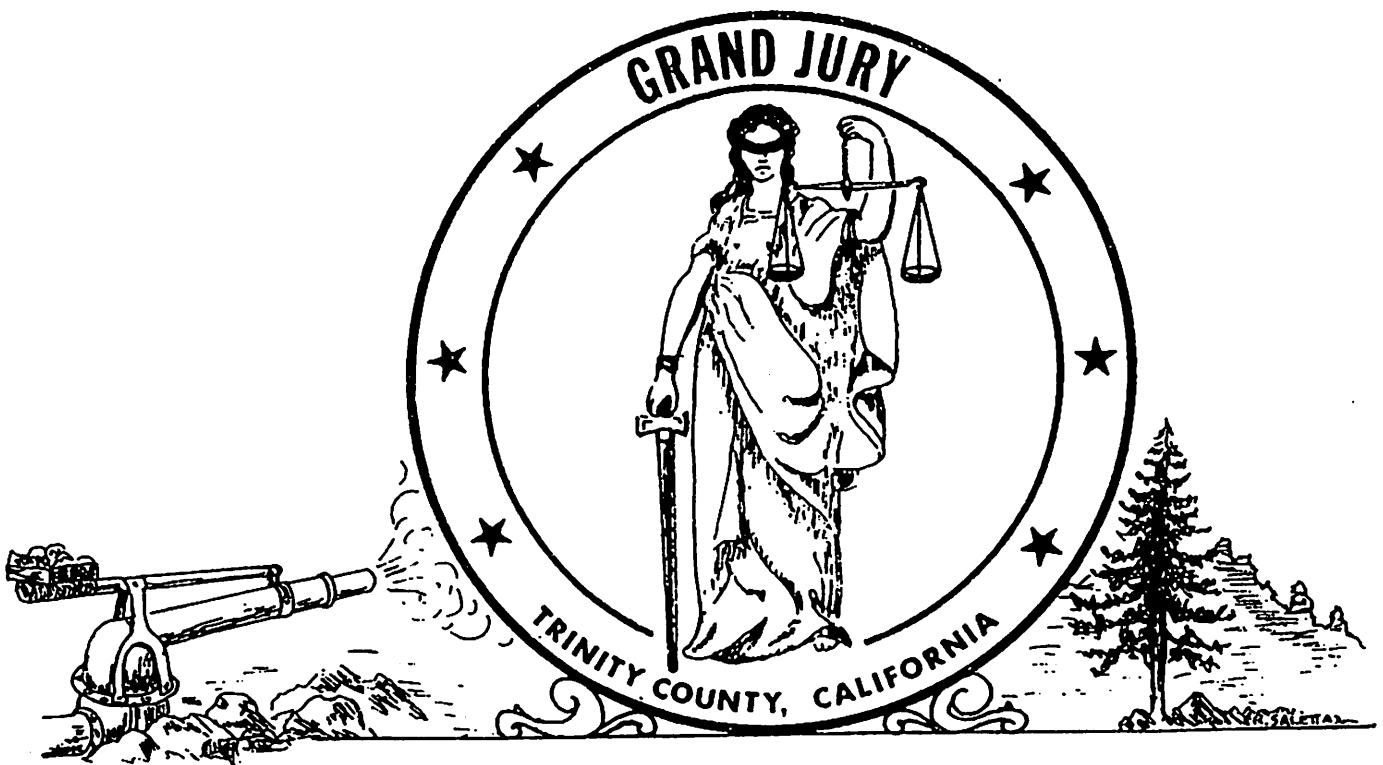


FINAL REPORT OF THE  
**TRINITY COUNTY**  
**GRAND JURY**

**1999 - 2000**





## **DEDICATION**

**Lynn Gunn**

June 18, 1955 - August 3, 1999

Saddened by the untimely death of Foreperson Lynn Gunn, the members of the 1999-2000 Trinity County Grand Jury hereby dedicate this final report in her memory.

Lynn was a talented and tireless public-spirited citizen who devoted much of her time and energy to the betterment of others.

Her work for the community of Trinity is an inspiration to all.

She led the Grand Jury with grace and dedication, and is missed as a leader, citizen and friend by all who knew and worked with her.

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## 1999 – 2000 TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY ROSTER

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June 23, 2000

The Honorable John K. Letton  
Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Trinity  
P. O. Box 1258  
Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Judge Letton:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you and the people of Trinity County the final report of the 1999-2000 Trinity County Grand Jury. As we began our year, the members of this Grand Jury were shocked and saddened by the accidental death of our respected Foreperson Lynn Gunn. We were all looking forward to serving with her. To honor Lynn, we have dedicated this report to her.

This Grand Jury investigated a number of complaints as well as several facets of county government. Some of these investigations resulted in final reports, while others did not. In every case we thank those citizens who sent us complaints. We believe that even where no report was written, the investigation often led to improvement or beneficial changes within local or county government.

I personally want to thank all the members who worked so hard, for many hours with good humor to produce this Final Report. They came from all over Trinity County, some traveling hours to get to meetings and it seemed it never failed to snow hard on the days of our meetings. I believe the members of this Grand Jury worked together in harmony and endeavored to be thorough, objective and conscientious in their investigations.

We found Trinity County, as well as Special and School District employees, department heads and officials, to be helpful and gracious. They made our work pleasant and we thank them.

Members have indicated they were pleased to have the opportunity to serve Trinity County, and we thank you, Judge Letton, for allowing us that privilege and for your help. We also thank Court Executive Officer Donna Regnani for her never failing smile and her willingness to provide help to members.

It is of great importance, I believe, to point out that most of the time and in most cases, County and other local government work well and serve the people well. Anything this Grand Jury has learned and passed on in this Final Report that will help government to serve the people even better, I believe and I think the members believe, has been worth our collective year-long effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hamilton, Foreperson

**1999-2000 TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY**

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