

July 8, 1964

Rev. L. Alexander HARPER

Assigned Cowan Street, canvassed two blocks with the aid of two local Negro teenagers, Larry Fleming and Ernie Cooper (and Fred Smith for a while later). Got almost through the "300's".

Signed up for Freedom Registration about 12 new ones, left forms (mostly filled in) for seven more who were not home yet. These are marked with asterisks (*) on my report form. I said these would either be picked up by a COFO worker, or else person signing up might drop form by Freedom House and get certified in his presence.

Called at about 20 homes in all. Those not home or already registered are marked on report form.

Notable Experiences:

1. Mr. Johnnie Green, who runs a little store at 318 Cowan, about 60, told remarkable story of his own efforts to organize disenfranchised Negroes in late 40's, got 600 signed up(!) in Madison County Negro Democratic Association before more laws hedged ~~xx~~ in and finally ruled out such groups in the 50's. Gave me party card corroborating this story, also showed me news clippings. Seems able and willing to help, probably with considerable political know-how. I don't know his standing and respect in the community.

2. Only two persons (one couple), Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Cotton, 359 Cowan St., refused to sign Freedom Registration. They said they were sympathetic, but Mrs. Cotton said their jobs might be threatened. Anyway, they sneaked in and got registered somehow years ago when a few token registrations were allowed. They've paid their poll tax and faithfully voted ever since, they say. They weren't inclined to rock the boat, since they rather "had it made." Mr. Cotton seriously questioned our "registration" of those who could not read or write.

Future Plans:

Must go to Jackson tomorrow (Thursday, July 9), but willing for my Street to be continued by another. I'll be back Friday (my last day, July 10) to continue, as needed.

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FREEDOM REGISTRATIONS

* = forms left to pick up

CANVASS SHEET

NAME OF CANVASSOR Rev. L. A. HARPER DATE July 8, 1964

AREA OF CANVASS Cowan Street TOWN (OR COUNTY) Canton (Madison)

TOTAL CONTACTED _____ REGISTERED _____ PAID POLL TAX _____

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	REGIST.	POLL TAX	COMMENTS
Mrs. Nettie MacPerry Mrs. Amanda Wathy	300 Cowan St.				signed up signed up
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson	309 Cowan St.	NO	NO	-	Mrs. has tried to register, failed - Mr. has not been Left freedom form for Mr. *
Ellis Young (son) Louis Young (father)	308 Cowan St.	NO	NO	-	Neither has tried to register, though father has been encouraged, form left to Ellis *
Mrs. Vernell Woodruff	312 Cowan St.	NO	NO	-	already
Mr. + Mrs. Jim (and Elizabeth) JONES	313 Cowan	854- 2569	Yes (both)	Yes	Left form for Mr. *
Mr. + Mrs. Johnnie (and Fannie Mae) GREEN	318 Cowan	854 1937	Yes (Mr) No (Mrs)	Yes	Mr. was politically active in attempted party org. in 40's + 50's / Strong leader!
Mrs. Mary JONES	317 Cowan	yes	-	-	Not home (said to be a scared teacher)
Mrs. Dorothea ROBBINS	321 Cowan	NO	NO	-	
Mrs. Lillie C. LUCKETT	322 Cowan	NO	NO	-	
Mr. + Mrs. Ben (and E. Fern) JOHNSON	324 Cowan	854- 3436	YES YES	YES YES	Not Home Left 2 forms ** time not home
Mr. + Mrs. Alonzo (+ Annie) SMITH, and Mrs. Josephine FARR	336 Cowan	NO	NO NO NO	- - -	
	345 + 350 Not 354, 356 Home 355				
Mr. + Mrs. Isadore GLOVER, and Mrs. and Mrs. A.S. Glover	336 Cowan	NO	NO NO NO	-	Mr. I. Glover already signed Left form for A.S. *
Mr. + Mrs. Rennie (+ Oz) PATTERSON	346 Cowan	859- 3377	NO NO	-	Left Mr. * after 9 p.m.
Mr. + Mrs. Ivy COTTOY	359 Cowan	859-	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Mr. puctees NOT to sign Mrs. also says NO
Mr. + Mrs. Edward (and Fannie) HUDSON	358 Cowan	NO	NO NO	-	Mrs. says already signed (not here), Mr. not yet