

# Trinity County

November 23, 2015



# Statistics

- ❖ SF to Weaverville: 5 hours, 285 miles
- ❖ Population served: 13,700
- ❖ Square miles covered: 3,208
- ❖ Closest airport: Redding (then 3-40 minute drive)





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# Judicial Officers/Administration

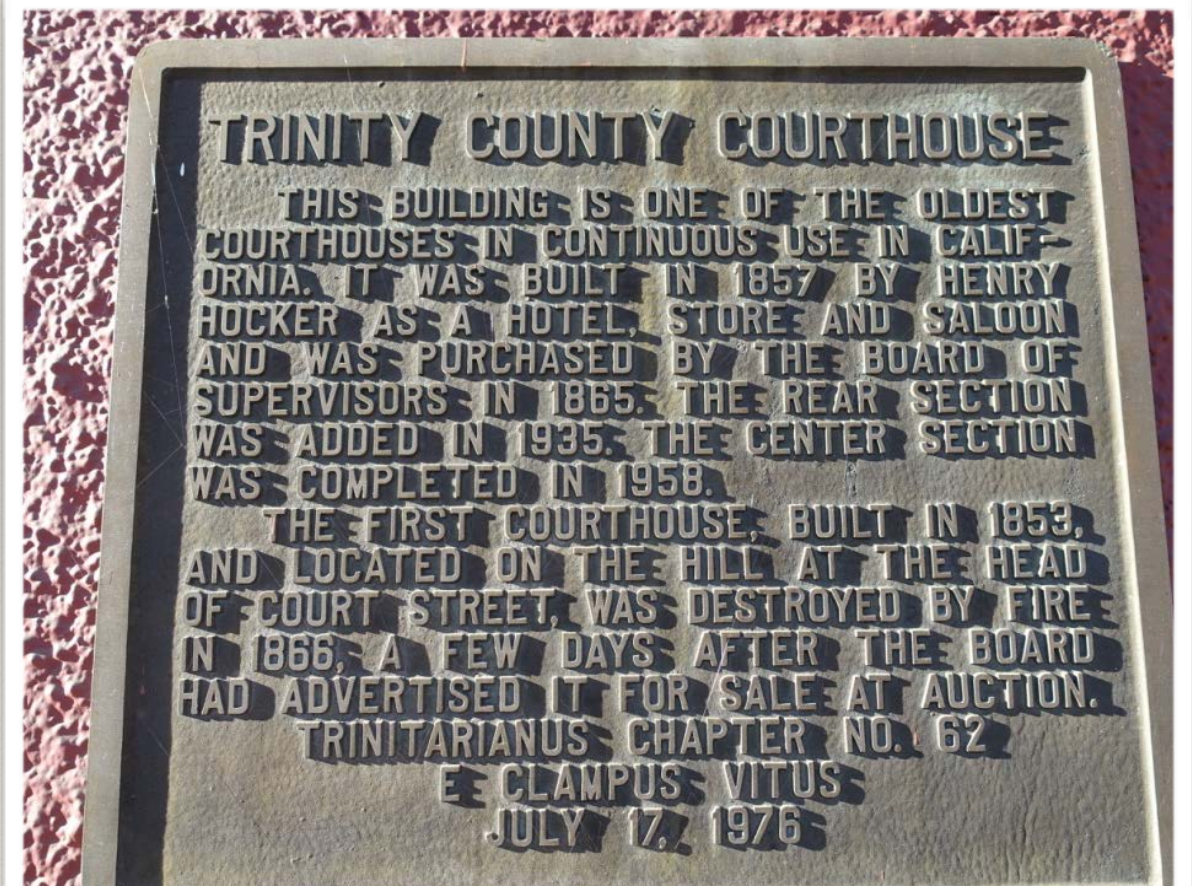
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- ❖ Two judicial officers/courtrooms:
  - ❖ Presiding Judge Elizabeth Johnson
  - ❖ Hon. Michael B. Harper
- ❖ Court Executive Officer Cindy Van Schooten
- ❖ 15 FTE's- two out the three vacancies filled in past four months. One remains vacant.











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# Facility Challenges

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- ❖ Juvenile Hall closed due to funding concerns, except on weekends
- ❖ During the week, in-custody juveniles are sent to Tehama County, then transported back for court
- ❖ Two and one-half hour ride each way

COUNTY  
RECORDER  
ASSESSOR

ELECTIONS

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COURT SERVICES  
ASSESSOR  
RECORDER

NOTICE  
TO THE PUBLIC  
REGARDING  
THE  
COUNTY  
CLERK'S  
OFFICE

SUPERIOR  
COURT  
CLERKS

CLERK'S WINDOW SHOWING SHARED FACILITY



“Holding”

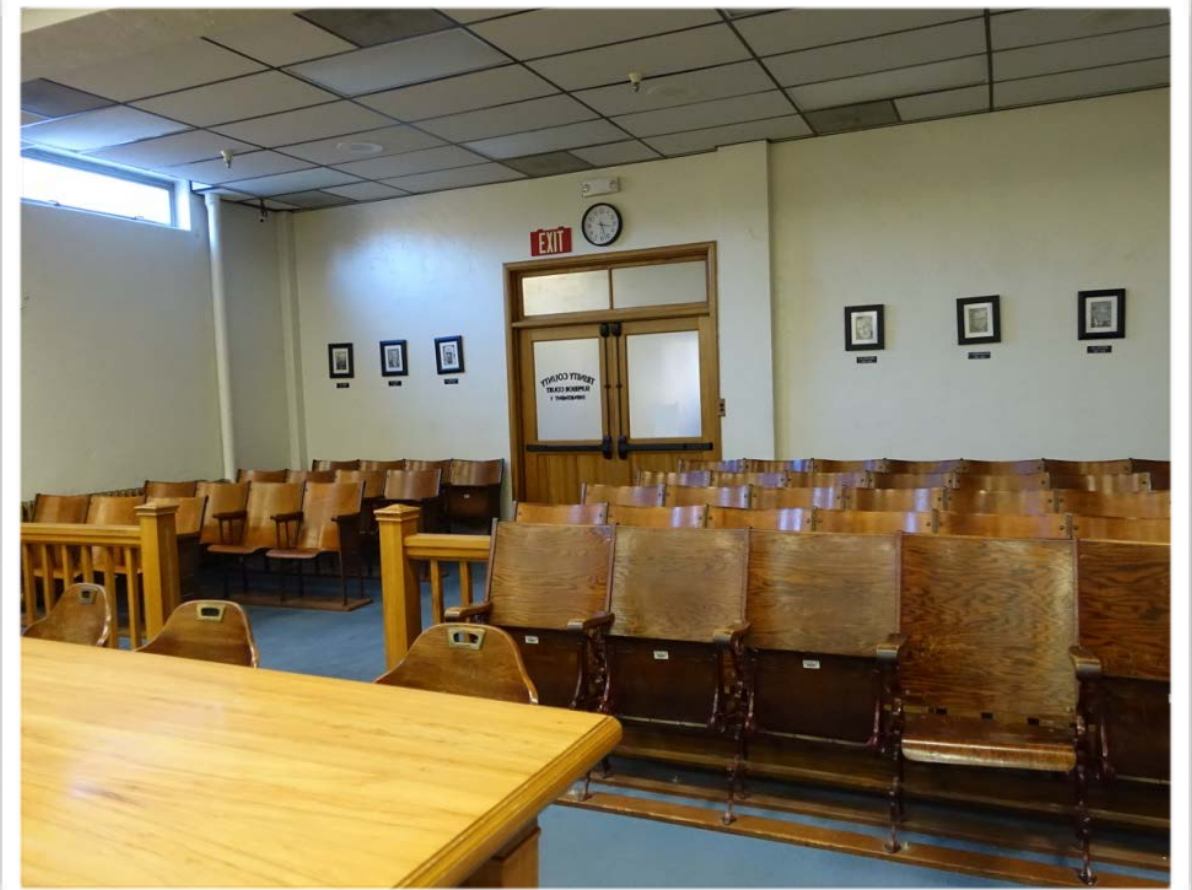


View from chambers



“Holding” to  
Courtroom









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# File Storage

Court is using limited resources to scan- two hours a day

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# Jury Assembly

Jurors sit on floor due to inadequate seating

Fire Marshal has complained- hallway packed; movement impeded





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Jurors and public  
wait in hallway

Inadequate seating

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# Interpreters/Court Reporters

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- ❖ Interpreters travel several hours- one case = 1 day cost
- ❖ No dedicated interpreters
- ❖ One FTE court reporter for both courts
  - ❖ ONLY used for felonies and when mandated
  - ❖ Must hire a pro tem (when available) if there are two felony trials ongoing
  - ❖ Increase in homicides/serious crimes requires increased resources





# Self-help Family Law Facilitator

- Cannot afford updated technology- forms will not print
- Few attorneys in area- limited volunteer help







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# Peer Court

Court is proud of its Peer Court  
for teens

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# Going to the dogs...

- ❖ Support Dog Program: “Miles” the dog...
  - ❖ -Successfully providing in-court support for four years:
    - ❖ -Mediation
    - ❖ -In-chamber interviews
    - ❖ -In the courtroom
    - ❖ -Next to the witness stand