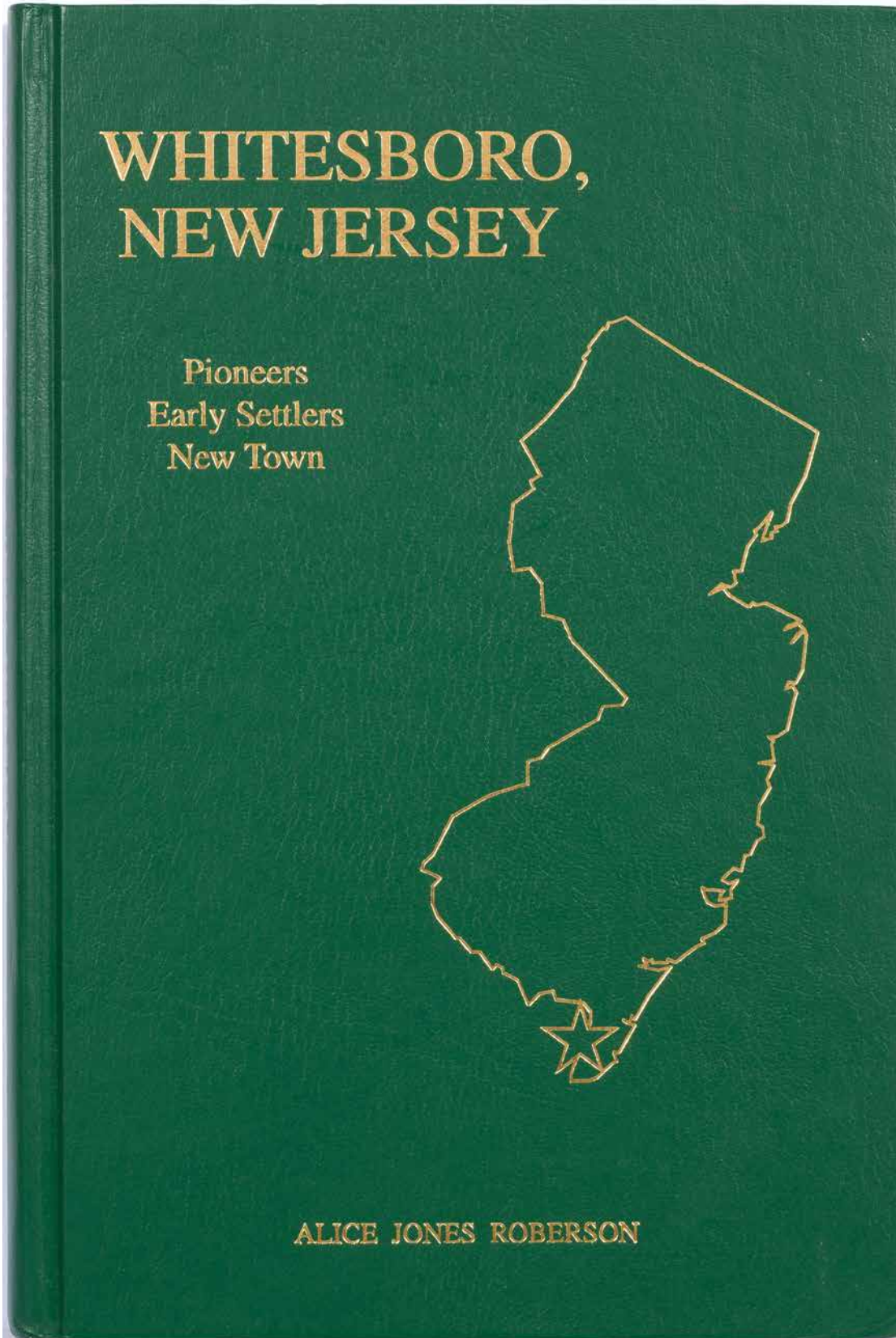


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First edition. Tall octavo. 208, [1]pp. Illustrated from photographs. Green paper over boards illustrated and titled in gilt. Corners a little bumped, near fine. History by a 94 year old black woman and resident about the little-known all African-American planned community a few miles outside of Cape May, founded around 1900 by George R. White from North Carolina, the last black man to serve in Congress during the Reconstruction era.

Cape May, perhaps America's first sea shore resort (and where Harriet Tubman worked in 1852 as a cook), was particularly popular with Southerners, and local legend is that Whitesboro was populated in part by the descendants of slaves who had escape from their vacationing owners into the woods of South Jersey, although we have no evidence to prove this. Among the visitors to the town were Booker T. Washington, Paul Robeson, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. Among the original investors in the land scheme were Paul Lawrence Dunbar and his wife, the author Alice Dunbar. Stedman Graham, longtime partner of Oprah Winfrey is from Whitesboro. *OCLC* locates five copies. We've never seen another copy. [BTC#437790]

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