

Guide to the
Al Hall Collection
(1916-1981)

Date Range: 1935 - 1981

4.5 linear feet

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Biographical Sketch:

Al K. Hall, Jr. was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 24, 1916. The son of famous vaudevillian Al K. Hall, Junior followed in the family footsteps, taking a role as a straight man in his father's act. Hall also practiced his flying and became active in several youth flying groups. In 1933, at the age of Seventeen, Hall set a new junior altitude record by flying a plane to a height 16,800 feet.

Hall continued to fly and joined American Airlines Contract Cargo Division. During World War II he flew aircraft for the North Atlantic Division of the Air Transport Command. In 1945 he married a stewardess named Auleen Herlan in New York. After the war Al continued to fly for American. He progressed steadily up the ranks, eventually becoming a check pilot, a flight instructor, and finally worked at the American Airlines training facility in Fort Worth. Hall retired from American Airlines in 1976, and passed away in 1980.

Sources

Al Hall Collection, Box 1, Folder 21 number History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Al Hall Collection, Box 6, Folder 12, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Additional Sources

More on the early history of American Airlines, aviation in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, or early aviation pioneers, can be found in the holdings of The University of Texas at Dallas History of Aviation Collection. Consult the finding aids for further details.

Series Description

The Al Hall collection has one series of seven boxes of material totaling 4.5 linear feet. The collection holds loose material in folders and several bound log books. The collection is described at the folder level. See container list for the title of individual folders.

Scope and Content Note

The Al Hall collection covers the roughly the years 1930-1981. It consists of newspaper articles, correspondence, photographs, memorabilia, and ephemera covering Al Hall's

career as a Vaudeville entertainer, pilot for American Airlines, flight instructor, and retired life.

Provenance Statement

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Container List

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Al Hall Papers: Container List

Box 1

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

1	Official Government Correspondence and Forms
2	North Atlantic Division – Air Transport Command Orders
3	Fact Sheets: American Airlines Aircraft
4	American Airlines Publications
5	American Airline Flagship News
6	American Airlines Contract Air Cargo Division
7	American Airlines Memoranda and Bulletins
8	American Airlines Training and Education
9	American Airlines Management Club
10	Al Hall Check Reports
11	American Airlines International Flight Plan and Weather Data
12	American Airlines Flagship Flight Report
13	American Airlines Pilot List
14	Al Hall Service Anniversaries with American Airlines
15	American Airlines Symbol of Service Comment Cards
16	American Airlines 5 Year Service Award
17	Correspondence: Requests to Al Hall For Information
18	Telegrams and Cablegrams
19	Correspondence: Thanking Al Hall for Service
20	Retirement Parties

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Box 1

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Folder

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| 21 | Correspondence upon Al Hall's retirement from American Airlines |
| 22 | Correspondence upon the Death of Al Hall |
| 23 | Commemorative Material |
| 24 | Information on Naming of Amelia Earhart Peak – Yosemite National Park |
| 25 | Christmas Cards |
| 26 | Pamphlets and Brochures |
| 27 | Maps and Information: Transit Air Bases |

Box 2

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

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| 1 | Maps and Information: Canada and Alaska |
| 2 | Maps and Information: Mexico |
| 3 | Maps and Information: Central and South America |
| 4 | Money from Foreign Countries |
| 5 | Betting Stubs and Coupon Ration Books |
| 6 | Blank Stationary |
| 7 | Photocopies of Pilot's Logbook |
| 8 | Receipts |
| 9 | Indianapolis 500 – 1967 |
| 10 | 1968 Powder Puff Derby – San Fernando Valley 99's Airlift |

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<u>Box 2</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
11	Invitation to 1975 Texas Governor's Inauguration
12	The 1977 Powder Puff Derby
13	Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) Material
14	Flying Educators, Inc.
15	National Association of Flying Instructors
16	OX 5 Club of America
17	Quiet Birdmen Club
18	The Bird Airman Club
19	Miscellaneous Clubs and Organizations
20	Aviation Humor and Cartoons
21	Miscellaneous Magazines and Newspapers
22	Astrojet News

<u>Box 3</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
1	News Clippings: Al Hall Early Flights
2	News Clippings: Vaudeville
3	News Clippings: Photographs
4	News Clippings: People
5	News Clippings: Comics and Cartoons
6	News Clippings: Automotive

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<u>Box 3</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
7	News Clippings: Advertisements
8	News Clippings: Aviation
9	News Clippings: American Airlines
10	News Clippings: Humor and Advice
11	News Clippings: Front Pages
12	American Airlines Ephemera
13	Photographs: Miscellaneous A
14	Photographs: Miscellaneous B
15	Pilots Certificate and Licenses
16	Photographs: Entertainment

<u>Box 4</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
1	Photographs: Al Hall (Folder A)
2	Photographs: Al Hall (Folder B)
3	Photographs: Golf
4	Photographs: Banquet
5	Photographs: Alaska and Guatemala
6	Negatives

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Box 5

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

1	Junior Pilot and Junior Stewardess Ring and Pin
2	Wallet
3	Membership Cards
4	Licenses and Identification Cards
5	Business Cards
6	Pilot's Handbooks
7	Playing Cards Singed by Fort Worth Hangar Crew
8	American Airlines Toiletries
9	Rally Plates
10	Engagement Calendars: 1958, 1962-1968, 1975-1977
11	Name Plates
12	American Airlines Pennant

Box 6

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

1	Griffith Observatory
2	Pilot's Logbook – December 1931 – April 1934
3	Pilot's Logbook – April 1934 – December 1938
4	Pilot's Logbook – December 1938 – January 1939
5	Pilot's Logbook – February 1939 – March 1939

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<u>Box 6</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
6	Pilot's Logbook – March 1939 – June 1939
7	Pilot's Logbook – June 1939 – February 1940
8	Pilot's Logbook – August 1939 – November 1939
9	Pilot's Logbook – December 1939 – March 1940
10	Pilot's Logbook – March 1940 – May 1943
11	Pilot's Logbook – May 1943 – May 1948
12	Pilot's Logbook – May 1948 – October 1951
13	Pilot's Logbook – July 1965 – January 1976
14	Holy Bible
15	Memorial Book
16	Guest Book 1
17	Guest Book 2
18	Wedding Album – September 15 th , 1945
19	Photo Album: Personal and Vacation Photographs
20	Photo Album: Al Halls 60 th Birthday
21	Air Navigation Notebook
<u>Box 7</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
1	Vaudeville/Hollywood Scrapbook Pages

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Box 8

Titles, Dates, and Description

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| 1 | Photographs: E.P. Curry's Last Flight for American Airlines |
| 2 | Photographs: American Airlines Simulator Facility |
| 3 | Photographs: American Airlines 747 |
| 4 | Photographs: Autographed by Burt Lancaster and Tennessee Ernie Ford |
| 5 | Photographs: Length of Service Party |
| 6 | Photographs: Party for Al Hall Promotion |
| 7 | Photographs: Wrecked DC-3 |
| 8 | Aviation Breakfast Club – LAX |
| 9 | Photographs: American Airlines Employees |
| 10 | Photographs: American Airlines Talent Show |
| 11 | American Airlines Operations |
| 12 | Photographs: American Airlines Cargo Division |
| 13 | Photographs: Of Europe Taken During Al Hall's Service with Air Transport Command in World War II |
| 14 | Photographs: Al Hall Entertains |
| 15 | Photographs: Miscellaneous Aircraft |
| 16 | Photographs: Transport of Hurling Sticks to Los Angeles |
| 17 | Photographs: American Airlines Employees – Cargo Division |
| 18 | Photographs: Al Hall and Others |
| 19 | Photos of Al Hall |
| 20 | Satirical Cartoons |

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Box 8

Titles, Dates, and Description

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Negatives