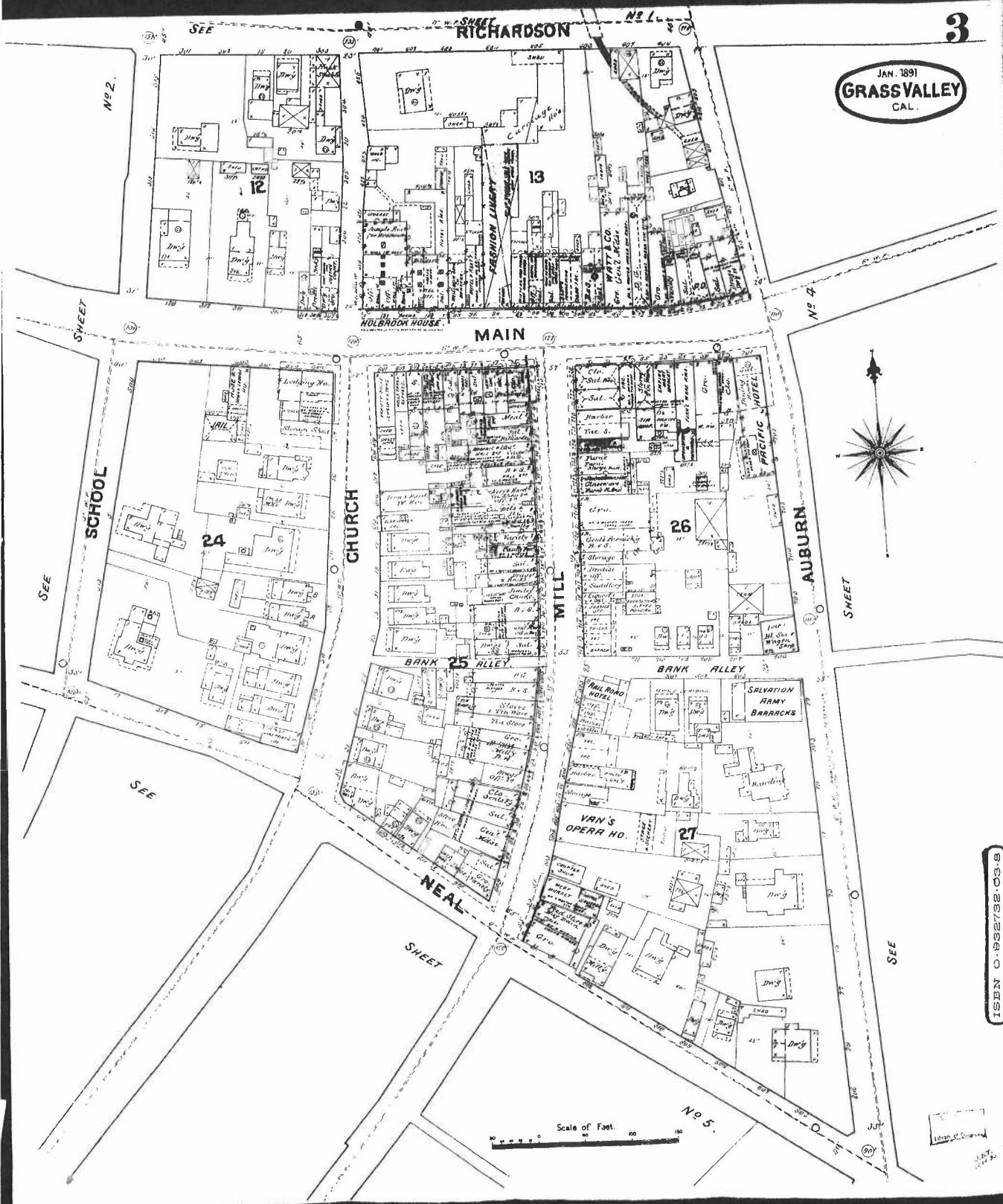
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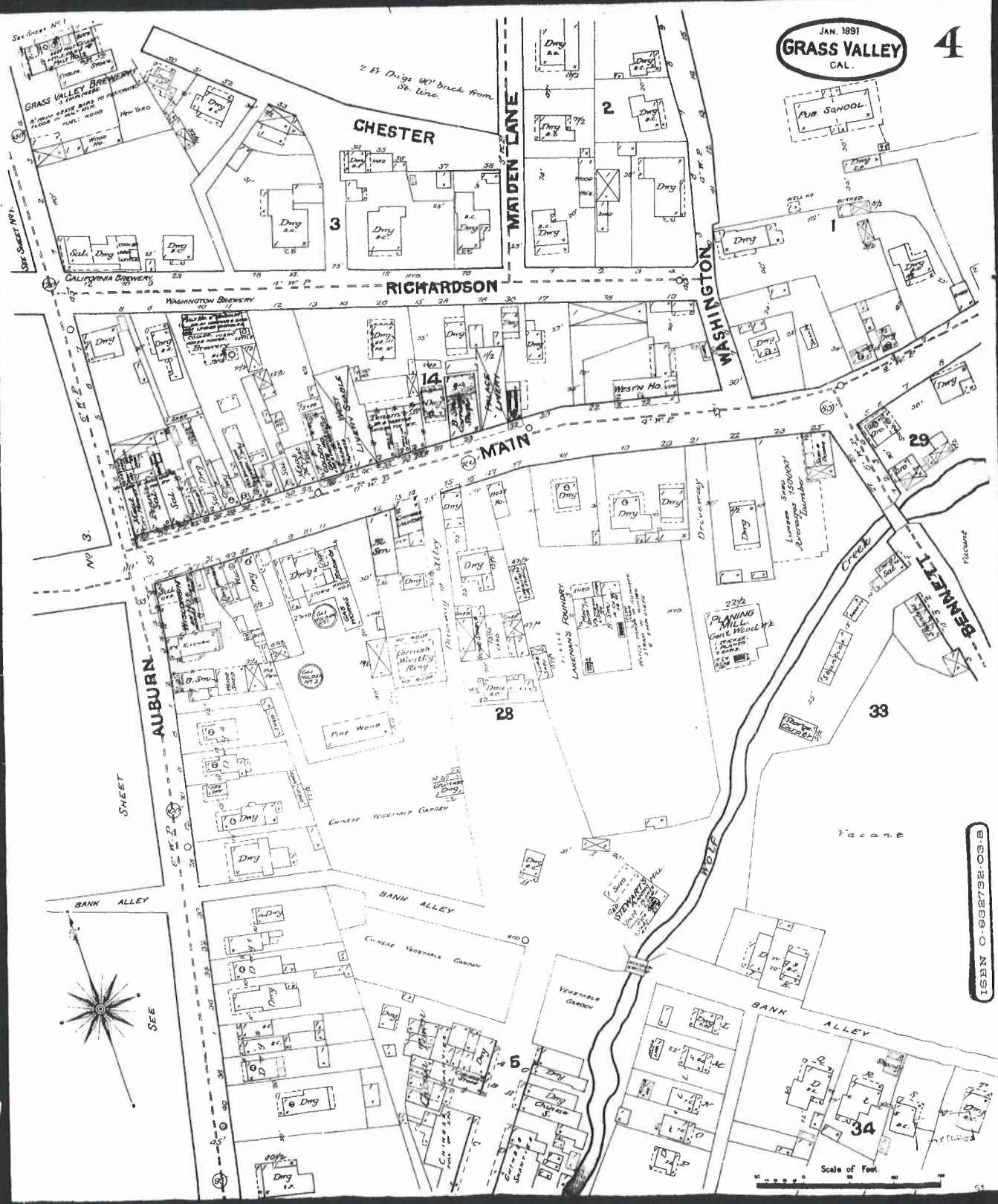
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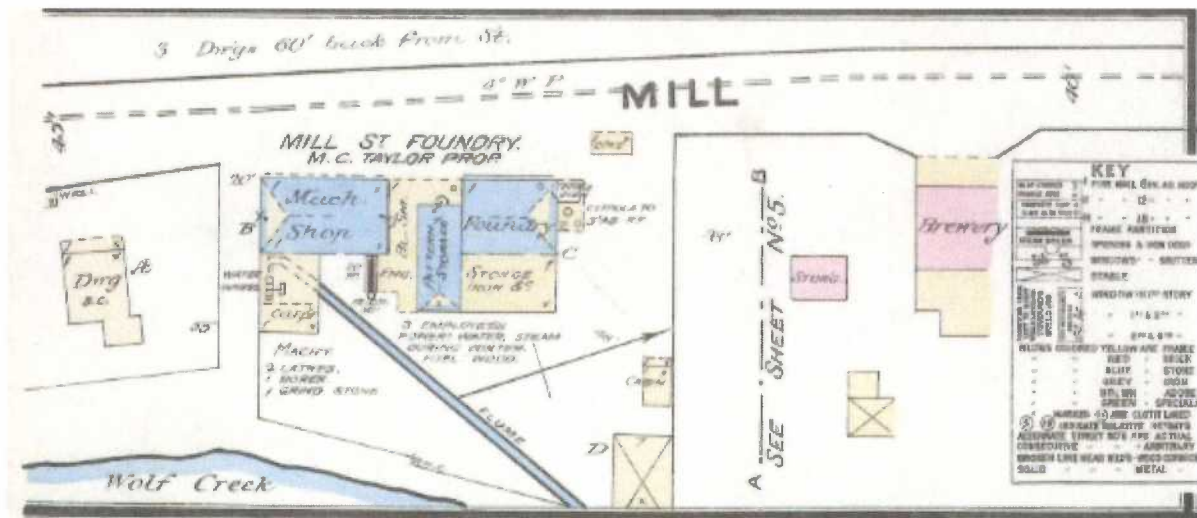
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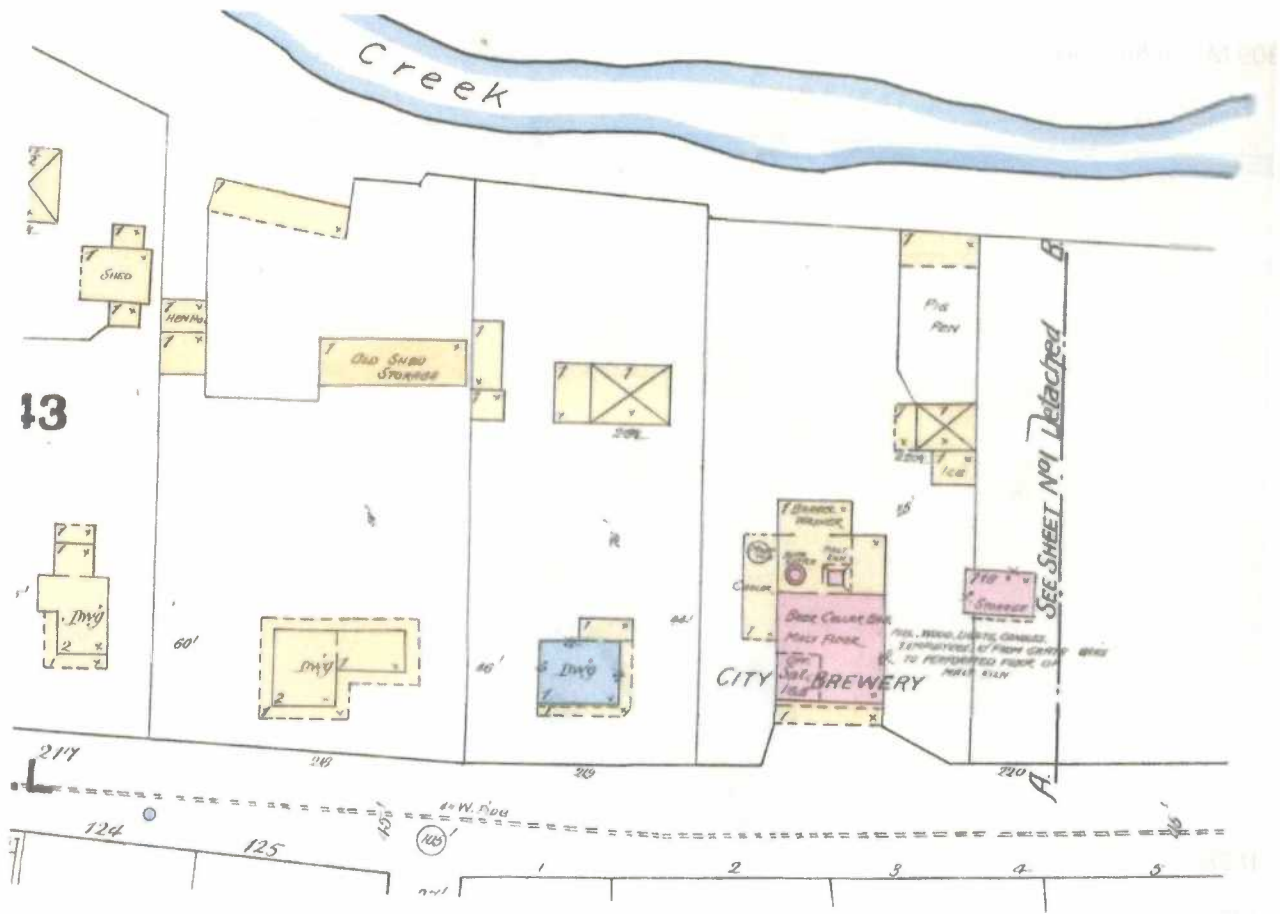
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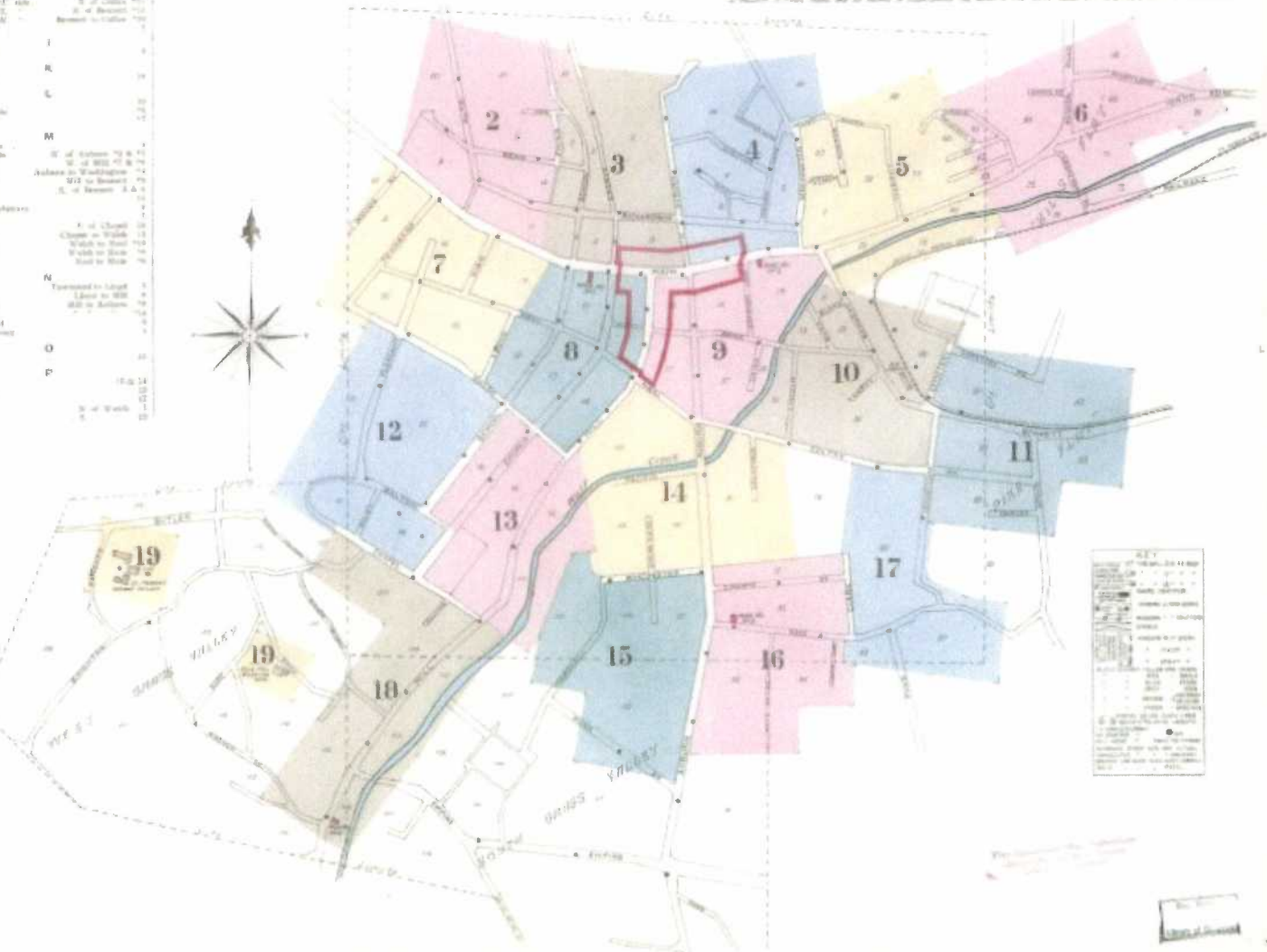
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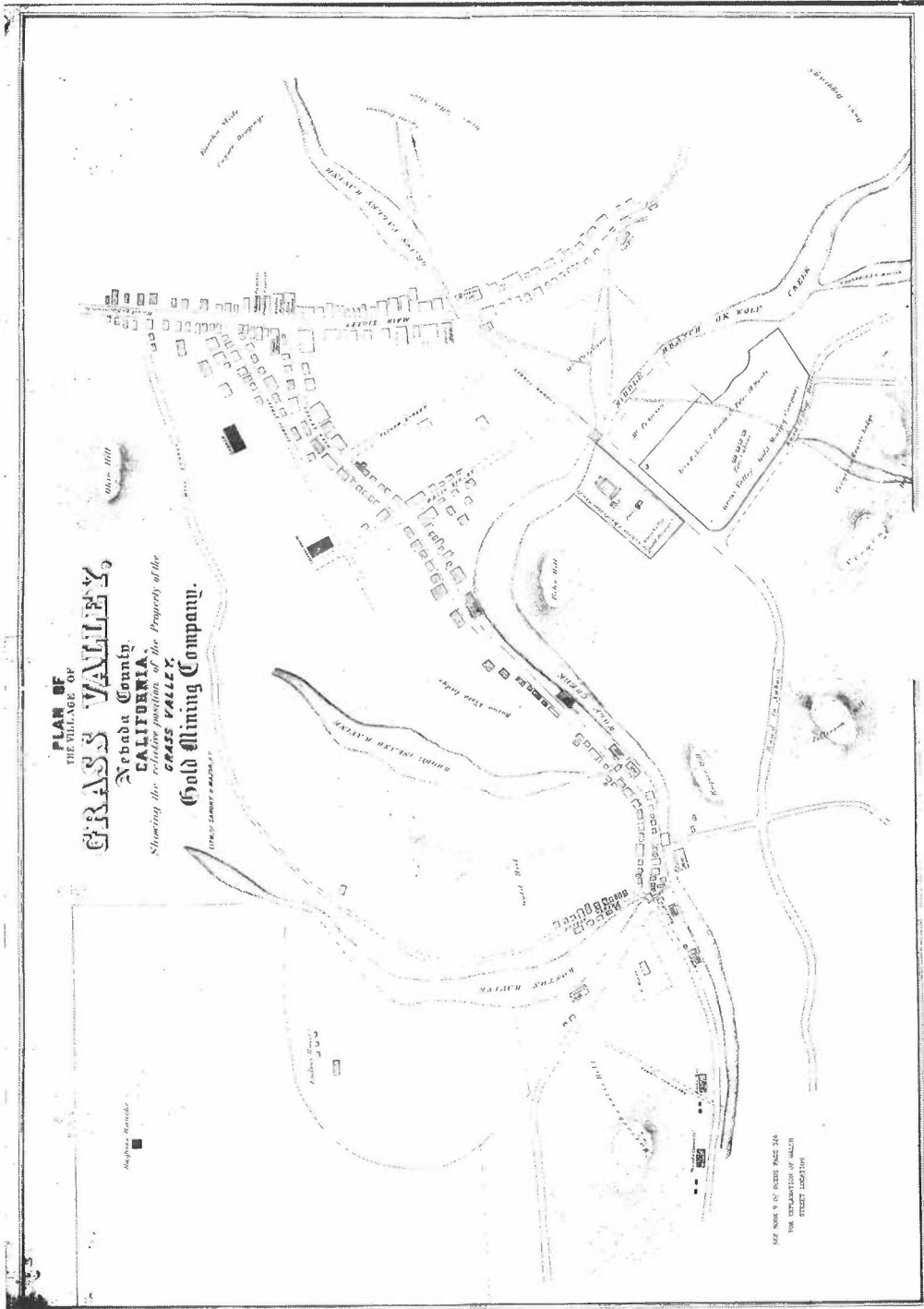
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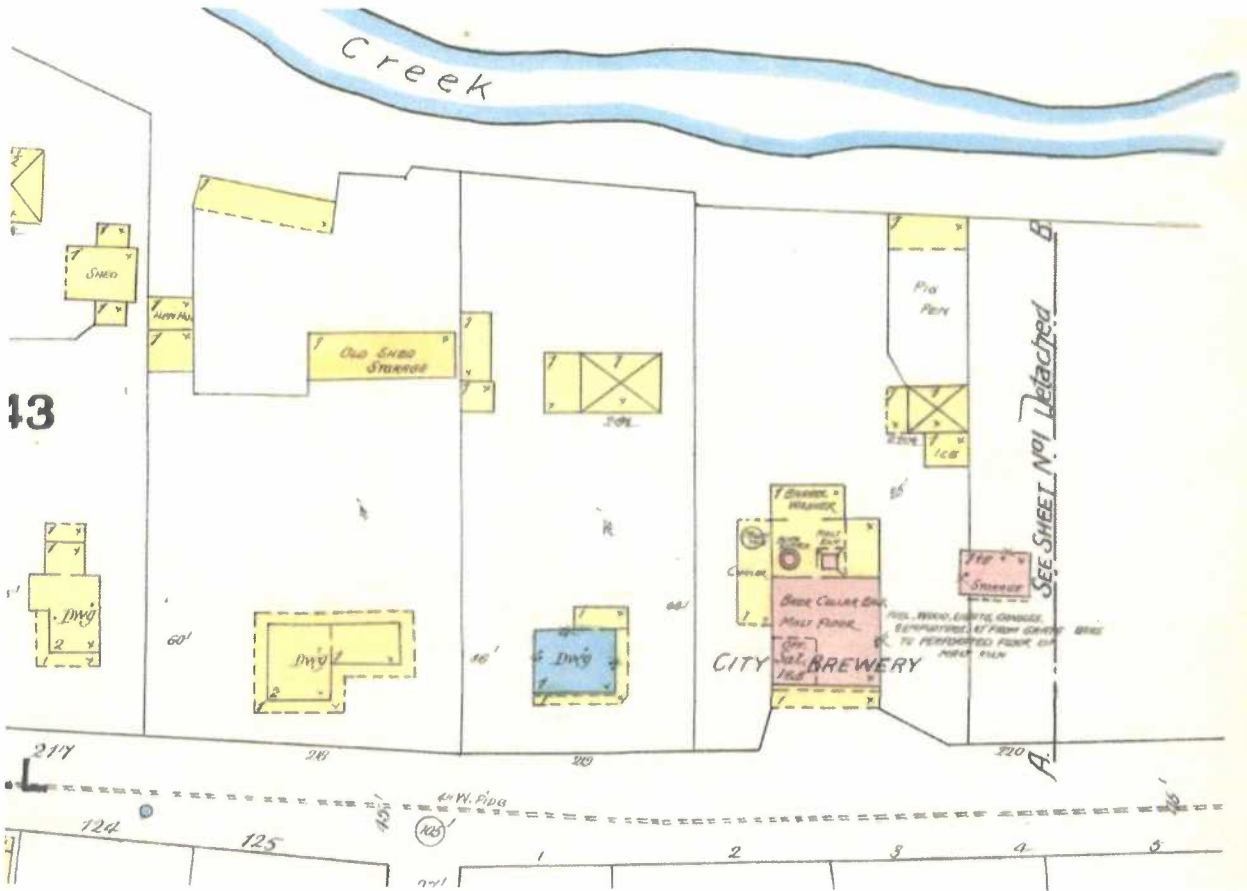
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