The dataset **hopt-v3.dta** was scraped from the History of Parliament Trust online site on March 20-25, 2020.

[1] An effort was made to further standardize the candidates’ names. For example, the following names correspond to the same person, so only a single version of the name was kept. THOMAS THEOPHILUS METCALFE

(SIR) THOMAS THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Bt.

Ideally, candidate names (after some further processing, names.do) are unique identifiers.

[2] The candidates’ party affiliations were coded per Henry Stooks Smith. The values are W, T, R, and None. None means either that HSS does not even list the candidate (while hopt does) or that HSS lists the candidate but gives no party for him.

[3] The candidate variable contains more information than just the name, e.g.

HENRY BOWYER vice Knapp, deceased

I think I have eliminated all observations for which candidate variable does not contain a candidate name. The complicated cases are all bye elections.