General Election 1987:
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Cord, Barnett lose seats

William Power, Charles Fay capture positions on Carlisle City Council

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Two incumbents were unseated in the Carlisle City Council election Tuesday night.

Former Carlisle mayor William Power and former city council member Charles Fay replaced present council members Clarence Cord and Bobby Barnett.

Sally Watkins, running unopposed for Circuit Clerk, gathered 1,135 votes from Nicholas County.

Cord is a 20-25 year veteran of the Carlisle City Council.

"I'm mighty proud of being chose and being able to serve the people of Carlisle," toprunner Power said in a phone interview directly after the results were announced.

"I now realize that the people of this town want things to get back the way they were."

Power said he is grateful to those who voted him into office.

"I think we (the council) can do a good job now for the city if we can cooperate together and get things done," he said.

He added he's going to try to serve the residents of Carlisle "the best that I know how."

Power added he is going to try to cut expenses of the city council.

"I'd like to cut the spending of the council. I think this would bring the utilities back down," he said.

Power was mayor of Carlisle for 28 years and has run for council once before as a write-in, he said.

Charles Fay couldn't be reached by phone after the results were tallied.

Other council members voted back were Betty H. Barton, Cartmell Lester, Jeff Tyrer and Tommy Vaughn.

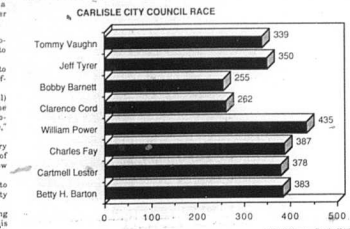
Eight ran altogether for the six seats.

There were five write-in votes from the Mayor's Office precinct.

There were two for Bill Guthrie, one apiece for G.C. Myers, David Zachary, Rusty Lawrence and Joe (last name unreadable).

The four incumbents will retake the oath of office and the two newly elected members will be swore in to take office on January 1, 1988.

Headquarters Precinct election officers, Frances Harney and Martha Kennedy helping at the polls on Tuesday. Kennedy has been an election officer since 21 years of age. Phillip McDonald, also an election officer reported a voter turn-out of 53 as of 10 a.m. - Heather Mathos Photo



Carlisle Mercury Graph - Hajek Bond

	RACE-CANDIDATES (PARTY)	H-QTRS	BARTER	RAFFERTY	MYERS	MOORE	E UNION	MAYOR'S
2	GOVERNOR							
3	John Harper - Rep	38	35	29	16	37	13	97
4	Wallace Wilkinson - Dem	79	70	89	66	141	53	187
5	LT. GOVERNOR							
6	Lawrence Webster - Rep	23	14	19	11	17	9	41
7	Brereton Jones - Dem	81	72	90	52	133	53	214
8	SECRETARY OF STATE							
9	Ronald L. Sanders - Rep	21	24	22	13	18	13	35
10	Bremer Ehrler - Dem	63	54	63	38	80	37	157
11	ATTORNEY GENERAL							
12	Christopher Combs - Rep	22	17	25	12	21	13	42
13	Fred Cowan - Dem	64	59	67	39	88	38	162
14	AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCTS							
15	Beverly Griffin - Rep	20	15	19	10	13	9	34
16	Bob Babbage - Dem	74	61	77	39	89	45	175
17	TREASURER							
18	Carol W. Reed - Rep	29	21	21	11	20	17	50
19	Robert M. Mead C.P.A. - Dem	58	55	71	37	76	36	137
20	SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION							
21	Sue Daniel - Rep	16	20	20	8	14	10	37
22	John Brock - Dem	73	60	73	42	92	43	166
23	COMM OF AGRICULTURE							
24	John Underwood, Jr. - Rep	20	20	20	11	16	14	34
25	Ward Butch Burnette - Dem	69	56	73	40	94	38	159
26	RAILROAD COMM. 3rd DIST							
27	G.L. Dusty Rhodes - Rep	21	18	21	10	23	13	44
28	J.E. Combs - Dem	61	53	71	39	74	39	139
29	COMMONWEALTH ATTY							
30	John M. Keith - unopposed	68	54	72	40	76	40	150
31	CIRCUIT CLERK							
32	Sally S. Watkins - unopposed	81	67	89	49	109	42	196
33	JUSTICE COURT OF APPEALS							
34	Wil Schroder - no party	17	15	18	12	14	15	30
35	Judy M. West - no party	28	15	22	16	35	7	79
36	CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL							
37	Betty H. Barton							135
38	Cartmell Lester							124
39	Charles Fay							142
40	William Power							146
41	Clarence Cord							92
42	Bobby Barnett							89
43	Jeff Tyrer							112
44	Tommy Vaughn							116
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Wilkinson, Jones win

Democrats take big statewide majority

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Staff Report

ACROSS KENTUCKY - Riding the tide of a stunning upset victory in the May 1987 Democratic Primary, Wallace Wilkinson, a Casey County native, captured Kentucky's highest office.

Wilkinson, 43, of Liberty, who proclaimed himself as a self-made man, won the race with nearly 65 percent of the vote, over Republican challenger Representative John Harper of Bullitt County.

In Nicholas County, Wilkinson easily out polled Harper 1228 - 457.

Versailles Democrat Brereton Jones also won easily in the statewide voting with over 70 percent of the vote, for Lt. Governor.

Jones was opposed by Pikeville Republican Larry Webster.

Jones has made no bones about his plans to seek the governor's post in four years.

In Nicholas County, Jones was a 6-1 favorite with 1239 votes to 239 for Webster.

The state apparently agreed with voting in Nicholas County.

Other Nicholas County winners included, Bremer Ehrler as secretary of state, Fred Cowan won in the race for attorney general, Bob Babbage captured the nod for auditor, Robert M. Mead C.P.A. won the race for Treasurer, John Brock earned the Supt. of Public Instruction's seat ,and Butch Burnette won Nicholas County in the race for commissioner of agriculture.

In the 3rd District Railroad Commissioner's race J.E. Combs was the winner, and Jack Keith, was unopposed in his bid for re-election as commonwealth's attorney.

Harper officially conceded defeat to Wilkinson at about 9 p.m., election night.

In a rather upbeat manner, Harper offered congratulations to the winner, when speaking from his campaign headquarters in Louisville.

"Mr. Wilkinson, congratulations, I believe in the mandate of the people, and you seem to have gotten it.

"I'll be serving in the legislature and you know I will have kind of a cocked eye.

"My son reminded me of a story someone told about Whitey Herzog, after losing his third world series.

He said I was there, I was out there and others were not. I've long believed the people of Kentucky deserve a choice of candidates in the fall election.

"Maybe next time, there'll be someone a little more charismatic, with a little more money.

"We believe in our party, we're proud of our party, we're going to build on our party . . . look out next time."

Barterville precinct officer Fred Hollar helps voter Ricky Price to properly register and sign in at the polls. Other election officers at this site were Shelby Roundtree and Alan Rule. Hollar explained although 366 were registered there only 42 had voted as of 11:15 a.m. He expects more voters to be out for local elections. - Heather Mathos Photo

Governor-Elect Wallace Wilkinson accepted victory in a speech at about 9:30 p.m. in Frankfort.

In front of a large crowd, Wilkinson said, *'Ralph Hacker said, and he's never wrong, with 96 or 98 percent of the vote in we're winning by about 206,000 votes. And, we're grateful for that.*

"God, love you. For the past 30 months, Martha (his wife) and I have travelled the state and talked about hope and about opportunity and about the fact that in Kentucky it was possible not only to dream the American dream but to live the American dream.

"Tonight the fact, that I, the son of a rural Kentucky peddler, have been elected to the highest office in this Commonwealth reaffirms the fact that the flame of opportunity and achievement glows brighter all across Kentucky.

"And our task over the next four years will be to insure that that flame is eternal.

"And to the people in this room and to the tens of thousands all across Kentucky, who sweat, and believed, wept, and who laughed, and so fought with us for the past 30 months you have Martha's and my undying gratitude.

"But, more than gratitude, we feel toward you an awesome responsibility to carry forth and carry our collective dream of opportunity into reality. . . .

"Tonight we reaffirm our pledge that we will work just as hard for you and your families over the next four years, as you've worked for the Wilkinson family for the last 30 months.

"To all of Kentucky tonight to allies and opponents, alike, I want to publicly sheave the sword of confrontation and open the process of conciliation.

"The politics of today's election are already a fading memory. The job of governing Kentucky is where our sights must be resolutely fixed.

"Many of our opponents opposed us for the same reasons you supported us. They honestly believed they were doing what was right for Kentucky.

"I will assure them I will pursue the same things for Kentucky with the same tenacity I have pursued winning this election.

"The family of Kentucky has had its squabbles over the last few months.

"It's time to heal and heal quickly. Kentucky in this world is a competitive place.

"We do not have the option or luxury of competing among ourselves.

"We must compete as one, with one vision and one voice going forward.

"Today, the people of Kentucky have spoken clearly in saying they do not fear the future of this state.

"But rather, said they anticipate tomorrow, with the same optimism and undying belief that Kentucky's spirit of optimism and hope will allow us to gain the respect we deserve and are entitled to have.

"I conclude this speech and begin tomorrow's fight.

"Now is not the time to look back with bitterness, but , to extend to our adversaries in yesterday's camp the hand of reconciliation. And ask them to be our allies in tomorrow's fight and to stand together to implement those programs the people of Kentucky have demanded.

"And finally, to all who believed we will not disappoint you. . . To all who doubted we will work hard to convince you and to all. . . we are dedicated to you.

After the acceptance speech, Wilkinson brought many members of the democratic ticket to the stage.

"I want to say how pleased and very honored I am to serve with this great and historic democratic ticket. This is a team that will move Kentucky forward,".

Jones said, 'I am very excited about the win. This is a tremendous opportunity. It's time to words into actions."

Statewide, Wilkinson won, unofficially, 114 of 120 counties, breaking the old record of 99, set by Julian Carroll in 1975. Wilkinson had 64 percent of the vote, to eclipse the old record of 62.8 set by Carroll.

Wilkinson won by 231,000 to the old record of 193,000.

Ehrler won with 423,871 votes to Sanders 202,054.

Cowan defeated Combs, 446,984 to 190,113, Babbage over Griffin, 436,575 to 189,666.

Mead C.P.A. defeated Reed, 412,363 to 208,947.

Brock, from Rowan County, over Daniel, 447,709 to 183,815.

Burnette over Underwood, 423,387 to 195,572.

These totals with over 95 percent of the vote counted.

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	ENG. HSE	MATHIAS	CITY BLDG.	ABSENTEE	TOTALS
2					
3	109	37	40	6	457
4	253	132	140	18	**1228**
5					
6	48	20	13	3	218
7	259	116	148	21	**1239**
8					
9	48	23	20	3	240
10	166	80	99	13	**850**
11					
12	62	24	20	5	263
13	172	84	109	14	**896**
14					
15	44	16	11	2	195
16	197	99	124	19	**999**
17					
18	58	27	27	4	285
19	161	82	100	15	**828**
20					
21	42	25	16	2	210
22	194	89	115	20	**967**
23					
24	48	21	23	2	229
25	170	88	105	16	**908**
26					
27	58	24	19	3	254
28	153	78	98	13	**818**
29					
30	153	85	104	20	**862**
31					
32	224	122	134	22	**1135**
33					
34	30	19	13	10	193
35	63	26	39	9	**339**
36					
37	138	57	41	12	**383**
38	148	57	40	9	**378**
39	136	59	40	10	**387**
40	160	68	51	10	**435**
41	89	42	32	7	262
42	89	46	23	8	255
43	136	55	37	10	**350**
44	122	56	41	4	**339**
45			6 write-ins		
46					
47			**Unofficial Totals**		

West the apparent winner

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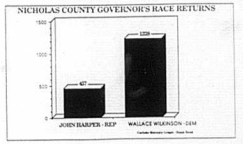
Judy M. West came out on top on the Court of Appeals court race, winning with a margin of approximately 4,000 votes over opponent Wil Schroder.

In Nicholas County West won 339 votes to Schroder's 193.

The unofficial county breakdown vote, as of 10 p.m. Tuesday night was West winning in 17 of 20 counties.

The votes were counted as followed with West first, Schroder second.

Bath 521-443; **Boone** 3,725-2,642; **Bracken** 752-521; **Campbell** 5,414-4,902; **Carroll** 678-536; **Fleming** 537-604; **Gallatin** 494-274; **Grant** 723-824; **Harrison** 1,510-1,026; **Henry** 1,020-701; **Kenton** 13,115-12,936; **Lewis** 714-514; **Mason** 1,122-1,107; **Nicholas** 339-193; **Pendleton** 727-744; **Robertson** 169-150; **Shelby** 1,209-1,195; **Trimble** 273-294.

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