

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

1954

To the Hon. Chairman and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

In accordance with Section 34 of the Election Law, we herewith submit the following report of the Board of Elections for the year 1954:

The Party Enrollment for the Fall Primary held September 14, 1954 was as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.	Lib.	Amer-Lab.	Blank & Void
City of Watertown	4997	1975	9	5	133
Towns	<u>9751</u>	<u>3773</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>239</u>
Totals	14748	5748	23	17	372

The Fall Primary vote was as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.	Lib.	Amer-Lab.
City of Watertown	1923	280	1	none
Towns	<u>3083</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>none</u>
Totals	3006	702	2	--

The 1954 Registration was as follows:

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
City of Watertown	9582	4631	4951
Towns	<u>29781</u>	<u>14850</u>	<u>14931</u>
Totals	39363	19481	19882

Central Registrations received at the Board of Elections totaled 155, plus 23 Servicemen's Registrations. These names and addresses were entered in three registers. The number of applications for absentee ballots was 318, for hospitalized veterans 2, and for military ballots 117.

The 1954 General Election vote was as follows:

City of Watertown	9063
Towns	<u>18014</u>
Total vote	27077

The year 1954 was marked by the death of Miss Kate E. Grant who had served as Clerk of the Board of Elections for forty years. Miss Grant died suddenly on March 28th, necessitating the appointment of a new Clerk.

During the year 116 City Election Inspectors and 25 voting machine custodians were appointed, instructed and sworn in. One new voting machine was purchased, so that two machines are now available for emergency use.

Pursuant to a new section of the Election Law, approximately 6000 postal-cards were mailed to persons in non-personal registration districts who had not voted during the preceding four years. The number of persons failing to return the postal-card whose names were removed from the registers was 3494.

Immediately after the General Election, all voting machines and records were put under guard by order of the Governor until the final re-canvass of the vote. Following the re-canvass of the machine vote and absentee and military ballots, the canvass was completed upon the receipt of 25 additional servicemen's ballots on November 26th and tabulated statements sent to Albany.

During December, party enrollments for the year 1955 were sorted out and the party affiliation stamped in two registers. The enrollment for 1955 will total more than 27,000.

We wish to thank the members of the Board of Supervisors, the Clerk of that Board, the County Purchasing Agent and the Sheriff's office and City Police Department for their cooperation during the years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioners

*Dorothy C. Farmer*  
Clerk.