

ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



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Charles E. Bussey Jr. (1918—1996) was born in Stamps. Bussey served as the first African American deputy sheriff of Pulaski County from 1950 to 1969. In 1968, Bussey was the first African American elected to serve on the Little Rock City Board of Directors since Reconstruction. He also went on to become the first African American mayor of Little Rock in 1981. In 2005, nearly 30 blocks of 20th Street was renamed Charles Bussey Avenue. To learn more about Charles Bussey or to find more examples of black excellence, visit the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.



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