

ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



Florence Beatrice Smith Price (1887 – 1953) was born in Little Rock. Her early training was with her mother before attending the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass. She graduated in 1907 with degrees in organ and piano. Smith returned to Arkansas to teach music, spending many years teaching at Shorter College in North Little Rock. Smith went on to be head of the music department at Clark University in Atlanta, Ga. She returned to Little Rock to marry Thomas Price. Due to worsening race relations in Arkansas, the Price family relocated to Chicago where Price continued to teach, study and compose music. To learn more about Florence Price or to find more examples of black excellence, visit the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.



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