

Trials, Triumphs, and Transformations

Tennesseans' Search for Citizenship, Community, and Opportunity

Tennessee's history between the end of the American Civil War (1865) and the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and 1965 Voting Rights Act often gets ignored. This historic period offers insights into the transformations that took place, including challenges and achievements, as Tennesseans searched for citizenship, community and opportunity. Citizenship—what that has meant and how that has changed—is at the heart of this digital exploration into Tennessee history and culture. This digital collection's objects, songs, photographs, paintings, and documents often reveal the challenges faced by Tennesseans as they pursued the rights and benefits of citizenship.

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Achieving
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Finding Community

Performing Identity

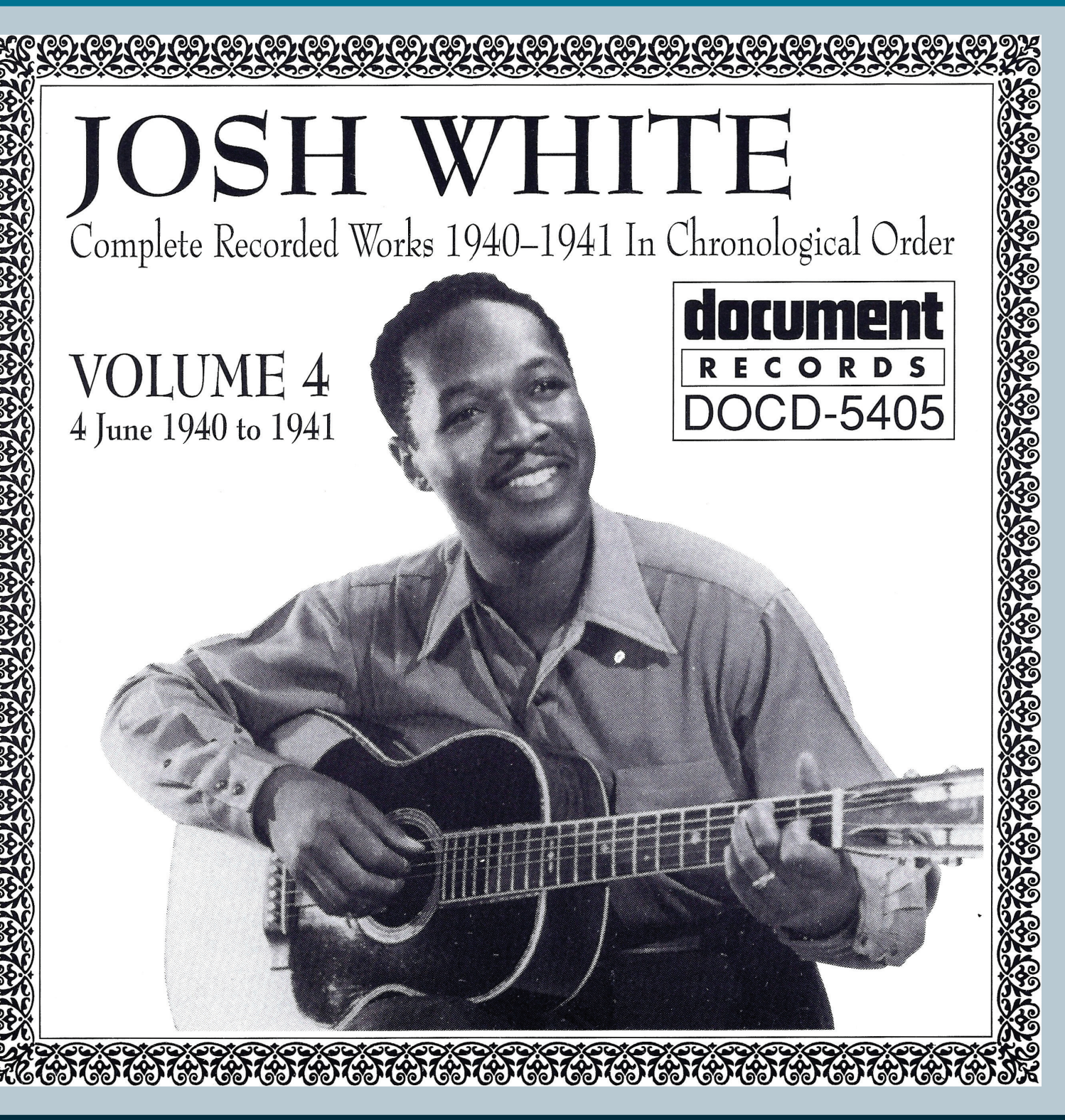


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