

Booker, (present District Judge), D. W. Perley, T. B. Van Buren, W. D. Fair, E. L. B. Brooks, Dr. Roberts, O. L. Bridges, Chas. A. Lake, R. C. Chamberlayne, W. B. Sloan, Isaac Baggs, H. H. Rhees, A. C. Baine, H. A. Crabb, W. F. Nye, H. T. Booream, Thos. Baker, J. K. Shafer, Mr. Stafford, and Mr. Brockway.

The Fifth Judicial District, as originally organized, comprised all the territory now represented by the counties of Calaveras, Tuolumne, Amador, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Mariposa, Merced, and Fresno. It was the duty of the District Attorney to make the circuit with the District Judge and attend to prosecutions in the various counties. The County Attorney of each county attended to prosecutions in the Court of Sessions and all examinations and criminal proceedings on behalf of the people during the absence of the District Attorney. The office of County Attorney was abolished at the second session of the Legislature, by Act of April, 29th, 1851, and provision was made for a prosecuting attorney in each county, who is called District Attorney—a misnomer. The County and Probate Judge, on the 3d day of June, 1850, appointed E. L. B. Brooks Public Administrator for San Joaquin County, and the first estate administered upon was that of H. H. Brayton, deceased, June 24th, 1850. The first criminal case in the Court of Sessions was case on appeal from Justice Endicott's Court, entitled, *The People, etc., vs. Conner*, in which defendant was charged, with one Washburn, with selling goods without a license. The first case called in the County Court was *Haas vs. Messa* and the second was a case on appeal from the Justices' Court of H. Amyx, Esq., viz: *Grassi vs. Gravedia*, wherein it appears that neither party having put in an appearance on the day set for trial, the Justice entered up a judgment against the defendant for \$50 and costs of suit.

The first business done by the Court of Sessions in the exercise of the jurisdiction afterwards conferred upon the Board of Supervisors, was to order the Sheriff to inform C. M. Weber Esq., that the Court was in session and prepared to receive any communication from him relative to donations of land which he proposed to make to the County of San Joaquin for public buildings. Captain Weber is very prominent in the proceedings of the early courts, and seems to have been assailed and harrassed continually by squatters upon the lands which he had acquired by hard fought battles against pioneer hardships and dangerous savages. We find the following expression of indignation by an old