

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hall, Annie Rosetta, 1897-2004
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall,
Dates:	March 20, 2002
Bulk Dates:	2002
Physical Description:	3 Betacame SP videocassettes (1:03:09).
Abstract:	Elementary school teacher Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall (1897 - 2004) was born in 1897 in Hardwick, Georgia, and attended the Snow Hill Institute in Alabama and the Forsyth Agricultural and Mechanical State School, where she received her teaching certificate. For fourteen years, Hall taught in schools throughout Baldwin County, Georgia and Sparta, Georgia. Hall was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 20, 2002, in Milledgeville, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2002_044
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall was born in 1897 in Hardwick, Georgia. She was the fourth of five children born to Mary and Milus Hall. Her father died while the children were still young, so her mother worked to take care of them. Living through the Depression, Hall remembers hard times. To make ends meet, Hall's mother took in washing and ironing. Although times were rough, Hall's mother insisted that each of her children be educated. All went to college or trade school.

An aunt helped put Hall through Snow Hill Institute in Alabama and the Forsyth Agricultural and Mechanical State School, where she received her teaching certificate. For fourteen years, Hall taught in schools throughout Baldwin County, Georgia and Sparta, Georgia. At each school that she taught in, she was given room and board, so she was only able to go home to see her family for one weekend a month. She would go home on a Friday and her brothers would drive her back on Sunday. Missing her family, Hall moved back home to take a janitorial job in the Hardwick post office, where she worked for thirty-five years. In 1970, she retired at the age of 81. Living with her younger sister, Frances Smothers, in the same house that they were born, Hall spent years taking care of her sister, who was confined to her bed with arthritis. Hall's sister died at the age of 94 in 1998.

Although Hall never married or had children, she adopted people to love along the way. She has fond memories of her family growing up and has plenty of family from offspring of her other siblings, all of whom she calls her "children."

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on March 20, 2002, in Milledgeville, Georgia, and was recorded on 3 Betacame SP videocassettes. Elementary school teacher Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall (1897 - 2004) was born in 1897 in Hardwick, Georgia, and attended the Snow Hill Institute in Alabama and the Forsyth Agricultural and Mechanical State School, where she received her teaching certificate. For fourteen years, Hall taught in schools throughout Baldwin County, Georgia and Sparta, Georgia.

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Hall, Annie Rosetta, 1897-2004

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hall, Annie Rosetta, 1897-2004--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Elementary School Teacher

HistoryMakers® Category:

EducationMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall, Section A2002_044_001_001, TRT: 0:29:48 ?

Annie Rosetta “Rose” Hall describes her family background and childhood. Her father, Melius Hall, was born a slave on March 20, 1862 to Mary Hall, who worked as a cook for the slave overseer. Hall’s mother, Mary Hall, was born on March 9, 1867 to Rosetta Harris. Together, Mary Hall and Melius Hall had five children: Otelia Hall, who was born on November 28, 1884; Johnnie L. Hall, who was born on January 25, 1888; Milus Hall, Jr., who was born on April 26, 1891, Annie Rosetta “Rose” Hall, who was born on March 30, 1897; and

Frances V. Hall, who was born on June 5, 1904. Melius Hall died in 1910, leaving Mary Hall to take care of the family. Hall attended Eddy High School in Milledgeville, Georgia. With the help of her aunt Lottie Hall, Hall attended boarding school at Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama and Forsyth Agricultural and Mechanical State School in Georgia, where she received her teaching certificate.

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall, Section A2002_044_001_002, TRT: 0:30:26 ?

Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall talks about her career and family. After graduating from Forsyth Agricultural and Mechanical State School in Georgia, Hall taught at rural boarding schools in Baldwin County, Georgia and Sparta, Georgia. After fourteen years teaching, Hall moved back home to Milledgeville, Georgia to be near her family and worked as a janitor in the Hardwick Post Office for thirty-five years. In 1970, Hall retired from the Post Office to take care of her sister Frances Smothers. Hall reflects on her long life and her family.

Video Oral History Interview with Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall, Section A2002_044_001_003, TRT: 0:02:55 ?

Jacquelyn Reeves narrates photographs of her great-aunt Annie Rosetta "Rose" Hall.