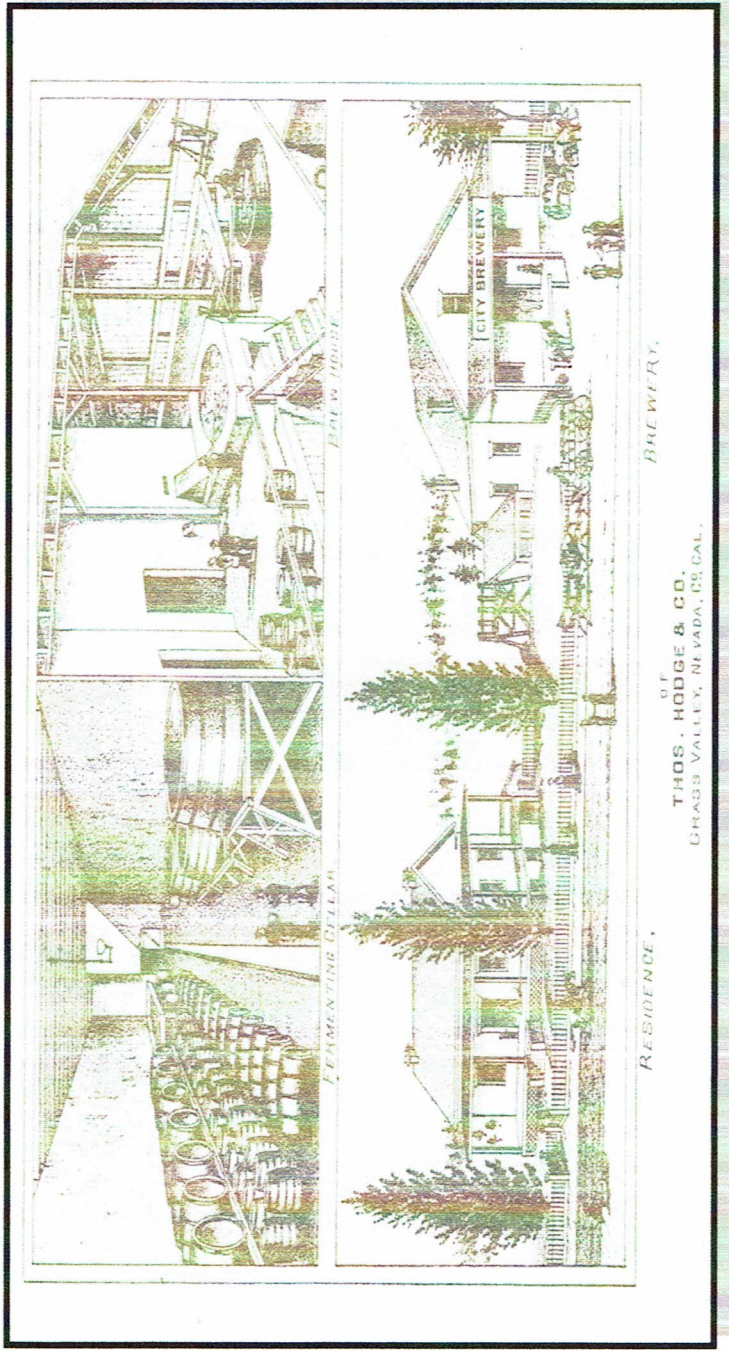


WALSH SAWMILL/CITY BREWERY



At this site, where Wolf Creek flows toward Boston Ravine, James Walsh established a sawmill to provide lumber for a mining camp as it evolved into the small city of Grass Valley. Built in July of 1850, it was Grass Valley's first business enterprise. Mill and Walsh Streets got their names from this business and this early pioneer. Judge Walsh was elected Justice of the Peace for Grass Valley. He served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and State Senator.

In later years, Thomas Hodge built the City Brewery on this site which continued to operate under various owners from 1873 to 1909. Hodge was a resident of Grass Valley for 55 years and passed away at his stone Cornish-style cottage located next door, which still exists today. 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.

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