

Election complaints - Mississippi

Sunflower City : from Joe Harris - poll watchers not permitted at the City Hall voting place. Later one p.w. was allowed in. Same trouble in the June 7. primary. Justice Dept. informed.

Edwards, Hinds Co : (via Harriet Tanzman) Poll watchers chased out of the Brownsville A precinct voting place. Incident was reported to Justice Dept.

Ruleville : from Charles McLaurin. Mayor Durrough wouldn't allow poll watchers at the City Hall. He is not ~~xxx~~ sure that the authorization forms are legal. A repeat performance of the Primary, 1966. Poll watchers later allowed in.

Laurel: from Mrs. Ruffin. Says she was told to get out of polling station, Precinct 10, Highway 84 in Laurel. Ruffin got out - sat outside.

Jackson: Mrs Sanders : polling place in ward 5 - chairs taken away from poll watchers.

Hinds Co : poll-watcher at precinct 26 reported that 4 people with voter registration receipts were turned away. Told that their names were not on the list.

Marks: from Henry Davies : One white man was campaigning inside precinct 3 polling place for Eastland. Several voters were advised by managers how they should vote.

Issaquena Co: from Unita Blackwell: three or four Washington Co people have been recognised as voters in the 5th Beat of Issaquena Co. Clarence Hall was running for county school board. Also ballots are being incorrectly marked. Some people are being told to vote for two for the school board.

Madison : Mrs. McCree : A man wearing some kind of pin is telling people ~~who~~ to vote for Eastland. A polling place in Canton.

Durant, Holmes CO: Poll watchers told that they couldn't stay at the polling place. Later they were allowed in.

Jackson Co: from Mrs. Colley - There are separate polling boxes for Whites and Negroes in one polling place.

Madison Co : George Raymond arrested (misdemeanor charge??) outside one polling place. In jail (Tues night) on \$500 bond.

Marion Co: from WJ McClendon - 28 ballots were brought ~~it~~ into the Columbia county courthouse and counted. WJ protested. Officials consulted a book , or books, and then went ahead counting.

At the township of Sandy Hook, the Mayor, Jack Farr, pulled a gun on one poll watcher. Unauthorised whites were in and out of this polling place all day.

At Kokomo an official was suggesting people vote democratic ticket and vote FOR the referendums.

Madison Co: from Mrs. McCree: Official at Flora polling place was advising people to vote Democratic ticket. Same official told Negroes who wanted to vote for Whitley that it was because of the carpetbaggers and swalawags. The Negroes who knew their minds , he said, hadn't come out. Mrs. Devine said not one Negro schoolteacher came out to vote in Flora.

Bolivar Co: from Mr. Bayer - Says he was put out of the Marigold precinct polling place for protesting procedures there. Poll manager said he was misbehaving.

West Point: At one polling place, a manager, Mr. Coleman, told illiterates to vote for Eastland and FOR a bond issue to raise money for county hospital. This was to replace money HEW will not give West Point because of segregated facilities at the hospital.

Amite County from Mrs. Turner and Simmons : They complained of about 20 whites outside one polling place. They said some had rifles. They also said that unauthorized white people were in the polling place, fooling with the balloting and seeing how people were voting. They said that when crowd got big the election officials told them (poll watchers) to go because it wasn't ~~safe~~ safe.

from Mrs Dawson and Mrs. Hurst; at Riceville Mrs. Dawson was pushed and hit by a white man. All these complaints have been relayed to the Justice Dept.

Montgomery Co: from H.L.Hopkins. People who went to vote at the courthouse, 8am. were told the courthouse was not open for them. Some people did not see their ballots put in the box. Poll watchers were not allowed in . This was Winona. In Kilmichael the police put out two poll watchers. All had authorization forms. The Justice Dept. was informed.

Attala Co: from Dock Drummond; One woman poll watcher not allowed into a polling place. Took her himself to City Hall and saw she got in there.