

The Local Draft Board

The local Draft Board, under the immediate supervision of the office of the Adjutant General at Albany, was organized on July 14, 1917, with the late Hon. Henry A. Strong as chairman, Dr. John F. McGarrigan, medical examiner, and Napoleon Fawcett, secretary. On the death of Mr. Strong on November 19, 1917, Mr. Fawcett was made chairman, and James S. Clute, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Strong was named as secretary. Later Mr. Clute resigned and Harry M. Sweet was appointed a member of the Board and chosen secretary.

Mrs. Catherine C. Donovan was named as chief clerk at the time of the organization of the Board, and continued in such until its work was ended. Miss Anna McCann and Albert W. Lansing served the Board at times as assistant clerks, and John F. Phelan acted as military clerk for about three months.

At certain periods the necessities of the work required special help, and many persons volunteered their services, among these were many teachers from the public schools.



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