

Jasper County, Voters Listed in Poll Book for Fourth Precinct, Rensselaer, Indiana, 1932 Primary

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Soon after American women obtained the right to vote in 1920, Martha Ellis Hopkins (1870–1959) launched her career in Indiana politics—not as a politician, but rather as a dedicated local precinct worker in Jasper County, Indiana. A staunch supporter of the Republican Party, Hopkins spent thirty-plus years working as a polling officer during elections as well as the Precinct Vice Committeeperson of the Third Precinct in Marion Township, Jasper County, Indiana. She was appointed the Republican Vice Chairperson for the Tenth Congressional District in Indiana, an office she held from 1922 to 1932.

Martha Ellis Hopkins was the daughter of John B. Ellis (1832–1914) and Mary Crowel (1837–1875). In 1872 Martha moved with her parents and siblings from her birthplace in Jefferson Township, Carroll County, Indiana, to Kokomo in Howard County, where she remained until graduation from high school in 1887. She returned to Carroll County, where she taught at an elementary school. In 1902 she married Arthur Herbert Hopkins (1866–1952) of Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana, and moved there with him to reside until her death in Lafayette in 1959.¹

Housed in the Indiana Historical Society's William Henry Smith Memorial Library, the Collection of Martha Ellis Hopkins, Jasper County, Indiana, 1920–1952 (M146/BV1446–1453), contains a varied selection of political documents and memorabilia. The political collection includes correspondence written between 1920 and 1937; voter records from 1940 to 1952; clippings on Indiana politics; Indiana-printed items consisting of mainly Republican-oriented leaflets, broadsides, and programs; and campaign buttons as well as poll books for Rensselaer's Third and Fourth Precincts during the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s.

Similar to today, poll books were used by those working at a voting location to record the names of individuals voting that day. Due to the serious nature of their position, poll-takers (or polling officers) were responsible for accurately and diligently recording the information provided to them by the voters. Early twentieth-century poll books not only supply the voter's name but also other interesting and pertinent facts about that person. For example, scribbled

next to a voter's name and voting information is the name of a previous owner to where the voter is currently residing as well as other insights into the individual's life.²

The poll book for the 1932 primary election is a good example of what information can be found. Within this particular poll book, voters' names were entered by the poll-taker (in this instance, Martha Ellis Hopkins), who arranged them alphabetically by the first letter of the voter's last name. An occasional last name appears out of order at the top or bottom of each list, indicating that these voters, although eligible to vote, may have registered late, and their names were written in upon their appearance at the poll. Generally, the names of married women voters are identified with the title "Mrs." followed by the husband's first name in parentheses written next to their own first name and are entered immediately below the husband's name. Hopkins also noted the marital status of single women by following the name with "Miss" and acknowledged those holding a religious office with either "Rev.," "Bro.," or "Sister."

After each name are columns requesting such information as the voter's political affiliation; whether he or she is a first-time voter, absentee voter, a person of "color," or a soldier (and in what war served); address; occupation or place of occupation; and any other remarks (Hopkins chose to write in the voter's telephone number). Throughout this poll book, several names have been crossed out, indicating that either these individuals did not vote during this particular election or they were ineligible to vote in that precinct due to a change of residence.

The following list contains all of the names written in the 1932 Primary Day Poll Book in the order they appear in the book. Note that, in the poll book itself, the last names beginning in "N" follow those beginning in "Mc" and precede those beginning in "M." Therefore, they have been listed in that same order here. Because of the nature of given names employed by women associated with religious orders in the Roman Catholic Church, the title of "Sister" has been included as means to identify them as such. Other titles, such as "Rev." and "Bro.," have not been included here even though they appear in the poll book.

Notes

1. Ellis Hopkins, Biography/Obituary of Martha Crowel Alice Ellis Hopkins, Collection of Martha Ellis Hopkins as Political Worker in Jasper County, 1920–1952, M146, Box 1, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

2. Indiana Code 3-11-8-10.5, "Recording Name of Voters Who Sign Poll List; Requirements," <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title3/ar11/ch8.html>; and 1932 Primary Day Poll Book, Collection of Martha Ellis Hopkins as Political Worker in Jasper County, 1920–1952, BV1446–1453, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

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Allee, Ernest	Bishop, Otis	Cunningham, Gertrude
Allee, Edna	Bishop, Pearl	Campbell, Bert
Anderson, Leroy	Boehmer, Nettie	Cocker, Gomar
Anderson, Elva	Bott, William L.	Cook, Raymond
Anthes, Arthur A.	Bingle, William D.	Collins, Charles
Anthes, Effie	Bingle, Dorothea	Campbell, Verna
Arnott, Fred	Bundy, Ray S.	Campbell, William
Arnott, Irene	Bundy, Gladys	Campbell, Opal
Arnott, Carl	Burr, Elliott	
Arnott, Ester	Burr, Marjorie	Davis, John
Arnott, Don W.	Brown, Nancy E.	Day, Lois
Abbott, John K.	Beaver, Clifford	Day, Glenn
Abbott, Iva	Beaver, Luebella	Donnelly, Francis J.
Arnott, Walter	Bramble, Clifford	Donnelly, Mary M.
Arnott, Bernice		Donnelly, Robert M.
	Chamberlain, Charles S.	Donnelly, Iris P.
Baechtel, Fred	Chamberlain, Mary E.	Downs, Cecil
Babcock, Avanel	Chamberlain, Catherine	Downs, Irene
Bailey, Arthur N.	Chamberlain, Charlotte	Downs, Lillie
Bailey, Flora	Clarke, Philo W.	Dunlap, John A.
Bailey, Orville	Clarke, Jennie M.	Dunlap, Helen H.
Baker, Pauline	Clark, Homer T.	Duggleby, Howard
Baker, Fidelus	Clark, Mary L.	Duggleby, Ethel
Ball, Jacob	Clouse, Orla	
Baptista, Sister Mary	Clouse, Robert	Eck, Francis
Barnes, George	Clouse, Lillian	Effinger, Louis
Barnes, Ida E.	Clarke, Mae	Eger, John
Bar[u/n]es, Herbert	Collins, Sarah E.	Eger, Louisa
Bar[u/n]es, Anna	Collins, Leland W.	Eger, Mary
Beaver, Charles W.	Collins, Paul	Eger, Elizabeth
Beaver, Dora	Collins, Alfred	Eger, Carrie
Beck, Mary	Condon, Bernard J.	Eger, Cle[v]e
Beck, Rose	Cook, Charles T.	Eger, J[uno]
Bellerson, Leonard	Cooper, Harry E.	Eger, Mary Delilah
Bell, Stephen B.	Cooper, Lillie D.	Eiglesbach, Julia
Bell, Clara N.	Cooper, Helen M.	Eiglesbach, William E.
Benjamin, Martha	Cooper, Dessa	Eiglesbach, Elsie B.
Biggs, William	Craw, Milton	Ehleringer, Maurice
Biggs, Charlotte	Craw, Rosemond	Ehrlinspiel, Leo
Biggs, Mildred	Cunningham, Charles W.	Eldridge, Lawson E.

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Eldridge, Gladys W.	G[w/iv]in, Mildred	Hemphill, Hazel
Eldridge, Ethel	Green, Walter	Hershman, Helen
Erb, Walter	Green, Lucille	Hilliard, Scott P.
Erb, Sarah		Heimes, Peter
Esser, G.	Hall, Jennings	Hile, C. J.
Esser, Rufus	Hall, Leona	Hile, Mary
Effinger, Louis	Herchberger, Merle	Hill, Robert
[Eisen]hart, F. A.	Hopkins, James E. A.	Hill, Anna
Eisenhart, Elsie	Hughey, Lelia	Holden, John H.
Emerencia, Sister Mary	Huish, Lela Paulus	Holden, Nellie E.
	Hunter, ———	
Fendig, Benjamin F.	Hollingsworth, Fannie	Iliff, Hattie
Fendig, Ella W.	Holt, William	Irwin, Frances
Fendig, Ralph Watson	Holt, Hazel	Irwin, Edward
Fendig, Frederick	Hoover, Alfred A.	Irwin, Alma
Fisher, Winifred B.	Hoover, Evelyn	Irwin, Schuyler C.
Fisher, Lilly	Honan, Margaret E.	Irwin, Effie
Foltz, Cora E.	Hoover, Nettie	Irwin, Genevieve
Ford, Kenneth L.	Hoover, William A.	Irwin, Nina
Ford, Lettie F.	Hoover, Elizabeth	
Forstner, Andrew	Hoover, Howard	Jacks, Elmer
Frankovich, Adam	Honan, Edward M.	Jacks, Leatha
Ferris, ———	Hopkins, Arthur H.	Jackson, Margaret
Fehrenbacher, F.	Hopkins, Martha E.	Jardine, William C.
	Hopkins, John E.	Jarvis, Otis A.
Gates, Paul	Hopkins, E[ni/m]mett	Jarvis, Margaret M.
Gates, Mabel	Hopkins, Blanche	Jeffries, Joseph
Glasson, Irene	Hunt, Judson J.	Jeffries, Jeanette
Glazebrook, Isaac	Hunt, Helen W.	Johnson, Dolphin C.
Glazebrook, Kate	Hunt, John W.	Johnson, Ruby
Glazebrook, Viola	Hunt, Sarah	Johnson, Amanda
Grace, Pearl	Hudson, John	Jonas, James
Gable, J. E.	Hudson, Helen	Jonas, Stella
Gable, Rachel	Hudson, Guy	Jones, Sara
Grant, Bart	Hudson, Rebecca J.	Julian, Ivan
Grant, Pearl	Hudson, Cecil	Julian, Gladys
Grant, Hattie	Hurley, Elsie	Jeffry, Donald
Grant, Blanche	Halstead, Chester H.	
Grant, Garland	Halstead, Emily	Kamman, Bernard
Grant, Josie	Halsema, Minnie	Kanne, Frank A.
Grant, Rollo	Halstead, William	Kanne, Daisy
Grow, Charles F.	Halstead, (Mrs. Al)	Kanne, Arthur E.
Grow, Mary	Hartman, Sylvester	Kanne, Ethel
Grow, Charles R., Jr.	Hatton, Russell	Kanne, Gertrude
Grow, David Elza	Hatton, Elizabeth	Kanney, Joseph A.
Grow, Maggie	Hayes, Frank	Kanney, Ella C.
Grow, William R.	Hayworth, James N.	Keeney, Rose
Griggs, Clyde	Hayworth, Clara	Keeney, Florence
Griggs, Bettie	Heinz, Carl	Keister, James A.
Goad, Lewis W.	Heinz, Nellie	Keister, Margaret M.
Goad, Fay	Hemphill, Mary Etta	Keister, Leonard
G[w/iv]in, Leon	Hemphill, Earl	Keister, Lottie

Keister, Ray	Lo[u/n]g, Gaylord	Murray, Margaret Alice
Kennedy, George W.	Lo[u/n]g, Myrta	Marlin, — Charles
Kennedy, Malissa D.	Lo[u/n]g, A. F.	Meyering, Tillie
Kenkel, Joseph B.	Lo[u/n]g, Elizabeth	Maxwell, Ethel
Keller, Lance	Loy, Robert B.	Makeever, Daniel Swaynee
Kepner, Isaac M.	Loy, Hazel	Makeever, Emmaline
Kepner, Capitola		Malone, Tull E.
Ketchum, Stella P.	McColly, Benjamin D.	Malone, Grace
Kilmer, John N.	McColly, Melvina	Malone, Wiliam
Kilmer, Sarah E.	McColly, Walter	Malone, Lavina
King, Walter	McColly, Fred	Malone, Ilo
King, May	McColly, Alice V.	Marling, John
Koenn, Theodore	McCallum, James	Martindale, Teresa
Koester, Meinrad	McIntyre, Joseph	Martindale, Nina
Kohley, Lloyd	McKay, Stella	Maxwell, Clarence E.
Knue, Cyrille	McKay, John	Maxwell, Anna
Knaur, George W.	McKay, Hazel	Maxwell, Martha
Knaur, Cora	McLain, George H.	Merz, Robert
Kresler, Frank G.	McLain, Maude	Miller, Wallace
Kresler, Frank G., Jr.	McVey, Warren	Miller, Betty
Kresler, Virginia	McVey, Edith	
Kresler, Elizabeth	McKay, Luella	Meader, Edward
Kuhn, Albert		Markle, Gretchen
Kuhn, Mildred	Neal, Elizabeth	Merz, Robert
Kurtz, LeRoy	Nessi[u/n]s, Matt	Miller, Wallace
Kurtz, Lillian	Nessi[u/n]s, Madeline	Miller, Betty
Kanne, Al. H.	Nessi[u/n]s, Henry F.	Milner, Harry L.
Kanne, Elizabeth	Nichols, Eliza J.	Milner, Hester
Keeney, Maude	Nicosson, Arthur	Michael, John W.
Kepner, Ora	Nicosson, Irene	Michael, Mabel
	Norman, Van	
Lamson, Anna E.	Norman, Jessie L.	Olberding, Henry
Lamborn, Jena	Norman, John W.	O'Riley, Ralph
Landoll, Rupert		O'Riley, Carlyn
Lane, Mary	Michael, John	Otte, Joseph
La Rue, Amzi S.	Michael, Nellie	Overton, Ray
La Rue, Sadie	Michael, Jennings V.	Overton, Mabel
Leavel, Charles H.	Michael, Vance	Oglesby, Benjamin G.
Leavel, May	Minc[k/h], Joseph	Oglesby, Laura
Leavel, Lynn	Mullins, Doyle	
Leopold, Benhart	Mullins, Alice	Parr, Vincent
Leopold, Fannie	Murray, William H.	Parker, Harry F.
Lattimore, Edith	Murray, Mary Ann	Parker, Irma K.
Lohr, Charles E.	Murray, Henry B.	Parks, Ray
Lohr, Daisy	Murray, Viletta B.	Parks, Myrtle
Lutz, Willis A.	Murray, G. Edson	Pax, Walter
Lutz, Ella E.	Murray, Nellie F.	Paulus, Raymond L.
Lutz, Emma	Mutchler, Victor	Paulus, Margaret
Lucks, Henry	Mutchler, Beulah	Paulus, Henry
Luke, Henry	Meyers, June	Paulus, Bessie G.
Lutkemeier, Camillus	Morlan, Frank	Paulus, Keith
Lane, Mary	Morlan, Nellie	Pierson, Annie Lou

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Phares, John F.	Reeve, Ruth	Shindler, Gertrude
Phares, Ruth L.	Reynolds, Adams Earl	Shindler, Andrew
Phares, Glen	Reynolds, Nellie	Shook, Iva
Phares, Edna	Rhoades, Edward D.	Shaw, Charles
Phegley, Charles E.	Rhoades, Lora H.	Shaw, Stella
Phegley, Ed	Rhoades, Charles W.	Shuster, Fred
Phegley, Elmer	Rhoades, Eva J.	Shuster, George
Phegley, Amy E.	Rhoads, Oliver F.	Sites, Fred
Phegley, Raleigh	Rhoades, Mary E.	Siegerbertha, Sister Mary
Poole, John	Rhoades, Leonard C.	Sigo, Wilford
Poole, Mary J.	Rhoades, Ruth	Smith, Robert E.
Poole, Willis	Rhoads, Emma	Smith, Flossie
Powers, George J.	Rhoads, Edwin	Smith, Ed. E.
Powers, Dorothy	Roof, Edward	Smith, Grace
Prior, Charles E.	Rodgers, Herman C.	Smith, Henry C.
Putts, George	Rodgers, May[m/n]e	Smith, Agnes
Putts, Gertrude	Robinson, Schuyler C.	Smith, Mort
Putts, Fred	Robinson, Eva	Smith, Henry
Putts, Anna	Robinson, Floyd	Spaeth, Cornelius
Padgett, George	Robinson, Cora	Sprague, Ralph
Padgett, Dorlores	Rodgers, Add[ie/a] V.	Sprague, Myrtle
Phillips, Carl	Rowen, Arlie	Sprague, Marjorie
Phillips, Elizabeth	Rowen, Nancy	Spaulding, Elizabeth
Phegley, Lester	Rutherford, Nellie	Spitler, Mildred B.
Phares, John F.	Reynolds, Helen	Somers, Martin G.
Phares, Ruth	Redgate, Mary	Somers, Candace
	Redgate, Jessie	Somers, Charles
Quigg, Joseph	Reed, Roland	Somers, Mary
	Reed, Lucy Evelyn	Starr, Emma
Rable, Clarence	Rhoades, Cora	Strain, Merrill
Randle, Harry E.	Rishling, William	Strain, Nellie
Randle, Lillian	Rishling, Mable	Strole, Gerald W.
Randle, Clifford	Rott, Arlo	Strole, Martha
Ranton, Edward		Staab, Christian
Ranton, Bessie G.	Sager, Mary A.	Storch, Leonard
Rapp, Ildephons	Sayler, Lawrence A.	Steiger, Walter
Rastetter, Clarence	Searcy, ———	Stukenborg, Robert
Rawlings, Laurel	Searcy, Mrs. ———	Sudhoff, Leonard
Ray, George	Schaeffer, Wilson	Sullivan, Bert
Ray, Daisy	Schaeffer, Emma	Sullivan, Carrie
Rayner, John	Scantlin, Helen Margaret	Sage, Ted
Rayner, Jennie	Scott, William	Sager, Harriet
Reed, George W.	Scott, Mattie	Shellhart, Maria
Reed, Mabel	Scheidler, Albin	Shoemaker, Verna
Reed, George W., Jr.	Scharf, B.	
Reed, Charles A.	Schon, J.	Teach, Frank
Reed, Adda	Schneider, David	Teach, Flora
Reed, Maurice	Scheurer, Cletus	Teach, McKinley
Reed, Howard	Schuerman, Clarence	Teach, Minnie
Reeve, Leo	Scholastica, Sister Mary	Terrell, Forrest S.
Reeve, True	Shrode, Le Roy W.	Theodota, Sister Mary
Reeve, Joseph W.	Shipman, Henry M.	Thompson, Delos

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Thompson, Julia	Williams, W. O.
Thompson, Ray D.	Williams, George
Thompson, Bertha N.	Williams, Freda
Toben, Louis F.	Wood, Belle
Toben, Iva	Wright, Nellie
Todd, Leon	Wright, Willis J.
Todd, Clara	Wright, Judith
Tullis, Riley	Ware, Ralph
Tullis, Grace	Wartena, J. Leonard
Tuteur, Herman B.	Wartena, Mary
Tyler, William C.	Welday, Everett
Tyler, Mildred	Wingard, Jesse
Terrell, Britta	Westphal, Wilbur
	Westphal, Mytle
Upjohn, Dorothy	Westphal, Howard
	Williams, George
Van Hook, Russel N.	
Van Hook, Cecilia	Yates, Mary A.
Volin, Valerian	Yeoman, James M.
	Yeoman, Maribel
Wallace, Al E.	Young, Ileen P.
Wallace, Maude	Yates, Clara
Wallace, Mary Agatha	
Ward, John M.	Zeigler, Lizzie
Ward, Faye O.	Zink, Ferdinand
Ward, William F.	Zuber, Victor
Ward, Harry C.	Zea, Emma
Ward, Ray	
Ward, Zelda	
Ware, Howard	
Ware, Beatrice	
Ware, Homer D.	
Ware, Clara	
Warner, Rex D.	
Warner, Georgia	
Warner, Norman Hale	
Warner, Mary	
Wartena, Raymond	
Wartena, Irene	
Wartena, Abraham	
Wartena, Loretta	
Wasson, Martha J.	
Washburn, Margaret D.	
Washburn, Perry	
Washburn, Ethel	
Watson, Kate R.	
Waymire, Henry	
Waymire, Mary	
Welday, Everett	
West, Elizabeth	
Wingard, Earl R.	
Wingard, Della	