

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Watertown, N. Y.
January 15th, 1951.

To:

Honorable Thomas J. Curran
Secretary of State, Albany, N. Y.

Honorable Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County.

In conformity with the provisions of Section 34 of the New York State Election Law, the Jefferson County Board of Elections, herewith submits its report for the year 1950, and as a part of same, as required by law, will be found statements showing the number of registered voters, male and female, the number of voters enrolled in each political party, and the vote cast in the Official Primaries and General Election.

ORGANIZATION

The Jefferson County Board of Elections is organized, pursuant to the Election Law and functions as a bi-partisan board under two commissioners. The acting commissioners are Manford H. Jerome, Republican, Sackets Harbor, N. Y., and Mrs. Mary A. Touchette, Democrat, Watertown, N. Y. Miss Kate E. Grant is the clerk of the board.

ENROLLMENT

Watertown	6795	Rep	3228	Dem	27	Am. Lab.	34	Liberal
Towns	12582		4951		12		23	
County	19377		8179		39		57	

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OFFICIAL FALL PRIMARY, August 22nd, 1950.

Four Official Parties participated in the Pr'

The following offices were nominated: Representative in C
the 34th Congressional District, New York State Senator i
Senatorial District, Member of Assembly in the First

Sheriff, County Clerk and a town officer in seven towns.

The following party positions were elected:

Nine Delegates and Nine Alternate Delegates to the Republican State Convention.

Member of State Committee, Male, Republican
Member of State Committee, Female, Republican

Four Delegates and Four Alternate Delegates to the Democratic State Convention.

Member of State Committee, Male, Democrat
Member of State Committee, Female, Democrat

Two Members of Democratic County Committee in each of the 94 election districts of the county.

One Delegate and One Alternate Delegate to the Liberal State Convention.
Two Members of the Liberal County Committee.

Eight Members of the American Labor State Convention
Two Members of the American Labor County Committee.

There were 52 changes in enrollment because of illness, moving, errors and becoming of age. Section 187.

For the Primaries, 286 petitions were received, Examined, checked and filed. Acceptance was acknowledged by postal cards. There were no contests.

PRIMARY VOTE

Watertown	1578	277	Dem	2 A. L.	3 Liberal
Towns	2130	311			
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County	3708	588		2	3

Postal cards were mailed to 226 elected and nominated candidates.

Revisions of the Election Law during the year, made it necessary to carefully interpret and prepare new printing forms.

Postal card notices were mailed to 112 city inspectors of elections. Three instructions, two in the evening, and one in the afternoon were given, after which inspectors were sworn in and received certificates of appointments.

REGISTRATION

During 1950, five systems of Registration were conducted by this office. These included, Central Registration, June 1st to September 26th, 1950, Four days of Personal Registration, two days of Nonpersonal Registration, Servicemens' Registration, and Hospitalized Veterans' Registration.

Central Registrations in this office numbered 102, all of whom were enrolled 68 requested absentee ballots. Central Registrations necessitated 306 entries in the three registers before delivered to the proper polling place.

1950 REGISTRATION

Watertown	10047	4968	Males	5089	Females
Towns	32851	16533	"	16318	"
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County	42898	21501		21397	

GENERAL ELECTION, November 7th, 1950.

Twenty-five custodians of voting machines were instructed on the equipment of the voting machines, Custodians were sworn in and received certificates of appointments. Of the 94 machines in operation on Election Day, 92 machines worked perfectly. Two machines in the Town of Brownville, were not properly equipped, and it was necessary to send assistance from Watertown in order to make satisfactory adjustments. The city and county emergency machines were ready for immediate use, but fortunately, it was not necessary to place these machines in operation.

The following officers were elected: Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, State Comptroller, Attorney-General, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Member of Assembly, Sheriff, County Clerk, and town officers in nine towns.

Ten different ballots were printed for the machines.

Ten different ballots were printed for absentee ballots, regular and war ballots.

Nine War Ballots were mailed by this office and seven were voted, returned and canvassed.

The General Election vote was as follows.

Watertown	9464
Towns	18435
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	27899

Two weeks before the General Election, notices were mailed to all State and County Chairmen, to every candidate appearing on the ballot and to the custodians notifying them of the itinerary of the commissioners of elections during the recanvass of the machines. The commissioners are very happy to announce that the recanvass of the 66 town machines was completed in three days. The commissioners are grateful to Sheriff Peck for the use of the county car and a driver in order to complete the recanvass in this record time. While this work was in progress, Miss Grant recanvassed all absentee ballots.

Throughout the year, we have continued our earnest effort to make for economy, believing this to be mandatory because of the excessive cost of supplies and printing labor.

In conclusion, the commissioners and clerk desire to thank the Members of the Board of Supervisors and the printers for their most valuable assistance. The Board extends a most cordial invitation to all to visit this office, where our records are available at all times and where every possible assistance and information will be given.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jefferson County Board of Elections

Manford H. Jerome, Commissioner

Mary A. Touchette, Commissioner

Kate E. Grant, Clerk