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TO: Jefferson County Board of Supervisors,
County Building,
Watertown, N. Y.

First date of central registration for the year of 1974 in Jefferson County, Dec. 6, 1974, continuing through August 30, 1974. 526 registered centrally.

2 days of local registration in the polling places were, (1st day) October 5th, a Saturday, hours 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., (second day and last date), Thursday, October 10, 1974, hours 12 Noon to 7 P. M. A total of 1770 registered on the 2 days of local registration.

In addition, central registration was made available, by a mobile unit from our office, to every High School in Jefferson County. This was with the approval, by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors. Registration was available to high school students and the public. This was completed during the month of March, 1974. 1143 did register at the schools. Students at Jefferson Community College also registered at this time. Further, central registration was made available at the Jefferson County Fair, the week of July 22-1974 and through Friday, July 26, 1974. 169 were registered at the fair. 9 inmates at the Jefferson County Jail were registered by our mobile unit (a new law, Sec. 117, Paragraph D)

The Party Enrollment for use at the 1974 Primary Election was as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.	Cons.	Liberal	Unaffil.	Total
City of Watertown	7072	4237	56	131	790	12286
Towns, Jeff. Co.	15940	8254	182	277	1132	25785
Total County	23012	12491	238	408	1922	38071

The Democratic Party (all Jefferson County) voted at a Primary Election, held September 10, 1974. Public offices voted for were Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, 2 Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals, and United States Senator. 1527 Democrats voted at this Primary.

There was not a Republican Party Primary county wide. Republican Party Primary election held Sept. 10th, in towns of Rutland (public office of Supervisor and Town Justice to fill vacancy). 406 votes were cast. A Republican Party Primary in the Town of Watertown (public office of Councilman to fill vacancy). 163 votes were cast.

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Section 126, Election Law (new law) provided for voting by an absentee ballot in the Primary, September 10, 1974, providing they had the necessary qualifications. This covered the military, illness, permanently confined, or ones who should be outside of the county on Primary Election day, September 10.

58 Absentee Primary ballots were sent to servicemen and spouse.
30 Absentee Primary ballots were voted and returned for tabulation.

21 Absentee Primary applications were received and 21 ballots were forwarded to enrolled Democrats who were outside of Jefferson County on Primary day (Sec. 117b)

17 Absentee Primary ballots were returned and tabulated.

36 Absentee Primary ballots forwarded to enrolled Democrats (permanently confined)

24 Absentee Primary ballots were returned and tabulated.

Registration Listing for October, 1974, and tabulated after the 2 local registration dates, October 5 and 10, 1974 revealed the following:

	Male	Female	Total
City of Watertown	5641	6999	12640
Towns of Jefferson County	13020	13865	26885
Total County	18661	20864	39525

304 applications received from Servicemen and spouses for Absentee Ballots for the general election, Nov. 5th, 1974. 304 absentee ballots were sent to the servicemen.

184 ballots were voted and returned by the servicemen and tabulated with the vote of November 5th.

632 applications received for absentee ballots from voters were to be outside of Jefferson County on November 5th (students and ones on vacation). This included applications from the ill.

594 ballots were voted and returned and tabulated with the vote of November 5th, 1974.

119 ballots sent to ones, permanently confined to their homes.

95 ballots were voted and returned and also tabulated.

General Election, Nov. 5th, 1974.

Ballot for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor; Comptroller; Attorney-General; 2 Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals; United States Senator; Justice of the Supreme Court (5th Judicial District); Representative in Congress (30th Congressional District); State Senator (45th Senatorial District); Member of Assembly (114th Assembly District); Sheriff of Jefferson County; City Judge of City of Watertown; Proposition #1 (state wide) Rail Preservation Bond Issue; 2 propositions (Town of Cape Vincent and Orleans); 1 Ordinance (Town of Orleans); plus 12 vacancies existing on the Town Boards of 11 towns in Jefferson County.

28,359 registered voters did vote. 39,525 were registered to vote.

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A new Section 407-a of the Election Law adopted by the 1974 New York State Legislature and effective December 1st, 1974, provides for transfer of Registration and Enrollment to voters who have moved to a new residence within the same county. This will be implemented during 1975.

Jan. 10th, 1975, 4,790 postal cards (affidavit request form) were sent to registered voters who had not voted in the last two consecutive years. The recipient of the card has three weeks to return this affidavit request form.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Kavanaugh, Clerk
Board of Elections.