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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Democratic primaries: The official returns of the state Democratic Party primaries, first held in 1924, were submitted to the Secretary of State by each county's Democratic Party chairman. The first primary runoff was held in 1940. Official Republican Party records for primary elections are not included in the collection. Republican Party candidates were usually nominated during the state Republican Party convention until the 1960s.

General elections: Election returns register voting results for offices within the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. Tabulations may include state constitutional offices, congressional elections, Justice of the Peace positions, and other county officials, such as judges, commissioners, and clerks.

Constitutional offices: Returns for these offices provided for through the Arkansas Constitution, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, etc. The office of Lieutenant Governor was added in 1926. Arkansas last had a Lieutenant Governor during Reconstruction.

Justice of the peace: Records list the names of those elected as Justice of the Peace, but not the vote count. Originally, Justices of the Peace were magistrates with jurisdiction over a township. Today, they serve on the Quorum Court, which has become a county legislative body.

Congressional elections: These records are the results of voting in Arkansas's congressional districts, which numbered seven from 1902 to 1950. Redistricting in 1951 left Arkansas with four congressional districts, which it still maintains today. Beginning in 1916, U. S. Senatorial races were included in these returns.

Presidential electors: The Electoral College is the collective name for a group of electors, nominated by political parties within the states and popularly elected, who meet after each presidential election to vote for the president and vice president. Each party within a state selects a slate of electors numerically equal to the state's congressional delegation--representatives plus senators. The electors normally pledge to vote for the nominees of their party, but they are not constitutionally required to do so. Arkansas had nine electoral votes, the number of representatives and senators from the state, from 1902 to 1950. Since the 1951 congressional redistricting, Arkansas's electoral votes has been six.

Special elections: Special elections are those that were not held with other regularly scheduled elections, such as primaries or general elections. Among the special elections in this collection are gubernatorial, congressional, and state senate elections.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains election results from precincts and counties of Arkansas from 1902 to 1978. The tabulations were made at the county level and then submitted to the Secretary of State's Office. Some records are missing in the early years of the century and the 1970s.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1979.

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November 7: Presidential electors	
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**July 18: Special election, 21st Amendment to U.S. Constitution (repeal of the 18th Amendment);
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1934

August 14: Democratic primary

November 6: General election

November 6: Constitutional offices

November 6: Justices of the peace

1936

August 11: Democratic primary

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November 3: General election

November 3: Justices of the peace

1937

October 18: Special election, Justices of the peace and U.S. Senate

October 18: Special election, Justices of the peace and U.S. Senate

1938

August 9: Democratic primary

November 8: General election

November 8: Justices of peace

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1940

August 13: Democratic primary preferential

August 27: Democratic primary runoff

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July 29: Democratic primary preferential

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1956

July 31: Democratic primary preferential

August 14: Democratic primary runoff

November 6: General election

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November 6: Justices of the peace

November 6: Presidential electors

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1958

August 12: Democratic primary runoff

November 4: General election

November 4: Justices of the peace

1960

July 26: Democratic primary preferential

August 9: Democratic primary runoff

November 8: General election

November 8: Justices of the peace

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November 8: Presidential electors

1962

July 31: Democratic primary preferential

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August 14: Democratic primary runoff

August 14: Democratic primary runoff

November 6: General election

November 6: Constitutional offices

November 6: Justices of the peace

1964

July 28: Democratic primary preferential

August 11: Democratic primary runoff

November 3: Presidential electors

November 3: General election

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November 3: Constitutional offices

November 3: Justices of the peace

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1965

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August 9: Democratic primary runoff

August 9: 4th congressional district

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November 8: Constitutional offices

November 8: Justices of the peace

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July 30: Democratic primary preferential

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August 13: Democratic primary runoff

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November 7: Justices of the peace

November 7: Justices of the peace