NICHOLAS COUNTY PRIMARY 1987 - THE RESULTS

Watkins retains circuit clerk's seat; Tipton runs close race

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Winning six of 10 Nicholas County precincts, Sally Watkins has won a second term as Nicholas County Circuit Clerk.

Watkins won the race with 56.4 percent of the vote with 1246 of 2209 votes cast in the May primary election.

Tipton garnered 963 votes in his first attempt at public office, good for 43.6 percent of the vote.

Tuesday night, following the final count in the office of Rose Scott in the Nicholas County Courthouse, Tipton stopped by The Mercury office to answer some post election comments.

Sally Watkins

"I don't think I could have done anything differently than what I did," Tipton said of the loss.

"I had good, strong voters for my first time coming out. I have no regrets.

"I would have liked to have congratulated my opponent, but she wasn't at the courthouse.

"I feel good about the race, it was a good, clean race.

"I've worked hard, been hauling voters all day," Tipton said of election day.

Tipton offered his opinion on the Watkins win.

"She's already in the office. As far as I know, she has done a good job."

Tipton said he was pleased with the turnout for the primary.

"I felt like there was a pretty good turnout.

"It is hard to run for the first time, especially against someone who is already in the office.," concluded Tipton.

A very excited Sally Watkins visited The Mercury office, Tuesday night, and offered her feelings on the election.

"I felt like I had done a good job while in the office, and I felt like the people who are aware of that came through for me.

"There was no mud slinging," she said.

Although Watkins was very happy with her initial win for the office, repeating was icing on the cake.

"It was great in 1981, but this is even better."

Watkins explained why she wasn't at the courthouse during the day. She said she didn't visit the courthouse because she feared someone would see her talking and think she was campaigning.

According to state law, a candidate must stay away from the polls, except to cast a personal ballot.

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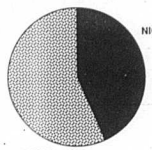

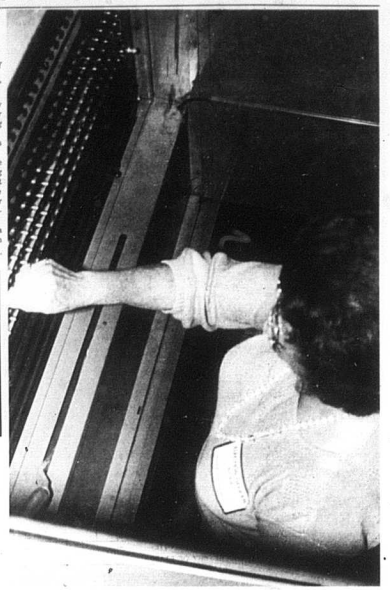

Wilkinson stuns state with win over Brown

Takes Nicholas with 34 percent of vote

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Staff Report

Overcoming what many have considered insurmountable odds, self-made businessman millionaire Wallace Wilkinson captured the Democratic nomination for governor of Kentucky in Tuesday's primary election.

Wilkinson, giving credit to his grass roots/luck to the people campaign, handily defeated former Kentucky Governors John Y. Brown (front runner for weeks), Julian Carroll, Lieutenant Governor Steve Beshear, and Eastern Kentucky candidate Grady Stumbo.

At press time only 90 percent of the state's vote had been counted and Wilkinson had a total 197,087 votes, while Brown had a total of 146,282.

Wilkinson will face John Harper in November's general election, who won the Republican nomination defeating three other candidates.

In Nicholas County Wilkinson captured 34 percent of the vote, with 808 votes. In Nicholas County Stumbo finished second with 697 votes, Brown had 518 votes and Beshear finished a distant third with 265 votes.

Wallace Wilkinson

Carroll finished fifth with 127 votes. Anne Moore, Dinwiddie Lampton and Stanley Luttrell totaled 50 votes together.

"God love you," Wilkinson repeated over and over to an overflow crowd in the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort in accepting the party's nomination.

"Let me tell you. We started you and I and the people of the Commonwealth 18 to 20 months ago. They said we couldn't do it, but you stood there. You stood tall. You carried the banner. You believed in me, and I believed in you. You never wavered when times looked dim...when times looked bleak. You were there," Wilkinson told his cheering crowd.

"They talked about the last place candidate, but you were there because you believed what we could do in this state, and what we would do in this state.

"You've given a victory to the people of Kentucky tonight. You've given a mandate to get this state moving again. The only defeat tonight, was a defeat of the status quo. A defeat of old ways in Kentucky. Tonight is the beginning of a new day and new ideas in Kentucky, and we're going to have a lottery, too.

"This campaign was your campaign, your campaign in every inch and centimeter of the way.

"You participated in an historical event in this state. You will be remembered as the generation, which got this state moving again.

"Democrats in this state have decided on a new way and a new day. We stand united for fundamental change in this state," he concluded.

Brown conceded just before 10 p.m. from his Louisville campaign headquarters.

"I did not plan on making this speech. Perhaps again there will be another day to work for this state.

"The greatest thing in life is to

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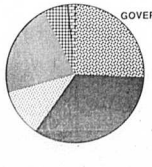
Tuesday, May 26, thousands of Kentuckians went to the polls to cast votes for eight constitutional state offices, as well as a host of local offices. Lola Bowen, casts her vote in the Mayor's Office precinct one of 10 precincts in Nicholas County. - Marsha Livingood Photo.

Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott is charged with the responsibility of tallying the total vote in Nicholas County each election day. The office is responsible for regular voting as well as absentee voting in Nicholas County for all local, state and national elections. - Janie Duncan Photo



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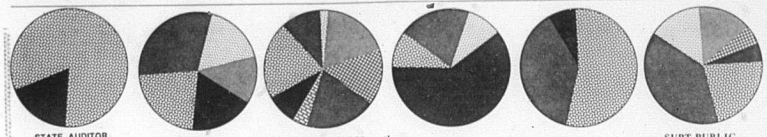

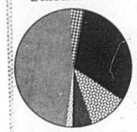

1987 UNOFFCIAL NICHOLAS COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS

RACE-PARTY	H-QTRS	BARTERVILLE	RAFFERTY	MYERS	MOOREFIELD	EAST UNION	MAYORS OFF	ENG. HOUSE	MATHIAS	AE	CITY BLDG	TOTALS	PERCENT
GOVERNOR-DEMO													
ANNA MOORE	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.17%
GRADY STUMBO	32	52	39	78	74	15	84	109	69	7	48	607	25.56%
WALLACE WILKINSON	42	65	76	41	130	26	81	167	74	13	93	808	34.02%
STEVE BESHEAR	10	14	17	10	21	12	53	72	24	11	21	265	11.16%
JOHN Y BROWN	53	49	24	26	56	11	84	93	43	9	70	518	21.81%
JULIAN CARROLL	12	11	14	4	18	5	12	33	5	1	12	127	5.35%
DINWIDDLE LAMPTON	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	13	0.55%
STANLEY LUTTRELL	7	4	1	3	4	2	2	5	3	0	2	33	1.39%
TOTAL VOTE	157	195	176	162	307	72	317	481	220	41	247	2375	100.00%
GOVERNOR-REPUBLICAN													
THURMAN HAMLIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	5.00%
JOHN HARPER	1	2	0	1	4	1	2	1	2	0	0	14	35.00%
JOESPH JOHNSON	3	0	0	2	1	2	3	2	1	0	0	14	35.00%
LEONARD BEASLEY	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	10	25.00%
TOTAL VOTE	4	2	1	5	6	4	6	6	5	1	0	40	100.00%
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-DEMOCRAT													
PAUL PATTON	38	47	40	47	103	20	97	115	51	23	63	644	31.52%
DAVE ARMSTRONG	10	13	16	8	30	8	31	48	28	3	19	214	10.47%
DAVID BOSWELL	7	11	8	10	13	4	11	27	10	0	9	110	5.38%
WILTON CUPP	7	4	2	5	6	1	1	8	1	0	1	36	1.76%
BRERETON JONES	72	72	79	36	102	32	138	205	96	10	119	963	47.14%
ALICE MCDONALD	5	4	4	8	3	3	11	19	9	1	9	76	3.72%
TOTAL VOTE	139	151	148	110	262	68	289	422	197	37	220	2043	100.00%
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-REPUBLICAN													
LAWRENCE WEBSTER	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	3	3	0	0	14	45.16%
TOMMY KLEIN	3	0	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	17	54.84%
TOTAL VOTE	4	1	4	3	3	2	3	5	5	1	0	31	100.00%
SECRETARY OF STATE													
BREMER EHRLER	14	14	12	8	28	4	56	37	18	3	22	216	17.76%
JIM MAGGARD	25	22	17	17	21	12	35	53	24	7	38	271	22.29%
FRANCIS MILLS	25	24	25	15	52	10	51	74	33	7	52	368	30.26%
JAMES TACKETT	13	12	19	10	29	8	21	51	16	3	19	201	16.53%
ALMA WADDELL	14	10	9	7	17	5	25	30	25	2	19	160	13.16%
TOTAL VOTE	91	82	82	57	147	39	188	245	113	22	150	1216	100.00%
ATTORNEY GENERAL													
RAYMOND KIRK	4	9	6	7	16	2	11	21	10	1	9	96	8.03%
FRED COWAN	51	39	48	29	66	19	123	128	60	12	73	648	54.23%
TODD HOLLENBACH	27	35	34	16	57	17	59	96	43	12	55	451	37.74%
TOTAL VOTE	82	83	88	52	139	38	193	245	113	25	137	1195	100.00%
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS													
DREX DAVIS	14	18	13	7	30	12	36	58	24	9	38	261	21.41%
BOB BABBAGE	63	65	72	38	106	22	171	297	85	17	112	958	78.59%
TOTAL VOTE	77	83	85	45	136	34	209	265	109	26	150	1219	100.00%
STATE TREASURER													
BRETT SCOTT	5	5	4	8	9	5	12	23	8	1	11	91	8.62%
JOHN STEPHENSON	15	16	18	8	30	7	39	41	22	4	24	224	21.21%
JAMES WILSON	10	10	9	10	13	5	12	23	14	1	8	115	10.89%
MAE GIRKEY	1	2	2	1	3	0	2	3	8	1	2	25	2.37%
JAMES GRAHAM	11	18	11	7	24	6	30	47	18	6	14	192	18.18%
PAT MCWHORTER	18	10	12	6	23	4	30	30	13	1	15	162	15.34%
ROBERT MEAD CPA	18	10	16	5	19	3	36	45	17	6	32	207	19.60%
LARRY MOORE	1	4	9	2	4	0	3	9	0	2	2	40	3.79%
TOTAL VOTE	79	75	81	47	125	34	164	221	100	22	108	1056	100.00%
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION													
EVELYN TRAVIS	5	10	3	6	7	3	6	11	4	1	5	61	5.19%
RAYMOND BARBER	17	16	30	7	24	7	36	59	26	5	30	257	21.87%
JOHN BROCK	31	27	20	17	71	18	77	81	40	14	55	451	38.38%
HARRY GRAHAM	15	12	14	9	18	6	24	40	11	2	19	170	14.47%
ROGER NOE	13	9	11	5	15	6	36	40	16	4	20	175	14.89%
SHERLEEN SIDNEY	4	8	2	2	6	1	14	12	6	1	5	61	5.19%
TOTAL VOTE	85	82	80	46	141	41	193	243	103	27	134	1175	100.00%
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE													
WARD BURNETTE	38	37	48	29	73	20	95	120	68	17	79	624	60.64%
FRANKLIN KEESEE	10	13	4	4	10	4	10	21	7	3	15	101	9.82%
RALPH LOWE	18	15	9	7	31	5	27	56	18	1	19	206	20.02%
BILL ABNER	8	8	14	4	10	2	15	19	5	2	11	98	9.52%
TOTAL VOTE	74	73	75	44	124	31	147	216	98	23	124	1029	100.00%
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER 3RD RAILROAD DISTRICT													
SUSANNA BULLARD	21	17	13	10	13	5	26	44	8	3	13	173	21.54%
J.E. COMBS	20	18	24	11	32	15	42	53	28	4	30	277	34.50%
HARRY GREEN	2	11	6	7	18	2	19	32	19	2	13	131	16.31%
JIMMY TURNER	13	13	22	6	30	7	34	37	21	9	30	222	27.65%
TOTAL VOTE	56	59	65	34	93	29	121	166	76	18	86	803	100.00%
NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK													
DAVID TIPTON	42	115	82	93	130	37	112	187	64	17	84	963	43.59%
SALLY WATKINS	93	75	80	52	164	32	184	258	135	29	144	1246	56.41%
TOTAL VOTE	135	190	162	145	294	69	296	445	199	46	228	2209	100.00%
TOTAL REGISTERED	284	369	350	307	653	173	579	833	437		492	4477	
TOTAL VOTE	169	210	183	169	325	80	331	496	233		259	2501	
FROM HIGHEST TOTAL													
% VOTING	59.51%	56.91%	52.29%	55.05%	49.77%	46.24%	57.17%	59.54%	53.32%		52.64%	55.86%	

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