

1951

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Watertown, N. Y.
January 15th, 1952.

To:

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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Jefferson.

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 1951, 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, the vote cast in the Official Primaries, the Nonpartisan Primary and General Election.

ENROLLMENT - 1951

Watertown	6719	Rep	3039	Dem	15	Liberal	8	Am. Lab
Towns	13024		4946		20		22	
County	19743		7985		35		30	

Blank and void enrollment blanks numbered 689.

OFFICIAL FALL PRIMARIES AND NONPARTISAN PRIMARY, August 21st, 1961

Three official parties participated in the Official Primaries. There were no votes cast in the American Labor Party. All registered voters in the City of Watertown were eligible to participate in the Nonpartisan Primary.

The following offices were nominated:

County Judge, Surrogate, Special Surrogate and District Attorney.

Town officers in 16 towns, supervisors in the twelve wards of the City of Watertown, City Judge, Mayor, (two nominations), four Councilmen for Four Years, (four nominations).

The following party positions were elected:

- Republican--
- Eight Delegates to the Fifth Judicial District Convention
- Eight Alternate Delegates to the Fifth Judicial District Convention
- Democrat--
- Five Delegates to the Fifth Judicial District Convention
- Five Alternate Delegates to the Fifth Judicial District Convention
- Liberal--
- One Delegate to the Fifth Judicial District Convention
- One Alternate Delegate to the Fifth Judicial District Convention

Two Members of the Republican County Committee in each of the 94 Election Districts of Jefferson County.

There were approximately 50 changes of enrollment because of sickness, moving, errors, becoming of age, naturalization and return from military service.

	Primary Vote					Nonpartisan				
Watertown	2757	Rep	1025	Dem	4	Liberal	0	Am. Lab.	0	3793
Towns	2542		276		0					
County	5299		1301		4				0	3793

For the Primaries 421 petitions were filed in this office. Postal card notification of the filing of petitions were mailed to 421 candidates.

Determinations of elections and nominations were mailed to 389 candidates

Postal card notices of instructions for inspectors in the City of Watertown were mailed to 112 recommended inspectors. Four instructions were given, three in the afternoon and one in the evening, after which inspectors were sworn in and received certificates of appointments.

CAUCUSES

Six towns held Republican caucuses and of the 22 towns, 14 held Democratic caucuses. Pursuant to law, it was necessary to have acceptances of nominations before candidate's names could be printed on the General Election Ballots. From the 203 postals mailed to the town nominees, 160 accepted nominations and 23 declined.

REGISTRATION.

Five systems of Registration were conducted by this office, including Central Registration from June 1st to September 19th, Personal Registration in the City of Watertown for four days, Nonpersonal Registration in the towns for two days, Servicemen's Registration and Hospitalized Veteran's Registration.

During 1951, there were 84 Central Registrations. This necessitated 252 entries in the three registers before they were delivered to the city polling places. There were 45 Servicemen's Registrations and nine Hospitalized Veteran's Registrations.

The 1951 total Registration was as follows:

City	9783	4857	Males	4926	Females
Towns	32604	16367		16237	
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County	42387	21224		21163	

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6th, 1951.

Twenty-five custodians of voting machines were instructed. All machines in the towns with the exception of the machine in the Town of Pamela, worked perfectly. Trouble was experienced with many city machines. Custodians were called a great many times to adjust the levers on the city machines in order that the vote be accurately recorded. All city machines and the Pamela machine should be thoroughly repaired before the next election.

The following offices were elected:

Justice of the Supreme Court, County Judge, Surrogate, Special Surrogate, District Attorney, Town officers in 22 towns, Supervisor in the 12 wards of the City of Watertown, City Judge, Mayor and two Councilmen for Four Years.

There were 283 regular absentee ballots and 45 War Ballots.

Because of court decisions, voting machines ballots and supplies had to be reprinted entailing extra work and greater costs. Since the Board of Elections was created in 1911, there was never such a hectic time in the office. The final nomination for the Office of County Judge was not received until 4 o'clock, Saturday, November 3rd, 1951. By the greatest speed and dispatch, it was possible to print the voting machine strips, instruct the custodians and deliver the supplies for the 94 machines.

The General Election Vote was as follows:

City	9036	5041	Rep	1943	Dem	168	AM. Lab.
Towns	14347	8892		3427		94	
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County	23383	13933		5370		262	

Notices of the dates for the recanvass of voting machines were mailed to 358 candidates, state and county chairmen and custodians.

Determinations of Elections were mailed to 216 elected officers.

The Board of Elections wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board of Supervisors, printers, Sheriff's Office and others, who have rendered assistance in the conduct of the 1951 Registration, Primaries and General Election.

Respectfully yours,

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.