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STUDY DESCRIPTION

This study (over a period of 38 years at the end of the 19th century), contains information on 824 persons in Atlanta, Georgia, who campaigned for a city office. Variables include ethnic status and political party of the candidate; type of election and results of the campaign; number of votes cast by ward; other city offices held; demographic characteristics; and past and present occupations of each of the candidates. The file contains 3 cards of data per respondent and approximately 60 variables.
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Related publication:

Watts, Eugene J.,
Social Bases of City Politics: Atlanta, 1865-1903 (Westport,
Conn., 1978).

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 Atlanta Code Book
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Columns		Code
1-3		Alphabetical code number, 001-500
4-5		First year of office for which individual is campaigning
6-17		Name of individual
18-19		List Year of term for which individual is campaigning
20	1. First 2. Second . . 0. Only	Number of campaign
21.	1. Mayor 2. Alderman 3. Councilman	Office for which campaigning
22.	1. Win 0. Lose	Result of campaign
23.	1. General 8. Primary w/o contested general election 9. Special 0. Primary	Type of election
24.	1. Regular Democrat 2. Independent Democrat 3. Republican 4. Other 5. No mention of political party	Political Party

COLUMNS

CODE

25	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 8. Alderman, North 9. At Large 0. Alderman South	Ward Area of Campaign
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26	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 0. Cannot be located: residence unknown	Ward Residence
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27	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 0. Cannot be located: residence unknown	Residence by distance from the center of the city
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28-29		Age elected
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30	1. White 2. Black 0. Unknown	Race
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31	1. Native born, native parents 2. Native born, one or both parents from Ireland 3. Native born....Germany 4. Native born....England, Scotland or Canada 5. Native born....Other 6. Immigrant from Ireland 7. Immigrant from Germany 8. Immigrant from England, Scotland or Canada 9. Immigrant, Other	Ethnic status
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32	1. Atlanta-Fulton County 2. Georgia other than Atlanta-Fulton County 3. South U.S. other than Georgia 4. U.S. other than South 5. Foreign Country	Birchplace
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33	1. 1850 and before 2. 1860 and before 3. 1870 and before	Arrival in Atlanta
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COLUMN

CODE

- 33 (cont.) 1. 1880 and before
5. After 1880

- 34 1. 1870 only
2. 1880 only
3. 1896 only
4. 1870 & 1880
5. 1870 & 1896
6. 1880 & 1896
7. 1870, 1880, 1896
0. None
- Census-Directory Representation

- 35 1. Professional
2. Proprietor # 1
3. Proprietor # 2
4. Proprietor # 3
5. Officials and managers
6. White Collar and Clerical Workers
7. Skilled workers
8. Semi-skilled workers
9. Unskilled workers
0. No occupation
- Gross Occupational Listing
(Alba M. Edwards, Alphabetical Index of Occupations...1937;
Wm. C. Kunt, "Workers at Various Occupations at the Federal Censuses of 1870, 1880, and 1890," Bulletin of The Department of Labor, II, 1897...)
See attached sheet

- 36 1. Higher Executives
Proprietors of larger concerns, worth \$35,000 or more, Major Professionals
2. Business Managers, Proprietors of medium concerns, worth from \$15,000 to \$34,999, Lesser Professionals
3. Administrative Personnel, Small Independent Businesses, worth \$4,000 to \$14,999, Minor Professionals
4. Clerical and Sales Workers, Technicians, Owners of Little Businesses, worth \$0 to \$3,999
5. Skilled Manual Employees
6. Machine Operators and Semi-skilled Employees
7. Unskilled Employees
9. Other, students, retired
0. No occupation
- Gross Occupational Listing, taken and modified from A. B. Hollinghead, "Two Factor Index of Social Position," 1965
See Attached sheet.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional 2. Proprietor # 1 3. Proprietor # 2 4. Proprietor # 3 5. Officials and managers 6. White collar and Clerical workers 7. Skilled workers 8. Semi-skilled workers 9. Unskilled workers 0. No occupation 	<p>Occupation ten years before the campaign. (If not listed 10 years before the campaign, leave blank.)</p>
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44 (Repeat above) Occupation ten years after the campaign. (If not listed, leave blank)

45

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Higher Executives, Proprietors of large (35,000 +) concerns, Major Professionals 2. Business Managers, Proprietors of Medium (15,000-34,999) businesses, Lesser Professionals 3. Administrative Personnel, Small Independent Businesses, (4,000-14,999) Minor Professionals 4. Clerical and Sales Workers, Technicians, Owners of Little Businesses (0-3999) 5. Skilled Manual Employees 6. Machine Operators and Semi-Skilled Employees 7. Unskilled Employees 9. Other 0. No occupation 	<p>Occupation ten years before the campaign. (If not listed, leave blank)</p>
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46 (Repeat above) Occupation ten years after the campaign. (If not listed, leave blank.)

47	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Same ward, same area 2. Same ward, different area 4. Different ward, same area 5. Different ward, different area 7. No information 8. Known not to be in the city 	Residential Mobility from Ten Years before Campaign to the Campaign
48	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elective office, 1 term 2. Elective office, 2 terms 3. Elective office, 3 or more terms 4. Appointive office, 1 term 5. Appointive office, 2 terms 6. Appointive office, 3 or more terms 7. Elective and appointive office, total no more than 3 terms 8. Elective and appointive office, more than three terms 0. None 	City political service before 1866
49	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One to two years 2. Three to four years 3. Five to six years 4. Seven to eleven years 5. Twelve years or more 0. None 	Member of a City Administrative Board before the campaign
50	Same coding as (49)	Total time on City Administrative Board
51	Same coding as (49)	Held a minor city office before campaign
52	Same coding as (49)	Total time served in minor city office

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CODE

53

0. None
1. One to two years
2. Three to four years
3. Five to six years
4. Seven to ten years
5. Eleven or more years

Held Fulton County Office
before campaign

54

(repeat above)

Total time served in Fulton
County Office

55

- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,
9. Nine or more
0. None

Total times a member of the
city democratic executive
committee before and during
the campaign

56

- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
9. Nine or more
0. None

Total time a member of the
city democratic executive
committee

57

- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
9. Nine or more
0. None

Total times a member of a
special citizens committee
for nominations before and
during the campaign

58

- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
9. Nine or more
0. None

Total times a member of a
special citizens committee
for nominations

59

1. CSA
2. GAR
3. None

Civil War Experience

60

1. Secessionist
2. Unionist

Pre-Civil War Sentiment

61

62

1. Methodist
2. Baptist
3. Presbyterian
4. Episcopalian
5. Church of Christ
6. Other Protestant
7. Catholic
8. Jewish

Religion

63

1. Yes

Member of a Fire Department before 1881

64

1. One
2. Two
3. Three or more

Member of a Fraternal Group(s), such as Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, etc.; or member of the YMA

65

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. None

Member of an exclusive social group, Capital City Club, Piedmont Driving Club, Social Register, Pioneer Historical Society

66-67

Member of a Political Ticket Code by year.

68

69.

1. 0-1999
2. 2000-3999
3. 4000-9999
4. 10000-14999
5. 15000-24999
6. 25000-34999
7. 35000-49999
8. 50000 or more

Property Assessment in categories

70

1,2,...9

of times a candidate for city office 1904-1915

79

0. No voting data
9. Unopposed general election with no primary

Explanation for # 2 card

CARD NUMBER TWO

COLUMN		CODE
1-3		Alphabetical code number, same as first card
4-5		Same as first card
21		Same as first card
23		Same as first card
25		Same as first card
30-33		Vote received in First Ward
34-37		Vote received in Second Ward
38-41		Vote received in Third Ward
42-45		Vote received in Fourth Ward
46-49		Vote received in Fifth Ward
50-53		Vote received in Sixth Ward
54-57		Vote received in Seventh Ward
58-62		Total vote received
63	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Number of candidates for same office
64	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Place finished in campaign
65	0. Ward Primary 9. No ward voting totals	Explanation for blanks in voting columns
80		2-identifies first card image as the second in the record.

CARD NUMBER THREE

COLUMN	CODE
1-3	Alphabetical code number, same as first card
4-5	Year, same as first card
21	Office, same as first card
23	Type of election, same as first card
25	Ward, same as first card
31-36	‡ Vote (00.00-100.00)
80	3--identifies this card image as the third in the record