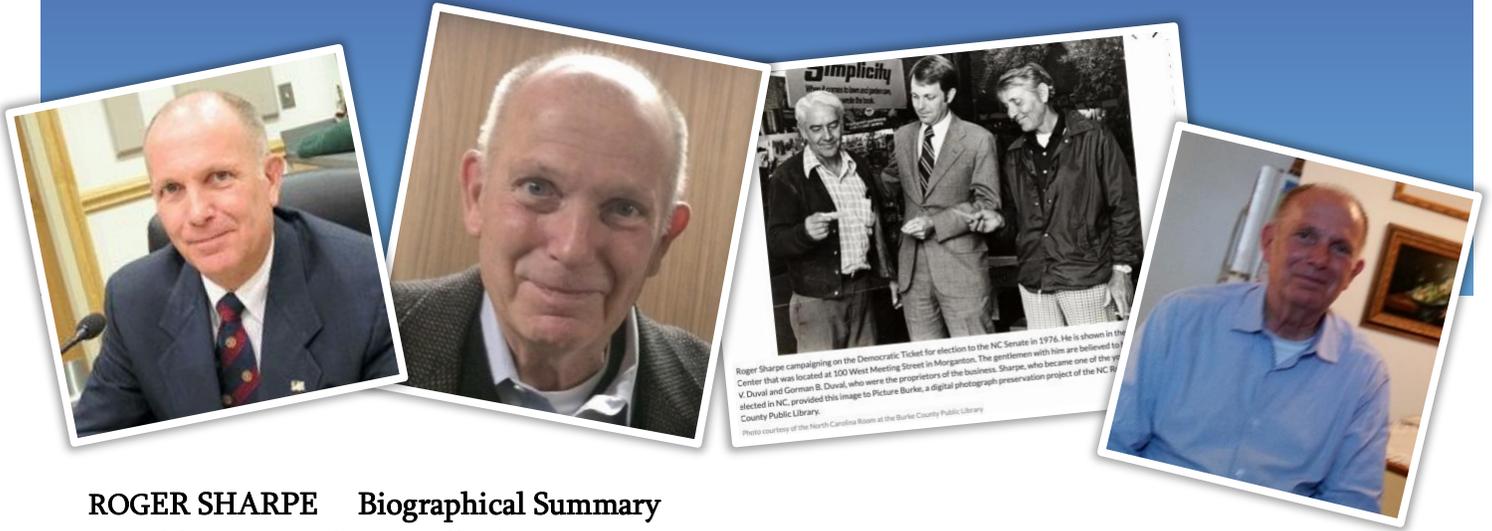


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ROGER SHARPE Biographical Summary

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Roger Sharpe was honored by the United States Capitol Architect and Sergeants of Arms of the US House and Senate upon his retirement in 2013 for having promoted its living history and for his service to Congress and the American people.

A former professor, he has taught hundreds of women and men, many of whom were the first generation of their families to attend a college or university. He attended East Carolina University, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Union Theological Seminary (Columbia University) in New York City. He was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard, Frank Knox Fellow at Oxford and Research Assistant at the Freedom Forum of the Columbia School of Journalism.

He was elected one of the youngest state senators ever to serve in North Carolina's legislature, representing counties through which had passed Daniel Boone, John Sevier, Sam Houston, Andrew Jackson and other pioneers who crossed Appalachia to settle the American West. Governor Michael Dukakis said that Sharpe's memoir, *Ceremony of Innocence* (Mercer University Press, 2005), should be "required reading for any young person in this country who believes, as Roger does, that public service is the noblest of callings."

Dr. Sharpe has held executive appointments with the US Office for Civil Rights, the National School Boards Association and with the constitutional liberties organization, People for the American Way. His broad interests and scholarship on various issues of American life, history and public policies are represented by these examples of addresses to several national organizations: 150th Anniversary of National Statuary Hall, US Capitol, 2014; 150th Anniversary Symposium of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, 2012; 125th annual national conference of public and land grant universities, APLU, Denver, 2012; Olympic Host Committee Volunteers Association Luncheon, Los Angeles, 1987; National Council of Churches Conference, Vanderbilt University, 1986; National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network Conference, Washington, 1985; Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, 1984; and the

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Conference, Williamsburg, 1981. He has participated in international conferences in Geneva, Manila, Lima and Oxford.

In the recent years, Roger Sharpe has served as Executive Producer of the PBS documentary *The Boy Who Heard Lincoln at Gettysburg*, produced by Colorado State University and commemorating the 150th Year of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. An on-going project underway for a year is his seeking the Congressional Gold Medal for 19th Century US Senator Justin Morrill of Vermont, the author of the land-grant university system in the United States. He authored the proposed Congressional Resolution which has about 50 cosponsors. Commencing last fall, he promoted an installation of a presidential memorabilia exhibition, "Burke County Courthouse to the White House," at the county's Museum of History. The exhibition, which opened March 10, features a 40-year national collection of residential memorabilia, and is framed in the 1976 presidential campaign visits of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan to Morganton, NC. Additionally, his most recent project was the organization of the "City of Alexandria (VA) Police and Multifaith Clergy Breakfast, hosted by Virginia Theological Seminary, which sought to initiate community-building between and among law enforcement and clergy leaders of multicultures and minority citizens. The breakfast, which he proposed last June, 2015, took place April 21, 2016 after almost a year's planning of a steering committee, included imams, rabbis, priests and preachers breaking bread with the Mayor of Alexandria, the Chief of Police, and a dozen deputy chiefs of the department and holding forth dialogue about ways to improve trust and accountability between law enforcement and the community.