

January 16, 1984

TO: JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County Office Building
175 Arsenal St.
Watertown, NY 13601

SUBJECT: Jefferson County Board of Elections - Annual
Report for year 1983

This annual report of the Board of Elections of Jefferson County for year ending December 31, 1983, is hereby submitted.

The first day of central registration for year 1983 commenced December 3, 1982, and continued through September 1, 1983. During this period 527 persons registered centrally.

This office processed and approved 3,747 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms during the year 1983. 1,070 applications for registration and enrollment forms were forwarded to schools in Jefferson County for registration of high school students who would be 18 years of age on election day or day after. 528 completed forms were returned by the students representing 49% return ratio. Additional forms were forwarded to town and village clerk's, public libraries, political parties and civic organizations.

Personal registration was conducted at Sackets Harbor, LaFargeville, Lyme and South Jefferson Central. A total of 98 students were registered personally.

The preparation of the primary enrollment books starts in mid-November of each year and requires at least 6 weeks to complete. A careful review of each voter's record is made by checking registration serial number, name, address and party enrollment with a master list and recording any necessary changes. Primary enrollment books were printed in February 1983 by Jefferson County Printing Dept., containing 38,157 registered voters.

Enrollment tables are prepared after the publication of primary books, showing prior year registration by election district, total votes cast by election district for the November election and current enrollment by party and district.

Primary Election was held on Tuesday, September 13, 1983, with voting hours from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. in all ninety-one election districts of the county by the Republican Party for Judge of the Surrogate's Court and Sheriff, by the Conservative Party for Judge of the Surrogate's Court and by the Liberal Party for Judge of the Surrogate's Court. There were Republican primaries in seven towns of the county for town offices.

Elected uncontested at the Republican primary were delegates and alternate delegates to represent Jefferson County at the Fifth Judicial District Convention and members of the Jefferson County Republican Committee.

The Democratic party primary was uncontested in Jefferson County and all candidates designated were elected and appeared on the general election ballot in November, 1983.

The Non-Partisan Primary election was held in the City of Watertown for Mayor and Councilman.

The following is a compilation by party of the absentee ballots mailed from this office for the primary election.

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	142	27	169
Towns	<u>136</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>251</u>
Total	278	142	420
<u>Conservative</u>			
City	2	0	2
Towns	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	4	3	7
<u>Liberal</u>			
City	0	0	0
Towns	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	1	4	5
Non-Partisan City only	253	55	308
Grand Total	536	204	740

20,564 registered Republicans were eligible to vote in the 1983 Republican Primary, of this total 7,756 voted, or 37% voter participation.

318 registered Conservatives were eligible to vote in the 1983 Conservative Primary, of this total 102 voted, or 32% voter participation.

375 registered Liberals were eligible to vote in the 1983 Liberal Primary, of this total 56 voted, or 14% voter participation.

The re-canvass of the voting machines used in the primary election was completed on September 15, 1983.

Primary election supplies were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$3851.00, of which \$2419.00 was a county charge.

Local Registration Day was held on October 15, 1983. 82 persons registered to vote in the City of Watertown and 523 persons registered in the Towns, for a total of 605. Registration lists for October 1983 were tabulated and indicated the following:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	<u>5569</u>	<u>6978</u>	<u>12547</u>
Towns	<u>13266</u>	<u>14406</u>	<u>27672</u>
Total	18835	21384	40219
<u>Party</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Democratic	4073	8031	12104
Republican	5949	14603	20552
Conservative	79	239	318
Right to Life	33	30	63
Liberal	109	272	381
Neutral	1698	3479	5177
Unrecorded	<u>606</u>	<u>1018</u>	<u>1624</u>
Total	12547	27672	40219

The general election was held on November 8, 1983, with the following offices voted on:

State Ballot Proposals (8) and County Ballot Proposal (1)
Justice of Supreme Court (2)
Judge of the Surrogate's Court
District Attorney
Sheriff
Town officers
City Supervisors
Mayor and Councilman - City of Watertown

A total of 40219 persons were registered to vote in the November 1983 elections. 27858 persons voted or 69% voter participation.

The following is a compilation of absentee ballots mailed from this office for the general election.

	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	510	47	557
Towns	733	182	915
Total	1243	229	1472

General Election ballots and machine supplies were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$9539.00, of which \$4448.00 was a county charge.

The re-canvass of voting machines used in the general election was completed on November 10, 1983.

The instruction school for inspectors in Jefferson County was held on August 4, 5, 9 and 10 at Jefferson Community College. 335 inspectors were trained. Examinations were given to 47 election inspectors.

Training sessions for machine custodians were held in September and October, 1983.

The Board of Elections office was served with 18 County Court orders pertaining to registration and enrollment and absentee ballots. One Supreme Court Order was served against the Board relating to a nomination.

934 voters were cancelled for failure to vote in the past four years.

The total expenses incurred by the Board of Elections for year 1983 is as follows:

Al450.1	Personal Services	\$52,541.97
Al450.2	Equipment & Books	323.80
Al450.4	Contractual Expenses	<u>20,639.07</u>
	Total	\$73,504.84

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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