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By Danny King

From 1936 to 1964 — the year the Civil Rights Act was passed — Harlem postal worker Victor H. Green published a guide called *The Negro Motorist Green-Book*, which compiled information on businesses of all stripes (hotels, restaurants, gas stations) that were friendly to black travelers. For African-American families looking to cross the country in search of work or leisure, the book was a moment-to-moment survival kit against the widespread wrath of Jim Crow. Much of Green's history might have been lost were it not for the efforts of the Atlanta-based playwright and author **Calvin Alexander Ramsey**, who has already written a play and a children's book that attest to the importance of Green's work in its day. Ramsey, in collaboration with Becky Wible Searles, is also nearing completion on a documentary, *The Green Book Chronicles*, select footage from which will be screened tonight as part of a wide-ranging discussion with Ramsey.

DETAILS

Time: 6:30 p.m. February 18

Brooklyn Historical Society

128 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

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