

# 2017 Annual Report



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## About Us

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Hamilton Parks Conservancy, formerly the City of Hamilton Division of Parks and Recreation, was established in January 2015.

The Conservancy is a 501(c)3 non-profit focused solely on managing and improving the parks located within the City of Hamilton.

The Hamilton Parks Conservancy was created to provide services to the residents of the City at a lower cost and to have the ability to conduct fundraising through the solicitation of donations.



# Board of Trustees

## Letter from the Board Chair



How can it be that we just completed our third year of the Hamilton Parks Conservancy? So many improvements have been made during this time...and more are underway as I write this message to you.

The dedication of Marcum Park in the heart of downtown will be a game changer for the City and its residents. The community spirit of the Marcum Family continues to be seen with this masterpiece of a park. A great deal of thanks goes out to the Marcum Family! The Hamilton Flea now calls Marcum Park its home as well as the Badin Festival. If you haven't visited this park, please do so. Marcum Park has spurred the development of The Marcum, an apartment and retail complex located across the street.

As we enter our fourth year...the emphasis this year will be our neighborhood parks. You will see substantial investment into these areas. There will be new playground equipment, upgrades in handicap access, new plantings... we believe that our neighbors will be pleased!

The Board would like to acknowledge the leadership of our director, Steve Timmer. Under his guidance, the staff continues to learn and works diligently to upgrade and maintain our parks at the highest level! We have an outstanding team that goes the extra mile to make sure our residents have the best park system at their ready.

Collaborations continue with the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Community Foundation, MetroParks of Butler County, and the many donors who believe in the mission of better parks. We wouldn't have been able to do many of things that we have done if it weren't for the generosity of the Hamilton Community Foundation and the many donors who make everything possible.

In closing, the Board is grateful to the leadership, staff, volunteers, donors, and to our citizens. Together we are making a difference for our current and future generations of this great City. Get out and enjoy our Parks!!

James K. Fitton  
Board Chair

## Board of Trustees

Kathleen Klink

Carrie Mancuso  
*Secretary*

Dr. Kenneth L. Wehr

James K. Fitton  
*Chairperson*

Thomas Vanderhorst  
*Treasurer*

Gerry A. Hammond  
*Vice Chairperson*

Courtney Sanders



# Staff

## Director's Report for 2017



the Hamilton Community Foundation.

The Marcum Family, with the construction of Marcum Park, has provided Hamilton with a premier Class A park that has transformed downtown and German Village. The park was dedicated on May 6th. Since its dedication thousands have enjoyed the park. It has become the home of the Hamilton Flea and Badin High School's festival. It was such a pleasure watching so many enjoy this new park. In 2018, the Marcum Family is providing additional funds to place a sculpture that will rain water at the Oasis water feature and is placing two granite signs at each end of the park. These additions will be completed by the time the children are out of school. This park is a game changer for the Hamilton Park System and the City of Hamilton.

As if the Marcum Family's gift was not enough the Hamilton Rotary Club assisted financially in the construction of another new park at the corner of North Second and High Streets. Appropriately, it is named Rotary Park. This three-tiered park has two landscaped grass areas and the upper level is equipped with tables, ping pong and a cornhole set. Downtown has never looked so great!

With the help of the Hamilton Community Foundation and the Friends of the Parks (our Partners), the Hamilton Parks Conservancy is replacing old worn out playscapes and swing sets in parks throughout our city. Since our inception in 2015, we have completely replaced seven and by the time school lets

out in 2018 we will have replaced another eleven for a total replacement of eighteen playscapes. A huge thank you to our donors and the Hamilton Community Foundation.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the murals in the parks. These were made possible by an anonymous donor who has contributed once again to add three additional murals in 2018. In 2017, A 17-Strong grant provided an Arts program in Moser Park for the children in the neighborhood. Arts are alive and well in Hamilton's Parks! Sculpture coming in 2018. All provided by donors.

With the help of our volunteer naturalists, Troy and Kathy Schwable, continued improvements were made to the Riverside Natural Area. In 2018, we hope to start improving the Bird Sanctuary, the Cliffview Natural Area, and Combs Park. We will be eradicating invasive species, putting up bird and bat houses while replanting with native species.

I would like to thank The Hamilton Parks Conservancy's Board of Trustees for their time and assistance and dedication to the improvement of Hamilton's Park System, our donors and the Hamilton Community Foundation for their continued financial support, Adam Helms and his crew for a great concert series, the many city departments for their support in 2017, and the City Manager Joshua Smith, Mayor Patrick Moeller and City Council for their support and confidence.

I would be remiss without thanking our team who work tirelessly to provide Hamilton's citizens with a park system that is getting better and better with each passing year. The management provided by Jon Cook, our Park Maintenance Superintendent and Audrey Baker, the Office Manager, makes my job so much easier. Special thanks go to Jeff Jones, our CPO, who worked almost every weekend during the summer making sure our Spraygrounds were properly operating.

**Steve Timmer, Director**

The Hamilton Parks Conservancy

## Staff Members

*Steve Timmer, Director*

*Audrey Baker, Office Manager*

*Jon Cook, Park Maintenance Superintendent*

*Evan Chapman, Administrative Specialist*

*Richard O Jones, Communications*

*The Field Crew*



# Rotary Park

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## Rotary Park

Just two blocks from Marcum Park is the newly dedicated Rotary Park. Rotary Park is a perfect spot for downtown workers to enjoy a lunch hour or for downtown residents to spend an evening relaxing with their neighbors. Features include permanent cornhole boxes, tables and chairs, and a ping pong table, all thanks to a generous donation by the Hamilton Rotary Club.

# Marcum Park





## Marcum Park

Hamilton's newest park has reactivated four acres of greenspace in the heart of Downtown! Adjacent to RiversEdge Amphitheater, the Courtyard Hotel, and German Village Historic District, Marcum Park is a prime location for recreation and special events. Amenities include two water features, a great lawn, many species of trees, and beautifully landscaped perennial gardens. Marcum Park was dedicated on May 6, 2017. Thank You Marcum Family!



# Financial Report

## Income

### Grants/Contributions

Arts in the Parks (Funded through an anonymous grant)	\$10,000.00
Community Development Block Grant Millikin Woods Playscape	\$52,500.00
Community Development Block Grant Pastor Shaq Mentoring	\$7,539.93
Nature Works Grant – BTW Playscape	\$56,247.00
Hamilton Community Foundation Grant Dayton Lane Historic Area, Inc. Grant Campbell Ave. Park	\$165,000.00
Misc. Donations	\$8,500.00
Programming Income – Sponsorships	\$17,494.84
BTW Sprayground – Grant	\$8,000.00
Tree Memorial Program	\$75,000.00
	\$450.00

### Rentals & Fees

Softball Leagues Fees	\$34,036.00
Ball Diamond Rentals	\$21,861.00
RiversEdge/Marcum Park Rentals	\$12,755.00
Joyce Park Field Rentals	\$39,000.00
Show Wagon Rentals	\$3,015.00
Colligan Lodge Rentals	\$55,523.16
Picnic Shelter Fees	\$31,050.30

### Concessions

North End Softball	\$7,199.00
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### Miscellaneous Income

**\$5,370.02**

### Programming Income

HPC Concert Series	\$11,594.00
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### Contract Income

Contract Maintenance Income	\$4,200.00
Great Miami Recreation Trail Maintenance Income	\$30,000.00
Sanitation Income Park Trash Collection	\$152,625.00

### Management Agreement

**\$1,290,721.62**

### Total Income

**\$2,099,681.87**

## Expenses

### Capital Improvements

Campbell Ave. Landscaping Improvements	\$8,225.00
Arts in the Parks Expense	\$7,582.19
Tree Memorial Program	\$900.00
Playground Special Projects	\$40,000.00
2017 BTW Sprayground Expense	\$303,152.94
Capital Improvements	\$300,812.21

### Equipment

Equipment Capital Improvement Plan	\$128,889.46
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### Repairs/Maintenance

Gravel/Soil	\$8,163.45
Other Repair and Maintenance	\$20,962.41

Building Repair and Maintenance	\$76,167.99
Equipment Repair and Maintenance	\$21,295.54

### Spraygrounds

Sprayground Maintenance, Chemicals, Health Permits, Emergency Phones	\$28,172.41
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### Office

Telephone/Internet	\$8,570.92
Office Supplies – Consumable	\$3,410.08
Office Equipment	\$4,305.55
Postage	\$1,191.25

### Trash Disposal

Trash Disposal	\$11,568.00
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### Other

Pastor Shaq Mentoring	\$7,539.93
Membership Dues	\$459.00
Bank Charges	\$2,908.27
Misc. Expense	\$2,640.62
Marketing/Social Media	\$9,775.00

### Programming

Programming Expense	\$16,381.90
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### Professional Services

Programming Expense	\$26,499.44
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### Insurance

**\$32,289.00**

### Fundraising Expense

**\$2,137.06**

### Fleet

**\$56,070.60**

Vehicle Repair and Maintenance	\$6,792.98
Fuel - Equipment	\$25,537.56

### Materials/Supplies

Tools Non-Capital	\$13,835.12
Concession North End Consumable	\$4,593.62
Chemical Supplies/Seed Grounds	\$35,975.16
Snow Removal Supplies	\$11,973.30
	\$3,558.75

### Utilities

Utility Service	\$84,846.96
Fuel Oil and Propane	\$8,749.71

### Taxes

PR Taxes/Workers Compensation/Unemployment Compensation	\$68,034.26
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### Contractual Services

Misc. Lawn Care Services	\$11,143.98
Contractual Services	\$119,927.44

### Salaries/Benefits

**\$606,313.11**

### Sinking Fund

Playscape Replacement/Cash Reserve /Benefits/Equipment	\$72,500.00
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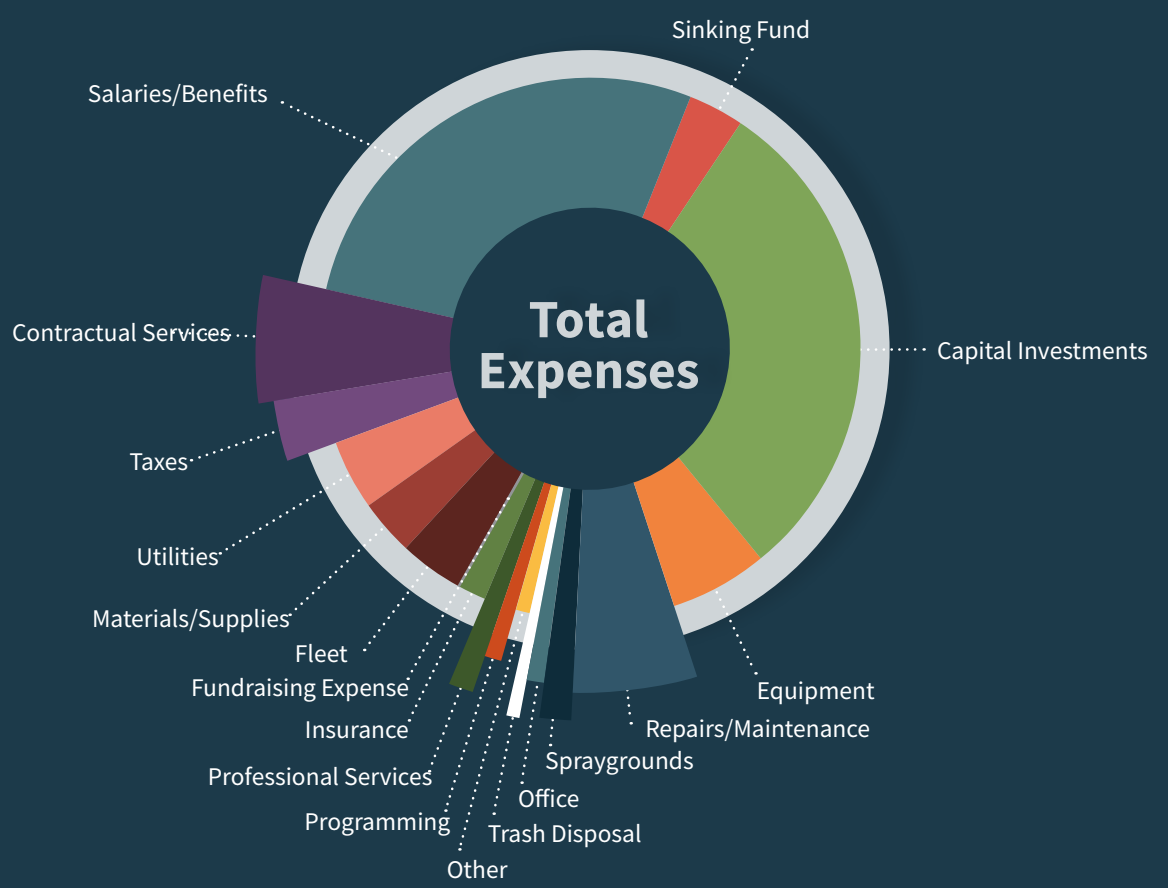
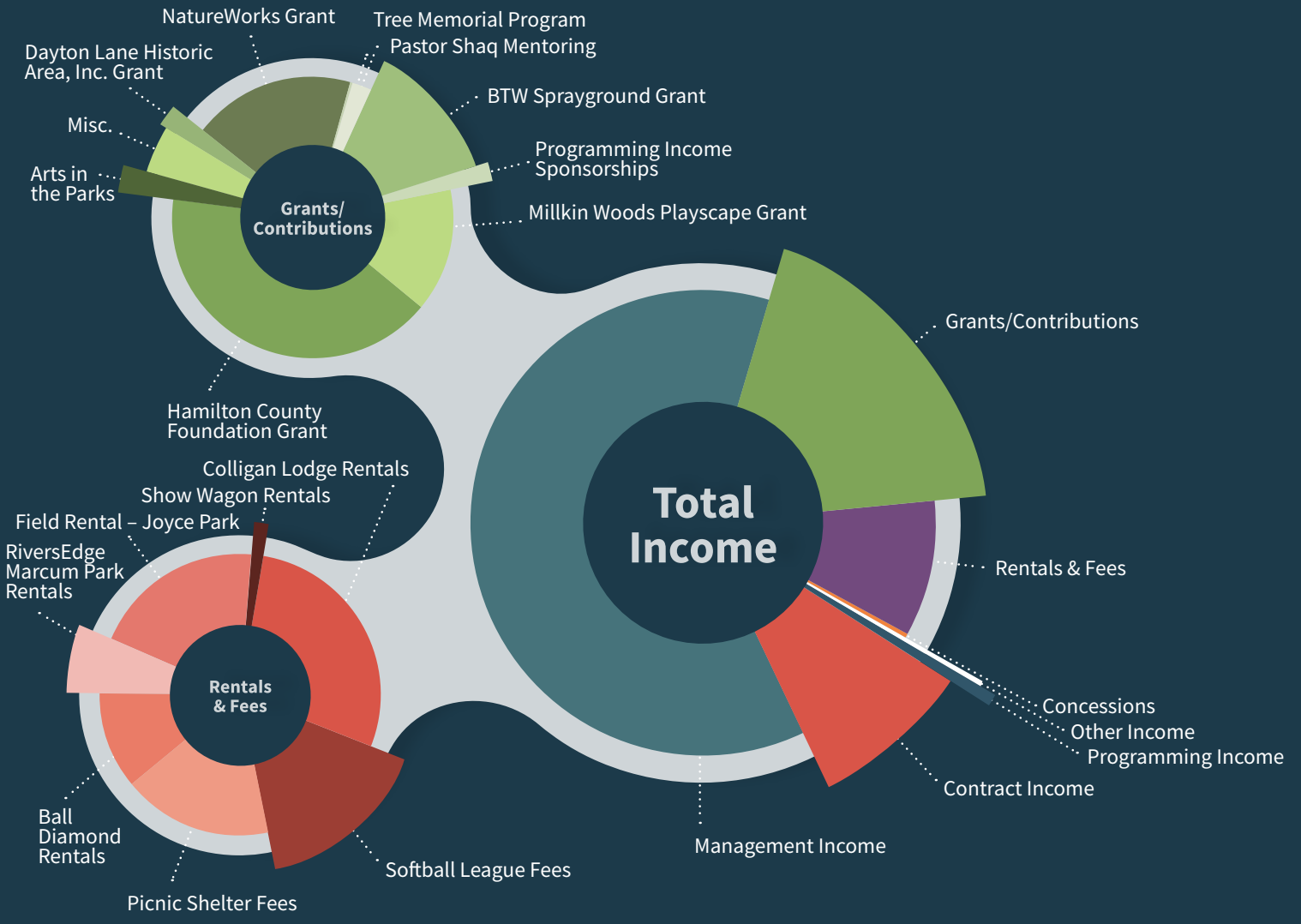
### Total Expenses

**\$2,203,852.16**

### Net Income

**(-\$104,170.29)**





# Our 2017 Partners

**\$4 million & over**

The Marcum Family, *Marcum Park*



**\$100,000+**

City of Hamilton  
Hamilton Community Foundation  
Hamilton Rotary Club

**\$25,000 – \$49,999**

Mr. & Mrs. Joel H. Schmidt,  
*Friends of the Parks, Dog Park*

**\$10,000 – \$14,999**

Anonymous, *Arts in the Parks (murals)*



**\$5,000 – \$9,999**

Anonymous, *Disc Golf Fund*  
Jim & Emily Fuhrman  
Jim & Sue Fitton, *HPC Concert Series*  
Playground Equipment Services  
Mrs. Sherry Armstead, *Arts in the Parks*  
Mrs. Gerry Hammond, *HPC Concert Series, Friends of the Parks*  
Ms. Kathleen Klink

**\$1,500 – \$2,499**

Ford Motor Company, *Officer Bob Gentry Park*  
Mr. & Mrs. William Coombs  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Vanderhorst Jr., *Art in the Parks, Friends of the Parks*  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wehr, *HPC Concert Series*  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Whalen  
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Groth



**\$1,000 – \$1,499**

Mr. Dennis L. Wittman, *In Memory of Howard F. Wilson*  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Rentschler Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen S. Marcum  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark G. Rentschler

**\$2,500 – \$4,999**

Steve and Linda Timmer, *Art in the Parks, Friends of the Parks*  
Operation Pumpkin, *In honor of Jim Grimm*  
Cardinal Excavating, *Drainage and Excavation*



**\$500 – \$999**

Hammond Family Trust  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wile  
Jeff & Audrey Baker, *Art in the Park*  
Anonymous, *Shakespeare in the Park*  
Mr. David & Ms. Karen Underwood Kramer  
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Wilks  
City of Sculpture  
Mr. & Mrs. John Kirsch

## \$250 – \$499

Judge & Mrs. John Moser  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee H. Parrish  
Mr. & Mrs. John Whalen, *Endowment Fund*  
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Cohen  
Anthony Cole



## \$100 – \$249

Municipal Brew Works,  
*Disc Golf Fund*

Mr. Chuck Cornish &  
The Varsity Club DG,  
*Disc Golf Fund*

Mrs. Nancy B. Follmer

Dr. & Mrs.  
Glenn Stitsinger Jr.

Mrs. Anne G. McAdams

Dr. & Mrs. Khoen Sih

Mr. & Mrs. Richard T.  
Underwood

Mr. & Mrs.  
George R. Brown

Ray & Karen Smith

Judge Eva D. Kessler &  
Mr. Thomas C. Eberwein

Dr. & Mrs.  
George T. Manitsas

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Naab

Mrs. Barbara Copeland

Mr. & Mrs.  
Mark L. Sanders Jr.

Mrs. Judith Stitsinger

Mr. Sonny Lodder

Ms. Patricia Froelke

Mr. & Mrs. David Belew

Mr. & Mrs.  
Mark L. Sanders III

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Belew

Ms. Karen Baker

Mr. & Mrs. John Reister

Mr. Tim Cook

Mr. Scott Timmer

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Donges

Mr. & Mrs. John Guidugli

Dr. Stephen Boyd

## \$50 – \$99.99

Hamilton Current  
Events Club

Mrs. Judy Holcomb

Dr. Doris Bergen

Mr. & Mrs. J. Eugene Jacoby

Mr. & Mrs. James C. Baker

Mr. Jack Kirsch

Mr. & Mrs. Calvin L. Lingler

Dr. & Mrs. James I. Scott Jr.

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Nye

Dr. & Mrs. Gregory L. Savage

Mrs. Mary C. Spoerl

Mr. & Mrs. George T. Beckett

Ms. Kay S. Ratliff

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Higgins

Judge Matthew J. Crehan

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Koenig

Mrs. Martha Jane Spain

P.E.O. Chapter

Hamilton Garden Club

Liz & Danny Hayden

Mrs. Phyllis Snyder

James & Cynthia Stever

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Wilson

Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Trokhan

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Isgro

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Jolivet



## Up to \$49

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas  
J. Shannon

Ms. Lois Hinshaw

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Antenen

Ms. Ann E. Brown

Mr. & Mrs. William  
L. Hartford

Mrs. Patricia S. Gifford

Mr. & Mrs. James P. Fening

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph  
P. Keating

Mr. & Mrs.  
Kenneth Chaney

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Wright

Mr. & Mrs. William Keck

Mr. & Mrs.  
Michael Chambers

Mr. Charlie Byrd

Ms. Allegra Brown

Mr. Robert Dawson

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Savage

Mr. & Mrs. Armand Bloch

Mrs. Susan  
Cummins Myers

Mrs. Mary Jo Staarmann

Mrs. Janet Sohngen

Mrs. Barbara Zellner

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Willey

Mr. & Mrs. Kim H. Wentz





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