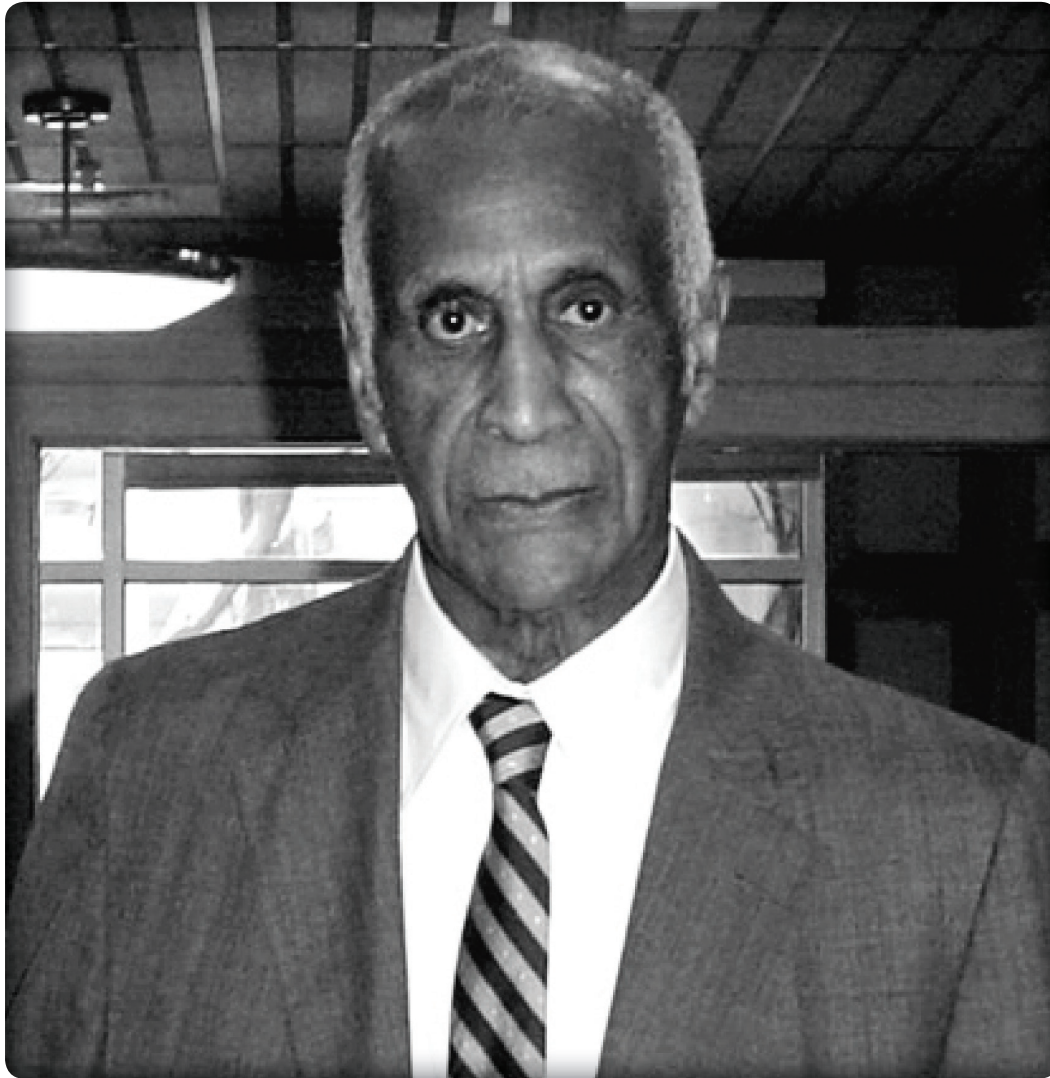


# ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



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**Milton Crenshaw (1919-2015) was born in Little Rock. Crenshaw became a pilot in 1939 and was the first Arkansan to arrive and to graduate from Moton Airbase in Tuskegee, Alabama. Crenshaw was named Primary Flight Instructor in 1942 at Tuskegee Army Air Field, and taught many pilots and cadets known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Crenshaw taught aviation at Philander Smith from 1947 to 1953. President George W. Bush awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal. To find out more about Milton Crenshaw or for more examples of black excellence, visit the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.**



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