

1949

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

Watertown, N. Y.

December 10th, 1950.

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 Election Law, the Jefferson County Board of Elections, herewith submits its report for the year 1949, 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, Nonpartisan Primary and General Election.

ORGANIZATION

The Jefferson County Board of Elections is organized, pursuant to the New York State Election Law, and functions as a bipartisan board under two Election Commissioners. The acting commissioners are Dr. William P. Gillick, Democrat, Clayton, N. Y., and Manford H. Jerome, Republican, Sackets Harbor, N. Y. Dr. Gillick who serves as the President of the board was appointed June 25th, 1945, and Manford Jerome, who serves as the Secretary of the board was appointed January 2nd, 1947. Miss Kate E. Grant is the clerk.

ENROLLMENT 1949

Watertown	8086	Rep	4328	Dem	26	A. L.	12	Liberal
Towns	14778		6131		23		18	
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County	22864		10459		49		30	

Blanks and voids numbered 858

OFFICIAL FALL PRIMARY ELECTIONS,

September 6th, 1949.

Four parties participated in the Primaries.

The following county offices were nominated:

Special County Judge  
County Treasurer

Town officers in 16 towns, supervisors in the twelve city wards and four nonpartisan councilmen were nominated.

The following party positions were elected:

Nine Delegates and nine alternate Delegates to the Republican Fifth Judicial District Convention.

Four Delegates and four Alternate Delegates to the Democratic Fifth Judicial District Convention

One Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the American Labor State Convention.

Two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the Liberal State Convention.  
Two Republican County Committeemen in each of the 94 election districts.

There were approximately 80 changes of enrollment because of sickness, moving, errors, becoming of age, naturalization and return from military service. This necessitated 160 changes in Registers Nos. One and Three.

Postal card notifications of the filing of petitions were mailed to 656 candidates. There were 36 contests. Postal card notices to contestants and three of the members of their vacancy committee were mailed to 144 interested parties.

The Nonpartisan vote in the City of Watertown was 3057.

The 1949 Primary Vote was as follows:

City	2498	Rep	611	Dem	4 A. L.	3 Liberal
Towns	3873		321			
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County	6371		932		4	3

Postal card Determinations were mailed to 385 nominated and elected candidates.

During the year, the Election Law was completely revised. These changes had to be carefully studied for correct interpretation and necessitated the printing of many new forms.

Postal card notices were mailed to 112 city inspectors of election. Four instructions for the city inspectors, three in the evening and one in the afternoon, were given to the city inspectors. We have found these instructions most helpful. The inspectors were very appreciative. Their returns were almost perfect.

REGISTRATION

Five systems of Registration were conducted by this office, including Central Registration from June 1st to September 26th, Personal Registration in Watertown for four days, Non-personal Registration in the towns for two days, Servicemens' Registration and Hospitalized Veterans' Registration.

This year, there were 70 Central Registrations, 60 of whom applied for absentee ballots. This necessitated 210 registration entries in the three registers before they were delivered to the polling places.

The 1949 Registration was as follows:

	Total	Male	Female
City	10359	5246	5113
Towns	33046	16726	16320
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County	43405	21972	21433

### CAUCUSES

Six towns held Republican caucuses and of the 22 towns, 17 held Democratic Caucuses. Pursuant to a new law, it was necessary to have the acceptance of a nomination before a candidate's name could be printed on the General Election Ballot. Of the 182 postals mailed to town nominees, 180 were returned and acceptance noted.

### GENERAL ELECTION

November 8th, 1949.

Twenty-five custodians were most carefully instructed on the equipment of the voting machines because of the endorsement straps and pulling of certain pins in the Supreme Court Justice panels. Every custodian followed our instructions and the machines were equipped perfectly. The city and county emergency machines were fully equipped for immediate transportation and replacement. Fortunately, it was not necessary to use either one of these machines.

The following offices were elected:

Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals

United States Senator (unexpired term)

Two Justices of the Supreme Court

Special County Judge

County Treasurer

Town officers in 22 towns

Supervisor in each of the twelve wards of the City of Watertown.

Two Councilmen for Four Years in the City of Watertown

Eight Amendments and three Propositions were voted on the machines

34	different	ballots	were	printed	for	the	machines
34	"	"	"	"	"	for	Regular Absentees
34	"	"	"	"	"	for	Servicemen

Of the 308 Regular absentee ballots which were mailed, 239 were actually voted. Nine War Ballots were returned and voted.

The General Election vote was as follows:

City	5977	Rep	3346	Dem	168	Liberal	9758	Total
Towns	12572		4665		110		18117	
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County	18549		8011		278		27875	

Blanks for this section (Office of United States Senator, unexpired term) numbered 1037

In the Sixth and Ninth Wards 46 American Labor ballots were cast for supervisors.

About ten days before the election, 311 notices were mailed to State and County Chairmen, to every candidate appearing on the ballots and to the custodians giving the itinerary of the commissioners during the re-canvass of the 94 voting machines.

The commissioners are happy to advise, that the re-canvass of the 66 town machines was completed in four days. They are grateful to Sheriff Peck for the use of a county car and a deputy to drive the car on these four re-canvassing days.

During the re-canvass, Miss Grant re-canvassed the absentee ballots. But few slight errors were established.

Following the re-canvass, 217 postal card Determinations were mailed to elected candidates.

Throughout the year, we have continued our diligent effort to make for economy, and have resorted to the use of penny postal cards in every possible instance. As an example, 2155 postals were mailed by this office.

The Board of Elections again expresses its sincere thanks to the printers for their painstaking efforts in furnishing most perfect printing. Especially are we grateful to the Hungerford-Holbrook Co. printers of the Primary Ballots, Frank C. O'Brien for the Nonpartisan Ballots and the Weston Printing Company for General Election Ballots, voting machines and absentee ballots.

The Commissioners of Elections and Clerk desire to thank each supervisor for the many courtesies extended to this office, and we cordially invite you to visit the office at any time to solicit assistance and information within our jurisdiction.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. William P. Gillick

Manford H. Jerome  
Commissioners

Kate E. Grant,  
Clerk