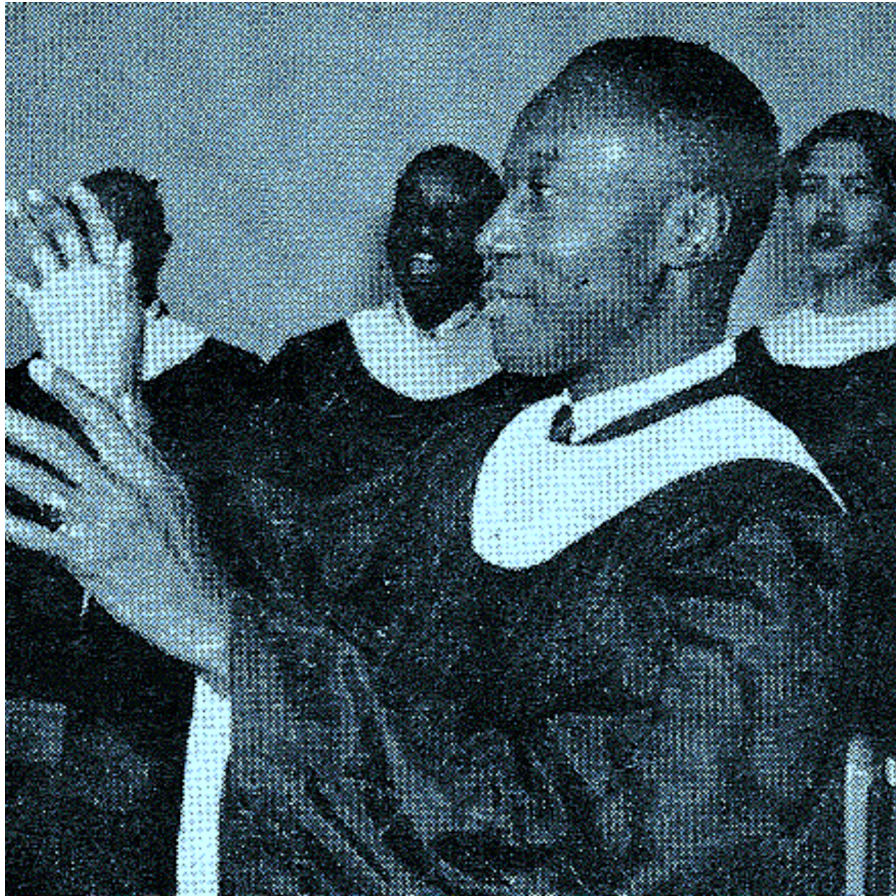


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Early 20th Century Renaissance Documentary

Produced and Directed by
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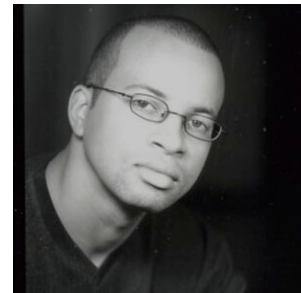
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Producer's Statement

Two decades ago, Barbara Page wrote a thesis to earn her music degree from Sweet Briar College. The topic was about a man who helped to elevate the black educational system in the 1930s in the small rural community of Massies Mill, Virginia. His name was Othello Wilson.



Growing up as an African American in the same region of this story, Mrs. Page had heard of Wilson's name through family and friends as she served as a church pianist in Massies Mill. Little would she know at the time that she would end up studying this man's life, who many years before had walked those same grounds, and inspired many. The thesis was received with honors and my mother, an adult student, had realized her dream of attaining a college degree.

I am ashamed to admit that it took me many years to finally sit down and fully read her work. The subject wasn't intriguing to me as a child. I was too busy in my world to look back, eventually moving to New York City to embark on a music career. Maybe it was for a reason - to pick it up at this time in my life, when I would fully absorb and appreciate a story like this.

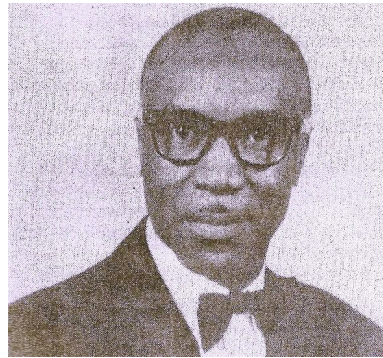
I speak for my other 4 siblings, to say we are thankful for our mother's ambitions and prayers. Wilson's pupils, who would later become her teachers and leaders, shaped her ambitions. Her prayers led to the subject of her thesis - Othello Wilson; musician, teacher, and visionary - and his work through education and the sounds of voices, which sparked a cultural renaissance in one small community, and liberated generations to come.

Jonathan (J.J.) Page
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Othello Wilson: Let Your Light Shine

(Film synopsis – Long Version)

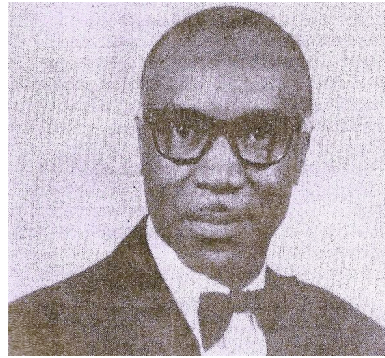
During the early 20th century, the Great Depression took its toll on thousands of citizens. For many southern rural black families, their basic living conditions, economic status and educational standards were already of poor quality due to inequitable post slavery laws that were in effect. The Great Depression further produced a perfect sense of helplessness for these citizens.

But, in one small rural community in Virginia, a beacon of light showed up to its front doors, to lead a group of people who never had a compass to success. This teacher and musician's unique approach and ideology began at a one-room school for its black children, and eventually spread throughout the entire region.

Othello Wilson's work in Massies Mill, Virginia, not only saved a generation of young children, but fostered self-esteem within the core of many – all while creating an everlasting musical legacy.

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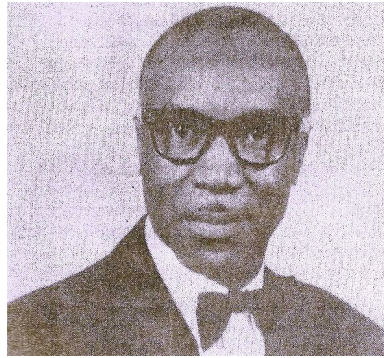
Othello Wilson: Let Your Light Shine (Film synopsis – Medium Version)

During the early 20th century, the Great Depression had taken its toll on many southern rural black families, whose basic living conditions, economic status and educational standards were already of poor quality, due to unjust post slavery laws.

However, in one small community in Virginia, Mr. Othello Wilson sparked a cultural awakening for its black citizens, through his innovative teaching methods and philosophies.

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OTHELLO WILSON:
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Othello Wilson: Let Your Light Shine (Film synopsis – Short Version)

In the 1930s, Othello Wilson sparked a cultural and educational renaissance in one rural Virginia community for its struggling black citizens affected by Jim Crow laws and the Great Depression.

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Biography

Producer and Director

Jonathan Page is a financial supervisor at a New York City investment banking firm, and an independent songwriter/producer of multiple genres. He's produced for and collaborated with many independent singers and songwriters over his career. Some of his works can be found on iTunes and over 40 other media outlets, under the alias, JJ Page. Page grew up in rural Nelson County, Virginia and earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Industry from James Madison University.