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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - ANNUAL REPORT - 1975

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

January 10, 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 had three weeks to return this affidavit request form. Of this number 4,790 postal cards sent, 2,255 affidavit request forms were returned to our office. The balance or 2,535 cards were not returned and as per the Election Law this same number (2,535) were deleted from Jefferson County voter registration list for 1974.

First date of central registration for the year of 1975 in Jefferson County was December 5, 1974 and continued through August 29, 1975. 573 registered in person centrally, plus 87 by mail. The 87 registered by mail was the result of a new Section 407-A, Election Law (providing for transfer of Registration and Enrollment to voters who have moved to a new residence within the same county).

2 days of local registration in the polling places were (1st day) October 4, a Saturday, hours 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., (second day and last date), a Monday, October 6, 1975, hours 12 Noon to 8 P. M. A total of 3,110 registered on the two days of local registration.

In addition, central registration was made available, by a mobile unit at the Jefferson County Fair, the week of July 21, 1975, and through Friday, July 25, 1975. 157 were registered at the fair.

The party enrollment for use at the 1975 Primary Election was as follows:

	Dem.	Rep.	Cons.	Lib.	Unaffiliated	Total
City of Watertown-	3836	6454	57	112	755	11214
Towns, Jefferson Co.-	7936	14936	177	289	1373	24681
Total County	11772	21390	234	371	2128	35895

The Democratic Party did not have a Primary on September 9, 1975.

The Republican Party (all Jefferson County) and voters enrolled as Republicans voted at a Primary Election, held September 9, 1975. The public office voted for was Surrogate Court Judge of Jefferson County. 7,157 enrolled Republicans voted at this Primary. Also, a Republican Party Primary was held the same date for the party position of County Committeeman in District #3, Town of Cape Vincent, and 50 votes were cast. A Republican Party Primary in the following towns, Town of Ellisburg for the offices of Supervisor, 2 Councilmen, and Superintendent of Highways, 488 voted; Town of Henderson, the office of Superintendent of Highways, 214 votes were cast; Town of Orleans, office of Councilman, 281 votes were cast; Town of Rutland, for the offices of two councilmen, 305 enrolled Republicans voted; Town of Rodman, office of Town Clerk, 107 votes were cast; Town of Watertown, office of Supervisor, 507 votes were cast.

Within the City of Watertown, a Non-Partisan Primary was held on September 9, 1975 for the office of Mayor and the offices of two councilmen. 4,439 registered voters voted.

106 Absentee Republican Primary ballots were sent to Servicemen and the spouses. 61 absentee primary ballots were voted and returned for tabulation.

52 Absentee Primary ballots forwarded to enrolled Republicans (permanently confined). 31 Absentee primary ballots were returned and tabulated (of the permanently confined).

16 Absentee Primary applications were received and 16 ballots were forwarded to enrolled Republicans who were outside of Jefferson County on Primary Day (Sec. 117b). 16 Absentee Primary ballots were returned and counted.

16 Absentee Non-Partisan Primary applications were received. 16 Ballots were sent and returned and 16 were tabulated. These applications were from the City of Watertown and who would be outside of County on September 9, 1975.

43 Absentee Non-Partisan Primary ballots were forwarded to the permanently confined in the City of Watertown. 31 of this number were returned and tabulated.

64 Absentee Non-Partisan Primary ballots were sent to Servicemen and the spouses. 31 Non-Partisan Primary ballots were returned and tabulated.

Registration Listing for October, 1975, and tabulated after the local registration dates, October 4 and 6, 1975, are as follows:

City of Watertown	Male - 5319	Female 6752	Total	12071
Towns of Jefferson County	" 12508	" 13417	"	25925
Total County	17827	20169		37996

231 applications received from servicemen and spouses for absentee ballots for the general election, November 4, 1975. 231 ballots (absentee) were sent to the servicemen. 111 ballots were voted and returned and counted in the vote for November 4, 1975.

625 applications were received for absentee ballots from voters who were to be outside of Jefferson County on November 4th, (students and ones on vacation). This included applications from the ill. 567 ballots were voted and returned and tabulated.

120 absentee ballots sent to ones, permanently confined at their home. 93 ballots were voted, returned and tabulated.

General Election, November 4, 1975.

Ballot was for Justice of the Supreme Court (5th Judicial District), Surrogate Judge of Jefferson County, City Supervisors, and members of the Town Boards. Further, the Non-Partisan election to elect a Mayor and two Councilmen.

37,996 were registered to vote. 28,657 registered voters did vote November 4, 1975.

Between December 12 and 23, 1975, 2561 cancellations from the registration listing of October, 1975, were made. These voters did not vote in 1973 or 1974. They had been re-instated in January, 1975. After the re-instatements, these same voters failed to vote and were cancelled.

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Effective December 4, 1975, and as a result of a law having been passed by the 1974 Legislature, anyone can or may register by mail on a form known as "Application for Registration and Enrollment by Mail". These same forms in early December, 1975, were placed in the City Clerk's office, every Town and Village Clerk's office in Jefferson County. These forms are available to anyone who is not presently registered or one who has moved from one residence to another.

Central Registration also is effective December 4th, 1975, for the year of 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Kavanaugh, Clerk.