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December 7, 2017 Medicare Open Enrollment Ends

CONGRATULATIONS

\$150 WINNER

Alice Simmons/ Independence County RTA is the recipient of a \$150 gift card. This name was drawn from among all who submitted the names of recent retirees to ARTA for a special project to recruit new members.

ARTA was recently named the thirdlargest Trade and Professional Association by Arkansas Business.

Find and like ARTA on Facebook to see upcoming events, travel photos, important information and member news as it happens.

ARTA Awards Four Scholarships

ARTA awarded four Parsons-Burnett Scholarships at its Annual State Convention in September. These scholarships are given to practicing educators to further their graduate study.

Amber Jones is a Counselor at Beebe Early Childhood in Beebe, AR. She is planning to obtain a Masters degree in School Leadership, Management and Administration. This degree will

formalize her role as a leader in several areas.



Pictured left to right: Melanie Schmitt, Hannah ^S Topor, and Joy Thompson.

Melanie Schmitt is a Family and Consumer Science Instructor at Hackett High School in Hackett, AR. She is working toward a doctorate with the goal of training other FACS

> teachers at the university level.

Joy Thompson is a Literacy Instructional Facilitator at Pulaski Heights Middle School in Little Rock, AR. She is planning to obtain a Masters degree in Educational Leadership in the hope of influencing change in her school and district.

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ARTA Representatives Visit Capitol Hill

Paul House, ARTA Legislative Committee Chair and David Cauldwell, ARTA At-Large Board Member, recently visited Arkansas's elected officials to discuss retiree issues.

The representatives went prepared to discuss Medicare, Social Security, and the Affordable Care Act, as well as to encourage steps to close the gap between cost-of-living increases and the rising costs of health care.

The meetings were part of a larger convention hosted by the National Retired Teachers Association—AARP's Educator Community.

Pictured left to right: David Cauldwell, Senator Tom Cotton, and Paul House.

Message from the President

ARTA's Bucket List

ARTA's "Bucket List" for the Annual Convention was filled with member attendance, vendors, silent auction, break-out sessions, scholarship recipients, unit awards, speakers, door prizes and lots of help. Attendance was limited only by the size of the venue. It is apparent that more space is needed so options will be reviewed for future conventions.



Among the attendees there were several "first time" retirees and four senior, veteran retirees. The senior veteran retirees included nonagenarians-Laverne and Winnie Penn from Cleburne County, Mary Fine from Pulaski County, Etoyle Mouser from Jefferson County, and one centenarian, Arkie Neal Remley, age 100 from Hot Spring County. It was quite uplifting to have the first-time retirees in attendance to watch them grow in ARTA and to have the veteran retirees in attendance to see that they are still actively involved in taking care of retirement business.

The convention theme was "Your ARTA Bucket List". Participants were asked to list goals and objectives they want to accomplish as ARTA members either personally or for input to the Board of Directors, such as run for office, serve on the board or its committees, travel with ARTA, help with community projects, suggestions for the board, etc. The cards were placed on the tables to be filled out during the luncheon. The goal was to generate more interest, involvement, and activity among our members and county units with the expectation to grow ARTA membership.

The colors were presented by the Benton High School JROTC followed by the pledge of allegiance. Later in the program, a new format was introduced in which the audience watched a video presentation of Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson reading his proclamation declaring September 26, 2017 as Arkansas Retired School Personnel Day.

The business meeting included approval of the new ARTA officers. They were Vice-president Lura Campbell from Area V and Secretary Sue West from Area II. Congratulations to both of our new officers. They will be an asset to ARTA leadership. Two constitutional amendments were approved -

What's on Your ARTA

(1) to change the ARTA Board Member term from a oneyear to a three- year term and (2) to change the ARTA membership areas from six to eight. Both amendments will take effect on July 1, 2018. The ARTA board will continue to explore other possible changes to the AR-TA areas to better serve the membership, with acclama-Sucket List tion from those present.

> The three breakout sessions included: Traveling with **ARTA** by Collette Travel, **Partnering with AARP** by AARP, and Medical Marijuana in Arkansas by Mary

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Message from the Executive Director

2018 Opportunities for Leadership—ARTA NEEDS YOU!

Looking forward, 2018 brings new opportunities for members to step up to leadership positions in ARTA. Many of our great leaders in the positions of Area Director and Co-Director are term-limited from further service on the ARTA Board. These are two-year positions with the option to serve two more terms for a total of six years. Eight new Area Board Members will also be elected to serve a three-year term this spring. All of the terms will begin in July 2018.

ARTA needs you! If you would consider serving, please contact me or any of the ARTA leaders that were listed in the AR-TA directory found in the last issue of the INTERLINK. The general requirements are that you are an ARTA member, will attend three board meetings annually as well as your Area Spring Conference and you will spend about an hour a month communicating with state and local leadership. Information about the ARTA board and the directory is also on the ARTA website, <u>artanow.com.</u>

The Arkansas Legislative Session in 2018 will be a fiscal session whose function is to approve appropriations. The ARTA Legislative Committee will continue meeting during the session but no new bills can be introduced for a vote without a super majority approval. The session generally last six weeks. AR-TA's primary interest will be with the Joint Committee on Retirement and Social Security. We will be attending those meetings to represent all retired public school



employees and to observe the discussions on pension benefits.

It is my pleasure to serve as the ARTA Executive Director. I have met so many wonderful retired educators around the state. If you have ideas on ways that ARTA can better serve our members, please share those thoughts with me and the ARTA leadership. In the words of Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, AARP/NRTA founder, "To make retirement successful you need only to remember the two precepts of the law and the gospel: Feel reverence in the glory of the universe and love thy neighbor as thyself. Retire not from but to service".

Join Me, **Donna**

Bucket List, continued

Robin Casteel of the ABC Commission. The sessions were relevant to retirees and well attended. The vendors were set up in the hallways across from the meeting rooms allowing participants easy access for browsing.

Thanks to the hard work of Doris Hagen, Jessica Foster and Sandra Bradbury, for taking the lead on the silent auction. It brought in \$1,208 for the Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund. Hopefully, next year enough money can be brought in from the silent auction to fully fund one scholarship. Thanks to all of you who brought auction items and to those of you who purchased them.

The luncheon caterers prepared a delicious meal. During the luncheon, the Arkansas Teacher of the Year, Courtney Cochran, gave a wonderful talk of her year's experience as Teacher of the Year. The Parson-Burnett Scholarship recipients were Amber Jones, Melanie Schmitt, Joy Thompson, and Hannah Topor. Each one received a \$1,500 scholarship to use for graduate study.

The Unit Achievement Awards were presented to units honor-

ing them for their hard work and accomplishments over the year.

George Hopkins, ATRS Executive Director gave an update on our pension system. Mary Alice Hughes, Insurance Advantage, reported that there will not be an increase in insurance rates this year. The convention concluded with remarks from our Executive Director, Donna Morey, without whom we could not do all that we do without her or the ARTA staff.

The ARTA convention is a monumental task and it takes a lot of work and coordination for it to come to fruition. The ARTA officers, board, ARTA members and especially Area III helped to make this convention a success and a great big "Thank You" goes out to all of you for your help. Again, thanks for your help throughout the convention and for all that you do to make AR-TA the great organization that it is! Remember to ask a retiree to join ARTA!

> Paulette Parker ARTA President

Area News

Area I

ARTA members in **Benton County** met recently to discuss the reactivation of a local unit. Anyone interested in participating in this newly-formed group can contact David Cauldwell (479-721-2747 or dcauldwl@gmail.com) or James Morris (870-365-8859 or jamest.morris@cox.net) for more information.



Pictured left to right: Debra Lewis, Betty Cauldwell, David Cauldwell, Denny Higgins and Grimsley Graham. Not pictured: Diana Kolman, Connie Shasteen, James and Sandra Morris.



Crawford County RTA members collect items for different children's organizations each month. Pictured are members with donations for the Mountainburg School District Backpack Program.

The **Yell County RTA** was recognized for its Youth Service Project at the Annual ARTA State Convention in September. The unit was named the Runner-up for its backpack program, which provides easy meals and healthy snacks for children when they are not in school.

Area II



Dr. Charles Adair, Harrison Public Schools Foundation Vice President, congratulates Mary Purselley on the honor of receiving the Distinguished Educator Award.

Mary Purselley was presented with the first Distinguished Educator Award in September at the Annual Distinguished Goblin Alumni Award Banquet sponsored by the Harrison Public Schools Foundation, Inc.

Ms. Purselley is currently a member of the **Boone County Retired Teachers and Support Staff Association**. She served as state president of the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association from 2005-2006.

Dr. Charles Adair is the current president of the Boone County Retired Teachers and Support Staff Association.

Area III

The **Craighead County RTA** reported 68 attendees in November, with five new members joining. Attendees heard from Linda Nash from the Beck Pride Center, an organization that works with veterans and their families. Members brought gift cards to donate to the those served by the center.

The **Greene County RTA** October meeting was conducted as a "town meeting—GCRTA style" with our area legislators, Rep. Jimmy Gazaway and Sen. Blake Johnson. Paul House, Area III's legislative liaison, acted as the moderator. The legislators discussed the last legislative session, the effects of recent laws on education and retirees, and their expectations for the next legislative session. The program ended with questions from members of the GCRTA.

Area News

Area IV



New and returning members of the **Clark County RTA** gathered for a fall picnic to kick off the new year.

Area V



Members of the Ashley County RTA pose with their Unit Achievement Award at the Annual ARTA State Convention in September.

The **Grant County RTA** and the **Jefferson County RTA** also received Unit Achievement Awards in honor of their accomplishments during 2016-17. Jefferson County also reported 2,862 volunteer hours with youth and 5,946 volunteer hours in the community. These numbers were inadvertently omitted from the convention program.

Area VI

The **Faulkner County RTA** received the Outstanding Community Project Award at the Annual ARTA State Convention in September. They were honored for their mock interview project, which is a program to prepare new education graduates for interviews with school boards.



Members of the Nevada County RTA at the Annual ARTA State Convention in September. They were recognized for their significant membership growth in 2016-17.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

ARTA welcomes your news, photos and story ideas at any time. Submissions may be sent to the Communications Coordinator via email or mail. Include a SASE to have photos and materials returned to you.

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Member submissions will be included in the INTERLINK as space allows. Submissions may also be used in other ARTA media unless otherwise specified.

Annual ARTA Business Meeting



ARTA President **Paulette Parker** conducted a business meeting as part of the Annual ARTA State Convention in September.

In addition to approving the election of incoming officers, those present approved several amendments to the Constitution. Additional information about these amendments and how the changes will be implemented will be included in the next issue of the INTER-LINK.

For more photos of the convention, visit us on Facebook.

Scholarships, continued

Hannah Topor is a 4th Grade Language Arts & Social Studies Educator at Nashville Elementary School in Nashville, AR. She is working towards a Masters degree in Educational Leadership for the purpose of increasing her salary, and therefore her retirement income.



Amber Jones, Parsons-Burnett Scholarship recipient. The Parsons-Burnett Scholarships are funded by memorials and donations from ARTA members. A silent auction at the Annual State Convention also raised \$1208 to fund future awards.

Applications for scholarships are accepted through June 30 of each year. Scholarships are presented each fall at the annual convention. Contributions to the Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund may be made at any time.

Welcome New Life Members

Benton County Robert G. Austin Mary F. Shinall

Boone County Grant Williams

Clark County Susan M. Lemons

Conway County Caroline Sue Foshee

Craighead County Saundra L. Spears

Crawford County Barbara Daniel Donna Kay Wright

Crittenden County Jennifer Fogleman Doyle Jones Lynette Moore Cynthia E Wofford **Cross County** Sandra Ellis Rita Adele Madden

Desha County Bobby L. Rogers

Faulkner County Janet Cagle

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Fulton County Robert E. Rose

Garland Count Troy E. Grace Vicky L. Harvey

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Little River County Jeannette D. Jackson

Lonoke County Joe Trusty

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Randolph County Gary C. Miller

Saline Count Sharon Mitchell

Sharp County Phillip W. Johnson

White County Elizabeth Mae Hamilton

Woodruff County Teresa Porter Gregory

ARTA Travel



ARTA members and their families are invited to join us for fun and exciting trips of a lifetime!

ARTA trips are customized for our members. Guests are welcome but must travel with an ARTA member. Whenever possible, ARTA trips are escorted by the ARTA Travel Manager or the ARTA Executive Director.

BOOK EARLY—Due to limited airline space, early booking with deposit will help ensure your airline seat and a price reduction. Reservations made after the reserve of seats are booked or the seat reduction date has passed, are based upon availability and the price reduction no longer applies.

Alternate airline gateways, other than Little Rock, such as Northwest AR, Fort Smith and Memphis are available if you prefer to depart from there (usually at no additional cost). You would join the group at the trip destination.

ARTA contracts with Cline Tours for motor coach trips taken twice a year. A minimum of 40 passengers booked with a deposit is required for these trips. Again, book early! Your deposit is refundable until 30 days before final payment is required.

For pricing and additional information, availability or to have a trip brochure mailed to you, call Mary Huie, ARTA Travel Manager, at 501-993-3767 or 501-843-6190.

Links to detailed trip information are also available on our web site, www.artanow.com/travel.

Suggestions for future ARTA trips are always welcome so let us hear from you regarding your dream destination.

Some of the world's best people travel with ARTA!!

Happy Travels, Mary Huie, ARTA Travel Manager Discover Havana - **CLOSED** January 14—19, 2018

South Pacific Wonders - **CLOSED** February 19—March 5, 2018

Taste of Vietnam - **CLOSED** March 22—April 5, 2018

Springtime Tulip River Cruise - **SOLD OUT** April 12 – 20, 2018

2018 Travel Opportunities

Mackinac Island by Motor Coach May 6—14, 2018

Journey through the beautiful coastal regions of upper Michigan; first arriving in Holland, MI for two nights to enjoy the famous Tulip Festival that has been held for 88 years attracting people coming from all over the world for fun and flowers. Spend the next three nights on Mackinac Island, a National Historic Landmark, touring the island in horse-drawn carriages (the only transportation available). Other highlights include a lunch at the famous Grand Hotel on the island; world famous Mackinaw City Fudge and two nights in the quaint town of Frankenmuth, MI that is filled with unique German shops and the largest Christmas store in the world. **Deposit—\$300**.

England's Treasures June 20—July 1, 2018

"Come! – let me see thee sink into a dream." William Wordsworth wrote those words for his poem Travelling over 160 years ago yet they still capture the essence of the out-of-theway places and the contemplative beauty of England. Join us as we take in Stonehenge, Liverpool and London. Along the way we'll stray from the well-traveled path with stays in Bath, Cornwall and Wordsworth's own Lake District. Other highlights: journey by train from Cornwall to London's Paddington Station; explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey; see the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. An excursion to Windsor Castle is also an option. Save \$200—Book before December 14, 2017

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Germany's Cultural Cities & The Romantic Road July 12—23, 2018

This enchanting journey will take you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country's most iconic cities and through its stunning countryside. Highlights include: a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper; the Hanseatic town of Lubeck, famous for marzipan; a Beatles tour in Hamburg, "the Ven-

ice of the North,"; "Checkpoint Charlie", the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin; Fairy Tale Princess Castles such as Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel; Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval gem in the heart of Franconia; and Neuschwanstein Castle in Munich, built by "crazy" King Ludwig II. Save \$200—Book before January 6, 2018

Colors of New England October 14 – 21, 2018

Welcome to Boston, Massachusetts, where your journey through charming and vibrant New England begins. After touring Boston your drive to Woodstock, Vermont, the "Green Mountain State" will lead you past traditional white steeple churches, quaint villages and tree-covered mountainsides dotting the landscape. In Stowe, Vermont, learn how delicious cider is make at the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. In New Hamp-



shire, learn about the history and importance of maple sugaring in the region, including a visit to a virtual tap room. Other highlights include, a cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee _ New Hampshire's largest lake; beautiful Boothbay Harbor, Maine, the "boating capital of New England"; a cruise through Boothbay Harbor including a lobster dinner and travel through the seaside community of Kennebunkport along spectacular Ocean Drive. Book by April 6, 2018.

ARTA travelers pictured at Oberammergau on the Discover Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria trip, August 2017.

Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park August 5 - 12, 2018

Get ready for an adventure that brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairies, the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and brilliance of Montana's Glacier National Park. Ride in a historic Jammer touring car, built in the 1930s and drive across one of the most breathtaking roads in North America. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest buffalo jumps. Other highlights include Banff, Columbia Icefield, a stop at the lovely Bow Falls and the fascinating Hoodoos, also known as the "Land of Sleeping Giants", and learn about ammolite, a rare gemstone that is found only in Alberta. Booking date has passed—call for availability.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta by Motor Coach October 3 – 10, 2018

Dazzling during the day, the spectacle of hundreds of hot air balloons is even better when they light up at dawn and dusk. See these amazing display, plus explore early Pueblo life and the artists of Santa Fe. Beginning in 1972, the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta began with 13 balloons and has grown to more than 700 from all over the world. View the "mass ascension" at sunrise and spend the afternoon exploring old Albuquerque with its many restaurants and unique shops. Other highlights include Santa Fe, Balloon International Museum, Balloon Glow event, Loretto Chapel, Oklahoma Memorial, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and Bricktown. Save \$100—Book with deposit of \$300 by June 1, 2018.

Irish Splendor November 13 – 20, 2018

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendor" on a trip that combines fabulous accommodations, stunning scenery and sumptuous food. Travel the Dingle Peninsula, one of the most beautiful coastal routes; view the Rock of Cashel, the historic site where St. Patrick preached; and overnight on the grounds of a historic castle. In Ennis visit Molanna Dairy Farm and learn the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family and enjoy homemade scones and tea. Ireland wouldn't be complete without a visit to historic Blarney Castle, where you will have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. In Dublin, the "Fair City", take in the magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes and tour Christ Church Cathedral, one of Dublin's most historic buildings.

Save \$200—Book before May 7, 2018

Christmas in the South by Motor Coach November 24 – November 27, 2018

Begin your Christmas holiday season with a trip to Natchez, Mississippi touring historic mansions dressed up in splendor for the holiday "The Jeweled Christmas at the Towers", a his-

A Trip of Highlights

Have you ever ridden through a buffalo herd? Believe it or not, our ARTA group rode in open-sided jeeps right into the middle of a huge herd of bison at Custer State Park in South Dakota. This was my favorite highlight of our Cowboy Country tour but there were many more.

The Grand Tetons were a sight to behold! Just awesome. And the Badlands in South Dakota - wow! I had no idea they were so beautiful and colorful. And the wildlife we saw - bears, elk, antelope, moose, prairie dogs, marmots, a mama duck and 15 babies; oh, and did I say bison? This trip was a dream for nature lovers!

Yellowstone was just as fabulous as I had heard all my life, and being taught about Tatanka (the story of the buffalo) by a Lakota man, Phil Red Bird, was so impressive. Riding in a covered wagon pulled by huge horses to our welcome dinner toric grand mansion, has been listed as one of the top ten most unusual Christmas display in the United States by USA Today. Explore downtown Natchez with antebellum houses, churches, a variety of restaurants and quaint shops. Next, celebrate the Christmas season in Natchitoches, Louisiana, the Christmas Capital of the South and Louisiana's oldest city. Indulge in a famous Natchitoches meat pie; live music, arts and crafts and fireworks choreographed to holiday music over Cane River Lake. Watch for pricing in the 2018 Spring IN-TERLINK.

Spotlight on New York Holiday December 10—14, 2018

"Start spreading the news," as you arrive in America's most exciting metropolis as it shines during the holiday season. Your New York City getaway is filled with shopping, sightseeing, endless entertainment and holiday cheer. Spend four nights in the heart of Midtown close to Central Park and Times Square. Take your seat and watch the curtain rise for two exciting Broadway Shows; one being the famous Radio City Hall Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular. Other highlights: 9/11 Memorial, 9/11 Museum, Greenwich Village, Wall Statue of Street. Liberty and Ellis Island Save \$200—Book before June 4, 2018

at a pavilion on the Bar-T-5 was just another highlight that actually began our week-long adventure. We were fed a chuck wagon dinner and entertained by a live band in an outdoor pavilion.

And then there were the Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore - incredible mountain carvings that just took our breath away! The two-hour float trip on the Snake River in Wyoming was also just magnificent. Our hotels were super nice, and our Collette tour guide was kind and funny and knowledgeable.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime trip for me, and I loved every minute of it!

Submitted by Jo Anna Parker

In Memoriam

"These immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence"

Arkansas County Bobby G. Ashcraft

Marilee B. Horton

Ashley County

Gayla J. Sydoriak Jessie W. Trantham Myrtle M. Watt

Baxter County Earnest E. Perry

Benton County

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Memorials and Donations

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of individuals and local units, \$1,188.85 in memorials, honorariums and scholarship donations were mailed to ARTA in the last three month period. Your gifts to ARTA, for whatever reason, are greatly appreciated and are a meaningful and substantive part of funding the Parsons—Burnett Scholarship Grants. These scholarships are awarded to educators currently practicing in Arkansas to further their graduate studies.

Arkansas County RTA In Memory of: Bobby Ashcraft

Boone County Retired Teachers & Support Staff In Memory of: Bobby Furnatter Jean Wasson

Clark County RTA In Memory of: Mary Nell Clay

Conway County RTA In Memory of: Shirley Booth Ann Crofoot-Queen Cecilia Hartman Faulkner County RTA In Memory of: Charles Powers

Grant County RTA In Memory of: Kathy Tadlock

Johnson County RTA In Memory of: Jack West

Little Rock Retired Teachers In Memory of: Sue Pederson

Logan County RTA In Memory of: Doyle Garrett NLRSD REA In Memory of: Cleola Boles Artis Lofton, Sr. Ella Ratcliff

South Pulaski RTA In Memory of: Ruth Butler Johnson

South Sebastian Co. RTA In Memory of: Edmund Brewer Albert Cook Carolyn Efurd Patsy Fry Alpha Harris In Memory of: Dr. Stephen L. Castleberry

Patsy Reece In Memory of: Joyce Dunn

Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund Arkansas County RTA Little Rock Retired Teachers Prairie County RTA

Franklin County RTA In Recognition of: Siebenmorgen and Associates—Ameriprise Financial

YES! I want to make a special contribution to AR-

TA's Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund. I understand that my contribution is NOT tax deductible and will be used to fund scholarships for practicing educators in Arkansas to further their education.

Name of Individual or Group

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Amount Enclosed \$

Please make checks payable to ARTA Scholarship Fund. Detach and mail this form with your check to ARTA, 1200 Commerce Suite 103, Little Rock, AR 72012.

In Memoriam, continued

Sebastian Co., cont.

Teresa L. Francis Erma F. Hamilton Dortha G. Hurst Louise H. Ligon Mary J. Mixon

Sevier County Harold R. Smith Dorothy H. Stainton

Sharp County

William G. Adams Jeffie M. Anderson Lynn R. King Robert W. Vance Veneda Zeigler

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