

Senators of Tuolumne County.

In the first organization of the State, Tuolumne County was a portion of the San Joaquin Senatorial District, which embraced San Joaquin and the entire Southern mines. This district elected four Senators, to-wit: David S. Douglass, Benjamin S. Lippincott, Nelson Taylor, and T. A. Vermule, none of them hailing from Tuolumne County. Alford W. Luckett, of Sonora, was chosen Enrolling clerk of the Senate. The Legislature of 1831 constituted Tuolumne county a distinct Senatorial district, entitled to two Senators; and Gen. Alex. Anderson, and Col. Paul K. Hubbs were elected. Stanislaus county was then a portion of Tuolumne. Gen. Anderson's was the short term, expiring that year; and Jas. W. Coffroth was elected his successor in the Fall of 1832. In the Fall of 1833, Dr. Thomas Kendall was elected successor to Col. Hubbs, and J. W. Mandeville, in 1834, as successor to Mr. Coffroth. In 1835, Mr. Coffroth was again chosen successor to Dr. Kendall. The Senatorial district was not changed when Stanislaus county was cut off from Tuolumne in 1834, embracing still the two counties as heretofore.

Assemblymen.

THERE being no division into counties in 1819, the first Assemblymen were elected by districts, and the San Joaquin Senatorial district, as above described, elected NINE members, to-wit: Benjamin F. Moore, Drury P. Baldwin, Malcolm M. Stewart, R. M. Heath, Charles M. Creaner, J. S. K. Ogier, James C. Morehead, J. F. Stephens, and J. W. Van Benschoten. Of these Messrs. Moore and Stewart were from Sonora, Baldwin from Sullivan's creek, and Van Benschoten, from Jamestown. The last did not take his seat till February 11th, 1850, and he resigned on the 18th, occupied his seat only four days. R. M. Heath resigned on the same day. Dr. Wm. M. Shepherd, of Sonora, and John Cave, of Jamestown, were chosen to fill the vacancies, and took their seats on the 26th of March. Mr. Cave's circumstances were such at that time, that he could not go to the Seat of Government, until a few friends had furnished a suit of clothes, and made up a small purse to pay travelling expenses. After the adjournment of the Legislature Mr. Cave engaged in the practice of law at Sonora.

The Assemblymen elected by Tuolumne county in the Fall of 1850, were B. F. Moore, D. P. Baldwin, and William Wilkins. In 1851, D. L. Blanchard, Wm. B. Dameron, Jesse Brush, Jas. W. Coffroth, and Dr. Thos. Jeff. Ingersoll. In 1852, James W. Mandeville, Jesse Brush, John J. Hoff, William M. Meredith, and James M. Wilson. In 1853, T. J. Hoyt, H. B. Godard, J. J. Hoff, B. D. Horr, and J. W. Mandeville. In 1854, Fleming Amyx, Samuel McCurdy, Dr. T. J. Oxley, and J. M. Quinn. In 1855, Dr. T. J. Van Dusen, Thos. C. Branton, M. McGhee, and Dr. T. J. Oxley. The Apportionment Bill of 1851 gave us five members; but, when Stanislaus county was cut off, our number was reduced to four.

Of the above named gentlemen, B. F. Moore was a member of the Convention which framed the Constitution. He was also a candidate of the

Whig party for United States Representative in 1851; and D. P. Baldwin was the candidate of the same party, the same year, for Lieutenant Governor.

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