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Oral history interview with R. H.(Bob) Hall

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | Archives of American Art  |
| <b>Title:</b>           | Oral history interview with R. H.(Bob) Hall   |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 1965 Nov. 28  |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | AAA.hall65  |
| <b>Creator:</b>         | Hall, R. H. (Robert H) (Interviewee)<br>McGlynn, Betty Hoag (Interviewer)<br>New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project   |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 4 Items (Sound recordings: 4 sound files; digital, wav file)<br>85 Pages (Transcript)   |
| <b>Language:</b>        | English .   |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with R. H.(Bob) Hall, 1965 Nov. 28, Transcript</a><br><a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with R. H.(Bob) Hall, 1965 Nov. 28, 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

R. H. (Bob) Hall (1895-1970) was a painter and illustrator from Butte, Mont.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Robert H. (Bob) Hall conducted 1965 Nov. 28, by Betty Hoag, for the Archives of American Art. Hall speaks of his youth; his travels in the Western U.S.; his paintings of mines; his work for the Federal Art Project, including his association with the Index of American Design; teaching; his reminiscences of the Depression; and the Federal Art Project.

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## System Details

Originally recorded on 4 tape reels (5 in.).

## General

An unrelated interview of Shorty (Irvin) Shope conducted by B. Hoag is also on tape 1; and one of Lavina Richards and Dolores La Branche conducted by B. Hoag is also on tape 4.

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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
- Illustrators -- Montana -- Butte -- Interviews
- Painters -- Montana -- Butte -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Federal Art Project (Mont.)
- Index of American Design
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project