Guide to the Curtis E. Green Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Curtis E. Green photograph collection
Dates: 1975-1987
Collection number: MS 75
Creator: Green, Curtis E.
Collection Size: .1 linear feet(1 folder)
Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612

Abstract: The Curtis E. Green Photograph Collection consists of 11 photographs documenting the Lawson National Distribution Company’s bus contract with the San Francisco Municipal Railway and the dedication ceremony of the Curtis E. Green Light Rail Center.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
No access restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

Access Restrictions
Materials are for use in-library only, non-circulating.

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Biography / Administrative History
Curtis E. Green (1924-2002) was the first African American to administer a major U.S. transit system. Born in Louisiana, he served in the Marine Corps during World War II then moved to San Francisco where he worked as a Muni bus driver beginning in 1945. He worked as a bus driver for twenty years and was promoted to the Director of Personnel and Safety in 1969 and Deputy General Manager in 1973. He was promoted again the following year to General Manager of Muni which he would run until his retirement in 1982.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Arrangement
Series I. Photographs

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Green, Curtis E.
Newkirk, George L.
San Francisco Municipal Railway.
Transportation--California--San Francisco.

Bibliography

Photographs

Physical Description: 11 photographs

Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes 11 photographs related to the Lawson National Distribution Company’s bus contract with the San Francisco Municipal Railway and the dedication ceremony of the Curtis E. Green Light Rail Center.

Arrangement
Arranged by photograph identification number.

Box 1:2
Award ceremony presenting bus procurement contract to minority-owned firm Lawson National Distribution Company, picture (left-right): John Gilbert, President of the local Transport Workers Union; Harold Geissenheimer, General Manager of San Francisco MUNI; Mayor Diane Feinstein; Douglas McKay, President of Flyer Independent; Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Region 9 UMTA administrator; Curtis Green, LND Vice President of Operations; sitting Danny Lawson, LND President; Welton Flynn, Public Utilities Commissioner [001/008] 1983

Box 1:2
George Newkirk and Curtis Green sitting on bus [002] 1984

Box 1:2
Danny Lawson, President of Lawson National Distribution Company, speaking at podium [003] 1987

Box 1:2
Danny Lawson and Curtis Green having a toast next to Curtis E. Green Light Rail Center plaque [005] 1987

Box 1:2
Curtis E. Green, woman, boy, Danny Lawson, and Welton Flynn standing next to Curtis E. Green Light Rail Center plaque [006] 1987

Box 1:2
Curtis E. Green and five women standing in front of Curtis E. Green Light Rail Center plaque [009] 1987

Box 1:2
Danny Lawson and Mayor Diane Feinstein answering reporters’ questions at press conference [010] 1983

Box 1:2
George Newkirk (center) and two men talking in meeting room [011] 1975

Box 1:2
Curtis E. Green and George Lawson next to Lawson National Distribution Company’s MUNI bus concept drawing [012] circa 1980s