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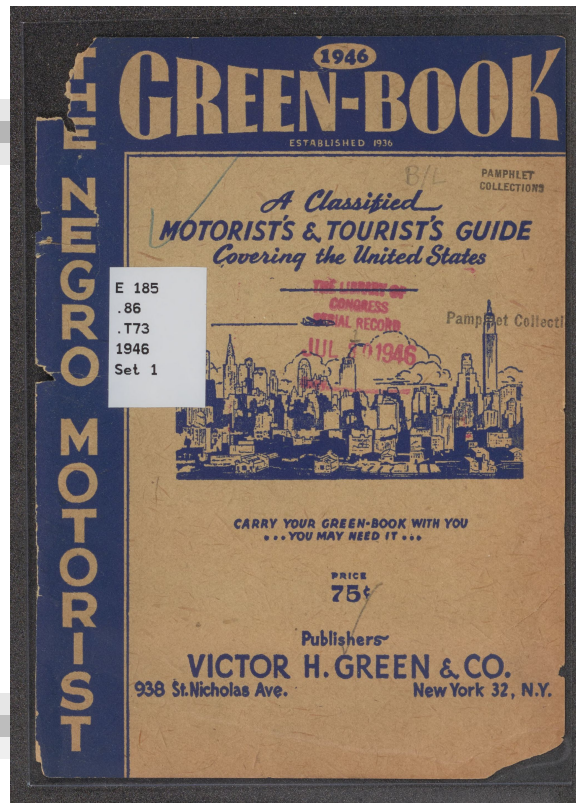
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ALBUM PAIRING PRIMARY SOURCES AND PICTURE BOOKS: OPENING THE ROAD VICTOR HUGO GREEN AND HIS GREEN BOOK

Album Description

These articles from *Chronicling America* accompany the collection of *The Negro Motorist Green Books* from The New York Public Library's Digital Collection

THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN-BOOK



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2016298176/>

Summary: An annual guidebook for African-American roadtrippers founded and published by New York City mailman Victor Hugo Green from 1936 to 1967. From a New York-focused first edition published in 1936, Green expanded the work to cover much of North America. The Green Book became "the bible of black travel" during the era of Jim Crow laws, when open and often legally prescribed discrimination against African Americans and other non-whites was widespread. Green wrote this guide to identify services and places relatively friendly to African-Americans so they could find lodgings, businesses, and gas stations that would serve them along the road. It was little known outside the African-American community. Shortly after passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed the types of racial discrimination that made the Green Book necessary, publication ceased and it fell into obscurity.

Created / Published: New York City : V.H. Green,

Subject Headings: - African Americans--Travel--United States--Guidebooks

- Automobile travel--United States--Guidebooks
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Guidebooks

Notes: - Began with 1936. Ceased with 1951.

- Also available in digital form on the Library of Congress Web site.
- 1942 ed.; title from cover.
- Negro travelers' green book (OCoLC)15668758

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THE NORTHWEST ENTERPRISE., MARCH 14, 1941

Negro Motorist Green Book

"This book, 5 x 7 inches and containing 50 pages, is compiled from information obtained throughout the country, consisting of names and addresses of hotels, taverns, night clubs, tourist homes, restaurants, service stations, automotive garages, summer resorts, road houses, barber shops, beauty parlors, dance halls, trailer camps, etc., owned and operated by Negroes or catering to Negro patronage. The publication is fortunate in having the indorsement of James "Billboard" Jackson, special representative of the Standard Oil Company.

Reference Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87093377/1941-03-14/ed-1/seq-2/>

THE DAYTON FORUM, SEPTEMBER 05, 1941

Motorists Find Green's Guide Just That!

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—(TPY)
—The publishers of the Negro Motorists Guide and the Green Vacation Guide told reporters this week that they were literally swamped with mail orders. Victor H. Green, interviewed at his office at 938 St. Nicholas avenue, said, "It is indeed encouraging."

Reference Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024234/1941-09-05/ed-1/seq-4/>

THE OMAHA GUIDE, APRIL 13, 1946



GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL

New ork, N. YY.—After four years absence, the Negro Motorist Green Book, the official guide to hotels, tourist homes, restaurants and other places where Negroes are welcomed without embarrassment, will soon be in circulation again. It is due off the press next month and will list some 3,500 places throughout the country, all the leading Negro newspapers, schools and colleges and will contain information about the new cars.

The Green ook is used by all the Automobile Clubs of the

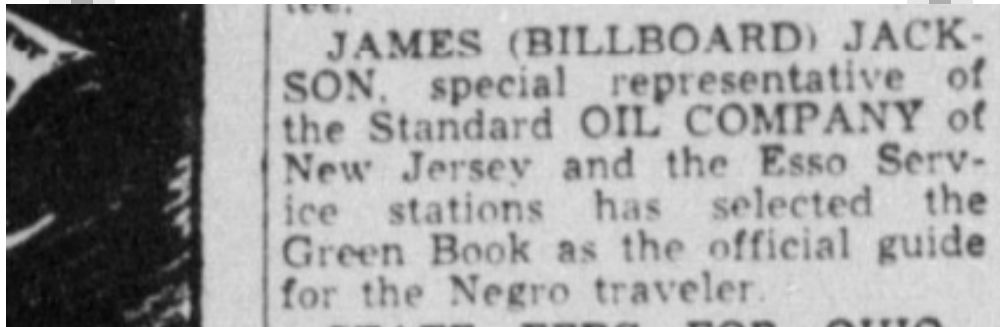
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THE NORTHWEST ENTERPRISE, AUGUST 28, 1946



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THE DETROIT TRIBUNE, MARCH 15, 1947



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JACKSON ADVOCATE, MAY 06, 1961

Negro Motorist Green Book Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

New York, April 29—America's oldest guide for the Negro traveler celebrates its 25th Anniversary with the 1961 Edition, which has just been published. Recognizing the problem of the Negro traveler, Victor H. Green, a farsighted man, started the Green Book in 1936 with only 10 pages. Guiding Travelers to places friendly to them on long trips, the usefulness of the Green Book was soon valuable to public libraries, the Traveling Aid

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Teaching Notes:

What an important topic for a picture book..and quite an amazing NYPL collection.

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