

The Family of North Carolina's Brothers Price: *An Interview with William S. Price, Jr.*

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Editor's note: The introduction that follows may sound familiar to readers of the 2016 issue of *NCLR Online*, in which *NCLR* published an excerpt of James Clark's lengthy interview with William Price; but make no mistake: this is *another* excerpt from Clark's interview with the brother of the prolific and beloved writer Reynolds Price. This excerpt was selected and edited by Brianne Holmes, who served as an *NCLR* editorial assistant from the fall of 2014 through the summer of 2015. As noted in the online issue's introduction to that excerpt, William Price includes the full interview and essays about his family and about Reynolds Price's writing in a limited edition book called *A Small Circle: Will, Elizabeth, Reynolds, and Bill Price*, which he released in 2016. While remaining true to the voices and intentions of the speakers, the excerpt published here has been edited and ordered for clarity and flow, and notes have been added, as per *NCLR*'s format for interviews.



COURTESY OF WILLIAM S. PRICE, JR.

Both of us, Bill Price and Jim Clark, call Warren County, North Carolina, home. We're conducting this conversation in Bill's townhouse in Raleigh during January and February, 2015. Living in Raleigh for years, we are retired from careers as state employees. Bill is Director Emeritus of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History; I am English Professor Emeritus at North Carolina State University. Our focus now is the life and writings of Reynolds Price (1933–2011) in relation to his family, especially brother Bill and their parents. When distinguished historian H.G. Jones heard about our plan, he stated, "I have been unable to think of another pair of siblings that reach the prominence in North Carolina's literary/historical heritage as do Reynolds Price and William S. Price, Jr."

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ABOVE Portrait of Reynolds Price by Will Wilson, 1997; donated by William Price, Jr. to the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian

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