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Oral history interview with Jacob Baker

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Jacob Baker
<b>Date:</b>	1963 September 25
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<b>Creator:</b>	Baker, Jacob (Interviewee) Phillips, Harlan B. (Harlan Buddington), 1920-1979 (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	85 Pages (Transcript)
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<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Jacob Baker, 1963 September 25, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Jacob Baker, 1963 September 25, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

### Available Formats

Transcript available on line at <http://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/oralhistories/transcripts/bakerj63.htm>

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jacob Baker (1895-1967) was an art administrator in Newark, New Jersey.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Jacob Baker conducted by Harlan Phillips on 1963 September 25 for the Archives of American Art.

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Baker speaks of his training as an industrial engineer and his early employment history, including involvement with various New Deal bureaus; becoming assistant administrator of the WPA, and his activities; the various WPA projects and their functions. He recalls Holger Cahill and Mildred Baker.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 41 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Federal aid to the arts

### Types of Materials:

Interviews

Sound recordings

### Names:

Baker, Mildred, 1905-

Cahill, Holger, 1887-1960

New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

### Occupations:

Arts administrators -- New Jersey -- Interviews