

ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



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Lucius Christopher "L.C." Bates (1904–1980) was born in Liberty, Miss., but went on to play a major role in the battle for African American Civil Rights in Arkansas. An active member of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Bates was instrumental in the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School. In addition, L.C. and his wife Daisy L. Bates owned and published the Arkansas State Press which offered readers both civil rights topics and uplifting stories of African American life from 1941 until 1959. To find out more about L.C. Bates or for more examples of black excellence, visit the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.

