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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Freddie Green Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1453
Date:	1930-2006
Extent:	3 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
Creator:	Green, Freddie, 1911-1987
Language:	English
Summary:	The collection documents Green's life and work, especially his nearly fifty years as rhythm guitarist with Count Basie's orchestra.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Alfred Green, son of Freddie Green, 2017.

Preferred Citation

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Content Description

The collection documents Green's life and work, especially his nearly fifty years as rhythm guitarist with Count Basie's orchestra. Included in the papers are compositions, some published, some not, some merely ideas for songs, some sent to Green by others with hopes of their becoming included in the Basie play book. Some compositions are recorded in numerous music composition books. Also included in the collection are photographs, of Green, of his family and friends, and especially of Count Basie and the band on tour and in performance. Audiovisual materials include reel to reel recordings and one audio cassette. Additional materials include a scrapbook of clippings, mostly relating to Basie and his orchestra; letters, mostly of a business nature, 1980s; loose articles and clippings from the 1970s and 1980s; concert

programs, including one posthumous one from 2006; awards; and miscellaneous contracts and business records.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Awards
- Concerts -- Programs
- Contracts
- Guitarists
- Jazz
- Jazz musicians

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Audiotapes
- Business records
- Color photographs
- Letters (correspondence)
- Music -- Manuscripts
- Obituaries
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Basie, Count, 1904-1984
- Count Basie Orchestra