



218 Washington Street

- 1852 – John Murray and Allen Willis had a blacksmith shop here. It was called Mechanics Hall.**
- 1854 – Ike Credit owned the log building here. Later that same year, Credit sold the blacksmith business to George Stevens. Stevens also put in a livery stable here.**
- 1855 – The Great Fire destroyed most of Old Town. The stable was rebuilt as was the Empire Hotel and the American Hotel went up. The livery stable was called the Empire Stable.**
- 1856 – Mechanics Hall was rebuilt. John Murray was the blacksmith and George Palmer, a wagon maker, were here.**
- 1860 – George Whitney sold the stable to J. J. Zentmeyer. Zentmeyer mined on Spanish Flat. Later that same year Zentmeyer would sell to Daniel Guiou and William Towle.**
- 1862 – Guiou and Towle sold the stable to John Stanton, a stage driver.**
- 1869 - George Keehner bought the stable. Keehner also owned the local bakery and a saloon next door.**
- 1871 – Jacob Neff, a successful miner, bought the livery stable. Neff would later become the Lieutenant Governor of the State and founder of the California Miners Association.**
- 1875 – Charles C. Crosby bought the livery. Crosby would later become Placer County Sheriff and County Recorder.**
- 1880 - Crosby carried mail and passengers between the railroad depot and Old Town. Crosby kept eight wagons, three coaches, fourteen horses and 8 tons of hay in the stable.**
- 1881 – Crosby stored buckets and ladders in the stable for the volunteer firemen.**
- 1900 – Walter Crosby took over the livery stable from his father.**