

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HONORABLE THOMAS J. CURRAN, SECRETARY OF STATE, ALBANY, N.Y:
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON:

In conformity with Section 34 of the Election Law, the Board of Elections of the County of Jefferson herewith submits its report for the year 1943, and as a part of same, as required by law, will be found statements showing the number of voters enrolled with each party, the total registration of voters and the votes of the Primaries and General Election.

The statute of nearly 350 sections is most technical and designates to the most minute detail the proper conduct of elections. This board is charged with the duty of executing all sections of the Election Law, as well as, certain sections of the Executive and Penal Laws.

The Jefferson County Board of Elections has every reason to believe it has functioned with accuracy and with greatest dispatch; that qualified voters exercised their right of franchise; that the vote of the electors at the Primaries and General Election were properly canvassed and a true and accurate count given for each designated and nominated candidate.

ENROLLMENT OF 1943

City	9187	Personal Registration of 1942, Watertown
Towns	<u>16987</u>	Vote in 22 Towns of 1942
	26174	Total Enrollment of 1943.

The following is the 1943 party enrollment:

City	6115	Rep	2752	Dem	45	A. L.	275	Blanks and Void
Towns	<u>12428</u>		<u>4198</u>		<u>29</u>		<u>332</u>	
County	18543		6950		74		607	

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OFFICIAL PRIMARIES.....PARTISAN AND NONPARTISAN

August 10th, 1943.

As in the year 1942, the Primary dates were advanced five weeks, in order to provide for the "Voting by Members of Armed Forces During Time of War."

Nearly 200 changes of enrollment, -Section 184, caused by moving, becoming of age, gaining citizenship by naturalization and errors in enrollment were recorded in the two enrollment copies of the registers.

There were 368 petitions filed for the Primaries. This large number was caused by the Republican Primaries in 16 towns to nominate town officers and the election of two Republican County Committeemen in each of the 94 election districts of the county.

All petitions were counted, examined, passed upon and filed. The names and addresses and hour of filing of all candidates were entered in the Record Book. Postal notifications of the filing of petitions were mailed to 368 candidates. Following declinations and filling of vacancies, eight contests developed for town officers.

The following offices were nominated:

Special County Judge, County Treasurer, Two candidates for Mayor, four candidates for Councilmen for Four Years, and Town Officers in 16 towns. There were 188 Republican County Committeemen elected.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law, 40599 Primary Ballots were printed and were divided as follows:

94 different Republican Ballots
13 " Democratic "
1 American Labor Ballot
1 Nonpartisan City Ballot.

The 1943 Primary vote was as follows:

City	1440 Rep	536 Dem	3 A. L.	2058 Nonpartisan
Towns	<u>2428</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
County	3868	677	6	2058

Primary Determinations were mailed to 366 nominated and elected candidates.

Party Caucuses. Democratic Caucuses were held in 12 towns and Republican Caucuses in six towns.

Custodians. On August 30th, 1943, this board appointed 25 custodians of voting machines. Each custodian was individually sworn in and also instructed on the emergency voting machine, which the county purchased from the Town of Philadelphia. The machine equipped for voting was on demonstration for three weeks, and many voters came to this office for personal instructions on the operation of a machine. We have found the custodians very loyal and willing to co-operate in every detail.

REGISTRATION

Six systems of Registration were conducted during the present year. They were Personal, Nonpersonal, Central, Military, veterans and Federal.

During the months of June, July, August and September, the Board of Elections served as a Board of Central Registration. Approximately 140 qualified voters centrally registered and were permitted to enroll and make application for absentee voters' ballots. All registrants names, addresses and history had to be inscribed in the three registers of the election district and the signature of the voter pasted in the Signature Copy of the Register.

Approximately 222 applications for Military Registration and requests for domestic war ballots were received by this office. Of this number, 215 applications were accepted and war ballots mailed to those in the armed forces of the United States. All war ballot application had to be most carefully scrutinized in order that the voter be registered in the proper district. Following this, the military registrations had to be registered in the three copies of the registers and the voters' signatures pasted in the Signature Register, of the election district from which he was inducted into service. Because of insufficient explanations on the application forms and because many of the soldiers were voting for the first time, the correct location of the election district was a most laborious task for this office.

Before the registers were delivered to the inspectors for Registration, 1065 entries were made in the registers by this office.

The following is the Registration of 1943:

City	7177	
Towns	31040	County 38217

The great influx of people coming to Watertown to work in defense plants caused a great increase in the number of hotels, boarding and rooming houses. Following the receipt of these lists from the Chief of Police, blanks were mailed to the proprietors of these hotels and houses, who returned them to this office with the history and signature of everyone residing at that address who claimed a voting residence thereat. These sheets have to be carefully checked and delivered to the chairmen of the respective polling places. Failure of certain landlords to comply with the law, forced this office to call upon the police department to secure the desired reports.

GENERAL ELECTION

November 2nd, 1943.

The following officers were elected:

- Lieutenant-Governor
- Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Representative in Congress to Fill Vacancy, 32nd District
- Special County Judge
- County Treasurer
- Mayor
- Two Councilmen for Four Years
- Supervisor in each of 12 Wards of Watertown
- Town Officers

Six amendments were also voted upon.

For the General Election, the following ballots were printed:

- 34 different Ballots for Voting Machines
- 34 " " for regular absentees
- 34 " War Ballots
- 1 ballots Amendments to be enclosed with war ballots.

On the ballots there were 374 nominations of which 216 officers were elected; which included 193 Republican and 23 Democratic nominees. There were also elected three nonpartisan nominees

The total vote of the 1943 General Election was 21595, divided as follows:

City	4152	Rep	1623	Dem	113	A. L.	595	Blanks
Towns	<u>10361</u>		<u>3294</u>		<u>93</u>		<u>1364</u>	
County	14513		4917		206		1595	

Immediately following the election, the Commissioners of Elections waived their rights to appoint bipartisan boards to recanvass the voting machines, performed this duty personally. Each one of the 94 voting machines were inspected and very few errors were found. These errors did not effect the results of the canvass as previously made. We believe that since this law has been in effect; that is since 1939, the inspectors have been more careful in reading the machines.

On December 17th, the Board of Supervisors will meet as a Board of County Canvassers to canvass all votes including the foreign war ballots. Immediately thereafter, this office will mail 216 Determinations to elected candidates.

The Commissioners of Elections and Clerk desire to thank Mr. Henry S. Adams of the Election and Law Bureau, Secretary of State's Office, the members of the Board of Supervisors and the painstaking printers for the many courtesies extended to this office during the year 1943.

We again extend an invitation to all to visit our office at any time and solicit the assistance and information which is within our jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Jefferson County Board of Elections

Ella R. Overton, Commissioner

Clarence H. Burtch, Commissioner

Kate E. Grant, Clerk

Dated at Watertown, N. Y. November 24th, 1943.

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County Treasurer

Two candidates for mayor

Four " " " " Councilman

Five town officers in 16 towns

The following party positions were elected

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For the Primaries 40599 were printed.

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This year, we changed the procedure and requested the list of ^{Town} offices to be filled in the B. E. to be submitted by the supervisors of each town.

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Approximately 1110 entries were made in the register by this office before delivery to the inspectors of elections.

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Town	<u>31040</u>
Total	38217

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Chief of
Police

make a sworn report and detailed description of all guests and employees who claim a business residence thereat. These reports are most carefully scrutinized and sent as a guide to the proper board of inspectors. Many local boards failed to comply with the statute, and the assistance of the police department was sought in order to complete the reports.

General Election

The following officers were elected:

Lieut-Gov

Assault Judge

Rep on Congress to fill vacancy

Special C. Judge

Mayor

2 Councilmen

Town officers

6 Amendments

For the General Election

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The total party vote of the 1943 General Election

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