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Guide to the Robert A. Hall, Jr. Papers 1981-1987



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.HALLR
Title	Hall, Robert A., Jr. Papers
Date	1981-1987(inclusive)
Size	.5 linear ft. (1 box)
Repository	1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637

Abstract Robert A. Hall, Jr, author, professor, linguist. The Robert A. Hall Papers consist of three bound volumes. The first is titled "It's Fun to Be Human-Or Is It?" is an autobiography that covers 1911-1946, including reminiscences of Hall's student years. The second volume is titled "Yes, It is Fun-Most of the Time" and continues his autobiography from 1946-1976. The third piece is a collection of short stories, "Lovers and Haters," from 1987.

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

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Biographical Note

Robert Anderson Hall, Jr. was born on April 4, 1911 in Raleigh, North Carolina to Lolabel House Hall and Robert Anderson Hall. The family moved to Minneapolis around 1914, and later to Brooklyn, New York in 1919. Hall attended Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School in Brooklyn. In 1923 Hall changed his name from William Durham Hall to Robert A. Hall, Jr. He began attending Princeton University in 1927, and received his A.B. in 1931. Hall began studying at the University of Chicago the following fall, and received his A.M. in 1935. He taught at the University of Puerto Rico from 1937 to 1939.

By 1995 Hall was a Professor Emeritus of Linguistics and Italian at Cornell University and the author of numerous books dealing with Italian language, literature and culture. He was a member of the Wodehouse Society and was its president from 1986 to 1985.

Hall is the author of *Pidgin and creole languages* (1966) *The Comic Style of P.G. Wodehouse*. (1974), *Language, literature, and life: selected essays* (1978) *The Kensington rune-stone is genuine : linguistic, practical, methodological considerations* (1982), *A life for language : a biographical memoir of Leonard Bloomfield* (1990), *The Kensington Rune-Stone: Authentic and Important. A Critical Edition* (1995), and many other works.

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Related Resources

The following resources are located in the Special Collections Research Center:

Leonard Bloomfield, Papers

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Subject Headings

- Hall, Robert Anderson, 1911-
- University of Chicago -- History
- University of Chicago -- Students
- Reminiscences
- Memoirs

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

"It's Fun To Be Human -- Or Is It?, " autobiography, 1911-1946 (includes reminiscences of student years at the University of Chicago)

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Folder 2

"Yes, It Is Fun -- Most of the Time, " autobiography, 1946-1976

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Folder 3

"Lovers and Haters, " collection of short stories, 1987