

## Commemorating the New Hampshire Presidential Direct Primary Election 100th Anniversary - 1916-2016





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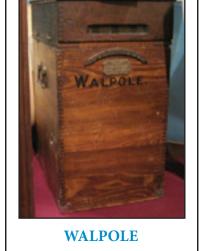




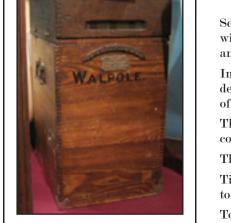


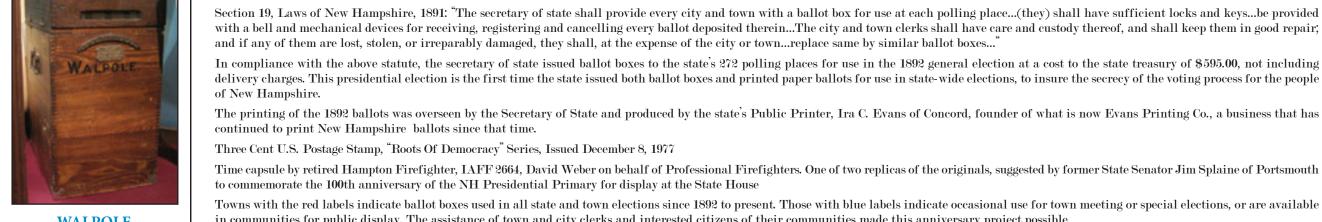












Section 19, Laws of New Hampshire, 1891: "The secretary of state shall provide every city and town with a ballot box for use at each polling place...(they) shall have sufficient locks and keys...be provided with a bell and mechanical devices for receiving, registering and cancelling every ballot deposited therein...The city and town clerks shall have care and custody thereof, and shall keep them in good repair; and if any of them are lost, stolen, or irreparably damaged, they shall, at the expense of the city or town...replace same by similar ballot boxes... In compliance with the above statute, the secretary of state issued ballot boxes to the state's 272 polling places for use in the 1892 general election at a cost to the state treasury of \$595.00, not including

delivery charges. This presidential election is the first time the state issued both ballot boxes and printed paper ballots for use in state-wide elections, to insure the secrecy of the voting process for the people

The printing of the 1892 ballots was overseen by the Secretary of State and produced by the state's Public Printer, Ira C. Evans of Concord, founder of what is now Evans Printing Co., a business that has continued to print New Hampshire ballots since that time.

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o commemorate the 100th anniversary of the NH Presidential Primary for display at the State House Towns with the red labels indicate ballot boxes used in all state and town elections since 1892 to present. Those with blue labels indicate occasional use for town meeting or special elections, or are available in communities for public display. The assistance of town and city clerks and interested citizens of their communities made this anniversary project possible.











