Guide to the Elm Grove Tourist Camp, Clinton, Tennessee, Card
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Preferred Citation note

Elm Grove Tourist Camp, Clinton, Tennessee, Card, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Elm Grove Tourist Camp was 2 miles north of Clinton, Tennessee on United States Highway 25-West. The proprietor, Henry Erb, advertises the camp as a "Home Away From Home" with "modern rest rooms and shower baths" and with "lunches and drinks of all kinds."

Motels developed in the 1920s to fill the need for functional, accessible, and economical sleeping accommodations catering to the burgeoning number of automobile travelers primarily in the United States. Various known as "tourist cabins," "motor courts," or "cabin camps," individually operated cabin complexes sprang up along highways, especially in the South and West. The term "motel," a contraction of "motor" and "hotel," was coined in the mid-1920s and referred initially to a type of hotel consisting of a single building of connected rooms whose doors faced a parking lot and, in some circumstances, a common area; or a series of small cabins with common parking.

Unlike motels, auto camps and tourist courts typically provided bed and breakfast or hotel style service, usually with stand-alone cabins. After the invention of the motel, auto camps continued in popularity through the Depression years and finally, after World War II, their popularity began to diminish with the construction of freeways and changes in consumer demands.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of a card from the Elm Grove Tourist Camp two miles north of Clinton, Tennessee on United States Highway 25-West. Henry Erb, the proprietor, describes Elm Grove as "A Home Away From Home" with "modern rest rooms and shower baths" and "lunches and drinks of all kinds." The card also features a short poem about modern conveniences.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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