

# Guide to the **Town of Ithaca Elections Collection**

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection is an inside view of running an election for Town Supervisor of the Town of Ithaca. It covers the election campaigns of 1975 and 1977, when William Batt, a relative newcomer, attempted to unseat the long-serving Supervisor of the Town. From barely losing in 1975, Batt tried again in 1977, this time against a newer candidate, but he lost again, closing his political career. The details give some insight into just what it takes to run for elective office.

### CONTAINER LIST

#### *Description*

Summary of 1975 election from Democratic viewpoint. Filed by candidate William Batt as a post-mortem to his race.	Folder 1
Documents, mailing cards, newspaper clippings, posters, radio scripts from election campaign.	Folder 2
Research data, 1976 post-election data and drafts of Candidate's thoughts on election.	Folder 3
Clippings, editorials and additional letters to newspapers for and against candidates.	Folder 4
Newspaper clippings on various issues during the Campaign. Includes newspaper endorsements of candidates.	Folder 5
Financial papers on expenses and income for the 1977 campaign.	Folder 6
"My campaign '75" with proofs of photos for candidate, fliers, graphs and concession statements.	Folder 7

Miscellaneous papers from Democratic Committee, phone lists,  
Sample registration form.

Folder 8

Press releases, notes and newspaper clippings, mostly covering  
The election of 1977.

Folder 9