# **Guide to the Frederick Knott Papers**

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# **Collection Overview**

REPOSITORY:	Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library P. O. Box 208330 New Haven, CT 06520-8330 (203) 432-2977 beinecke.library@yale.edu http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/
CALL NUMBER:	GEN MSS 794
CREATOR:	Knott, Frederick (1916-2002)
TITLE:	Frederick Knott papers
DATES:	1923-2003
BULK DATES:	1948–2003
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:	18.7 linear feet (47 boxes + 1 record album storage)
LANGUAGE:	English
SUMMARY:	The collection consists of material created and accumulated by Frederick Knott in the course of his activities as a playwright and screenwriter. Material includes drafts of scripts, production photographs, printed ephemera and audiovisual recordings. Writings include drafts of stage and film versions of Dial M for Murder, and photographs, contracts and other documentation of the film version directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Other material documents the writing and production of Wait Until Dark and Write Me a Murder. A small amount of student papers in Series III (Personal Papers) and writings dating from Knott's childhood document his early life.
ONLINE FINDING AID:	To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <u>https://</u> hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.knott

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- b. box
- f. folder
- item barcode

# Administrative Information

# **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased from the Estate of Frederick Knott on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2005.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

Boxes 44-45 and 48 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

# **Conditions Governing Use**

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# **Preferred Citation**

Frederick Knott Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

### **Processing Information**

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and in some instances minimal organization.

As a rule, descriptive information found in the Collection Contents section is drawn in large part from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call number: Uncat MSS 835.

# Frederick Knott, 1916-2002

Frederick Major Paull Knott, playwright and screenwriter, was born August 28, 1916 in Hankow, China to British missionary parents. He was sent to England at the age of ten for schooling, and he entered Cambridge University in 1934, where he excelled at tennis. During the Second World War, Knott served served as an artillery officer in the British army. After the war, Knott turned to writing and his first play was produced in 1952. He authored the plays *Dial M for Murder* and *Wait Until Dark*, which were enormously successful on Broadway and in London's West End in the 1950s and 1960s. He also wrote the screenplay for the film version of *Dial M for Murder*, which was directed by Alfred Hitchcock in 1954. Knott died in New York on December 17, 2002.

# Scope and Contents

The collection consists of material created and accumulated by Frederick Knott in the course of his activities as a playwright and screenwriter. Material includes drafts of scripts, production photographs, printed ephemera and audiovisual recordings. Writings include drafts of stage and film versions of *Dial M for Murder*, and photographs, contracts and other documentation of the film version directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Other material documents the writing and production of *Wait Until Dark* and *Write Me a Murder*. A small amount of student papers in Series III (Personal Papers) and writings dating from Knott's childhood document his early life.

### Arrangement

Organized into six series: I. Correspondence, 1951-1992. II. Writings, 1927-2002. III. Personal Papers, 1923-2003. IV. Printed Material, 1941-circa 1999. V. Photographs, circa 1920-1979. VI. Audiovisual Material, 1984-2002.

# **Collection Contents**

### Series I: Correspondence, 1951-1992

#### 0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Correspondence is fragmentary and includes family correspondence as well as letters and records relating to writers' organizations to which Knott belonged.

Correspondence files relating to specific works are filed in Series II (Writings).

Arranged alphabetically.

b. 1, f. 1-2	Davis, Allan Relating to "Dial M for Murder," London production	1982-1983
b. 1, f. 3-6	Knott, Ann and Margaret (including transcripts)	1958-2002
b. <b>1</b> , f. <b>7-9</b>	Knott, Cyril and Margaret	1958-1964 <i>,</i> undated
b. 1, f. 10-12	Mystery Writers of America, Inc.	1962-2002
b. 1, f. 13	National Assembly of Authors and Dramatists	1957 May
b. 2, f. 14	Sherwood, James	1953-1955
b. 2, f. 15	Invitations and greeting cards	1937-2002
b. 2, f. 16-17	Unsorted correspondence	1951-1992, undated

## Series II: Writings, 1927-2002

#### 14.22 linear feet (34 boxes)

Writings consist chiefly of autograph manuscript and typescript drafts, many annotated, of scripts for stage and film. Many files also include notes, correspondence, photographs, clippings, and other related papers. Of particular interest are the files relating to *Dial M for Murder*, which include shooting scripts for the film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, and photographs that document the production of the film.

In addition to playscripts and screenplays, the series includes drafts of early short stories, as indicated on folder titles.

Arranged alphabetically by title. Untitled and unidentified writings are filed at the end of the series.

b. 3, f. 18	The Ceiling People, typescript	1948
b. 3, f. 19-20	<i>December Gold</i> , drafts and notes Also stored in: Oversize Box 47.	1979, undated
	Dial M for Murder	
b. 3, f. 21	"Preparatory work," notes, autograph manuscript	undated
b. 3, f. 22-23	"Original scribbles," notes, autograph manuscript	undated
b. 3, f. 24	Synopses for Dial M for Murder and Come Down and See Me	1949
b. 3, f. 25-26	Script, "Original draft," typescript	1950-1951
b. 4, f. 27	Script, "Master copy," typescript (copy)	undated
b. 4, f. 28	Final playing version, London stage, typescript (copy)	1984
b. 4, f. 29-30	Script, Westminster, typescript	1952
b. 4, f. 31	Rehearsal script, typescript (copy)	1966
b. 4, f. 32	Script, typescript	1983
b. 5, f. 33	Script "F. Knott Master Copy," typescript	1983
b. 5, f. 34-35	Scripts, typescript	circa 1952
b. 5, f. 36-37	Script, printed version (copy)	undated
b. 6, f. 38-39	Scripts, printed versions	1953
b. 6, f. 40-48	Scripts, printed version, annotated	1955
b. 7, f. 49-51	Scripts, printed version, annotated	1962
b. 7, f. 52-55	Scripts, printed version, annotated	1982
b. 7, f. 56-60	Scripts, printed version, annotated	undated
b. <b>7</b> , f. <b>61</b>	<u>Screenplay, "rough copy"</u>	undated
b. 7, f. 62	Screenplay "for Korda"	undated
b. 8, f. 63-65	Shooting script for Hitchcock film	1953

#### Dial M for Murder (continued)

b. 8, f. 66	"Original script" for Hitchcock film, with photographs	1953
b. 8, f. 67	Screenplay for Hitchcock film, signed by the cast and staff	[1953]
b. 9, f. 68	Screenplay for Hitchcock film, signed by the cast and staff	1953
b. 9, f. 69	Screenplay, "spare copy"	1953
b. 9, f. 70-71	Script for television movie	undated
b. 10, f. 72-74	BBC script	1952
b. 10, f. 75-76	Script for A Perfect Murder, Time Life version	[1997]
b. 10, f. 77-79	Letters, agreements, contracts	1948-1980, undated
b. 11, f. 80-83	Film rights, Hitchcock sketches	1951-2002
b. 11, f. 84-85	Contracts and sketches	1952-1954 <i>,</i> undated
b. <b>11</b> , f. <b>86</b>	Executed contract, Warner Bros.	1972-1974
b. 11, f. 87	Basic film rights	1952
b. 11, f. 88	Photographs: Stills and production photographs	[1953]
b. 11, f. 89	Photograph of marquis (Plymouth)	1952 or 1953
b. 11, f. 90	Television photographs	1953
b. 11, f. 90 b. 11, f. 91	Television photographs Correspondence about HBO version	1953 1983-1984
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b. 11, f. 91	Correspondence about HBO version	1983-1984
b. 11, f. 91 b. 11, f. 92	Correspondence about HBO version Memorabilia (copies)	1983-1984 undated
b. 11, f. 91 b. 11, f. 92 b. 12, f. 93	Correspondence about HBO version Memorabilia (copies) Script for French adaptation, "Le crime etait presque parfait" Playbills, posters	1983-1984 undated undated 1983-2002,
b. 11, f. 91 b. 11, f. 92 b. 12, f. 93 b. 12, f. 94-95	Correspondence about HBO version Memorabilia (copies) Script for French adaptation, "Le crime etait presque parfait" Playbills, posters Also stored in: Oversize Box 46. Clippings	1983-1984 undated undated 1983-2002, undated
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b. 11, f. 91 b. 11, f. 92 b. 12, f. 93 b. 12, f. 94-95 b. 12, f. 96 b. 12, f. 97-99 b. 13, f. 100	Correspondence about HBO versionMemorabilia (copies)Script for French adaptation, "Le crime etait presque parfait"Playbills, posters Also stored in: Oversize Box 46.Clippings Also stored in: Oversize Box 46.Clippings Clippings, foreign languagesClippings about television version	1983-1984 undated undated 1983-2002, undated 1952-1954 1952-1955, undated 1958
b. 11, f. 91 b. 11, f. 92 b. 12, f. 93 b. 12, f. 94-95 b. 12, f. 96 b. 12, f. 97-99 b. 13, f. 100 b. 13, f. 101	Correspondence about HBO versionMemorabilia (copies)Script for French adaptation, "Le crime etait presque parfait"Playbills, posters Also stored in: Oversize Box 46.Clippings Also stored in: Oversize Box 46.Clippings, foreign languagesClippings about television versionClippings for scrapbook	1983-1984         undated         undated         1983-2002,         undated         1952-1954         1952-1955,         undated         1958         1952-1954
b. 11, f. 91 b. 11, f. 92 b. 12, f. 93 b. 12, f. 94-95 b. 12, f. 96 b. 12, f. 97-99 b. 13, f. 100 b. 13, f. 101 b. 13, f. 102	Correspondence about HBO versionMemorabilia (copies)Script for French adaptation, "Le crime etait presque parfait"Playbills, posters Also stored in: Oversize Box 46.Clippings Also stored in: Oversize Box 46.Clippings, foreign languagesClippings about television versionClippings for scrapbookMemorabilia	1983-1984         undated         undated         1983-2002,         undated         1952-1954         1952-1955,         undated         1952-1954         1958         1952-1954         1952-1954
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#### Dial M for Murder (continued)

	Set drawings Stored in: Oversize, Box 47.	undated
b. 15, f. 106	The Face, typescript carbon	undated
	The Honeys, by Roald Dahl	
b. 15, f. 107	Clippings	1955
b. 15, f. 108	Notes/outline	1955, undated
b. 15, f. 109	Script	undated
b. 15, f. 110	I Will Remember, autograph manuscript	undated
b. <b>15</b> , f. 111	The Late Mr. Elvesham, by H.G. Wells, treatment by Knott, typescript	undated
b. 15, f. 112	Madame Fantasia, notes	undated
b. 15, f. 113	Man Bait, correspondence	1951-1952
b. 15, f. 114	The Man with the Big Feet, typescript	undated
	Mr. Fox of Venice	
b. 16, f. 115	Script for <i>Evil of the Day,</i> first draft	undated
b. 16, f. 116	Script for <i>Evil of the Day,</i> second draft	undated
b. 16, f. 117-122	<u>Scripts</u>	1959-1963, undated
b. 17, f. 123-129	Scripts	1959-1963, undated
b. 18, f. 130	Correspondence	1958
b. 18, f. 131	Mr. Fox's waltz, manuscript and copies	1959, undated
b. 18, f. 132	Clippings	1959
b. 18, f. 133	Playbills	undated
b. 18, f. 134-140	Correspondence, notes, and clippings	1955-1959, undated
b. 18, f. 141	Production photographs	undated
b. 18, f. 142	The Evil of the Day by Thomas Sterling, printed version, annotated	1955
b. 18, f. 143	"English Souvenirs"	1959, undated
	Memorabilia Stored in: Oversize Box 47.	undated
b. 19, f. 144	A Murder in the Air, typescript	[1934]
b. 19, f. 145-146	Mystery Round Table stories, drafts, typescript and autograph manuscript	undated
	Wait I Intil Dark	

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#### Wait Until Dark (continued)

b. 19, f. 148-150Notes and drafts, autograph manuscript1964-1 undateb. 20, f. 151-152Script, "Very early draft," typescript and carbon, correctedundateb. 20, f. 153Notes and clippings1962-10	966,
	ed
b. 20, f. 153 Notes and clippings 1962-1	ed
	964
b. 20, f. 154 Script, "Complete, uncorrected draft" undate	ed
b. 20, f. 155-156 Script, "Second draft" 1966	
b. 21, f. 157-160 Script, "Third draft" 1966	
b. 21, f. 161-162 Script, "Fourth draft" 1967	
b. 22, f. 163 Script, "Tony Sharp Script," accompanied by correspondence 1966-1	967
b. 22, f. 164 Script, "First copyright of play as unpublished" 1964	
b. 22, f. 165-167 Scripts, drafts undate Also stored in: Oversize Box 47.	ed
b. 23, f. 168-173 Scripts, drafts 1967, u	ndated
b. 24, f. 174-178 Scripts, drafts 1967, u	ndated
b. 25, f. 179-193 Scripts, printed versions, annotated 1967-1	992
b. 26, f. 194-195 Scripts, printed versions, annotated 1967-19	992
b. 26, f. 196 Notes undate	ed
b. 26, f. 197 Clippings 1963-1	965
	965 Indated
b. 26, f. 198 Clippings, English production 1998, u	ndated
b. 26, f. 198Clippings, English production1998, ub. 26, f. 199Drafts of contract1965	ndated
b. 26, f. 198Clippings, English production1998, ub. 26, f. 199Drafts of contract1965b. 26, f. 200Copyright documents1965, 1	ndated
b. 26, f. 198Clippings, English production1998, ub. 26, f. 199Drafts of contract1965b. 26, f. 200Copyright documents1965, 1b. 26, f. 201Contract1997	ndated 992
b. 26, f. 198       Clippings, English production       1998, u         b. 26, f. 199       Drafts of contract       1965, u         b. 26, f. 200       Copyright documents       1965, u         b. 26, f. 201       Contract       1997, u         b. 26, f. 202       Contract       2002	ndated 992
b. 26, f. 198Clippings, English production1998, ub. 26, f. 199Drafts of contract1965b. 26, f. 200Copyright documents1965, 1b. 26, f. 201Contract1997b. 26, f. 202Contract2002b. 26, f. 203Correspondence with International Creative Management, and notes1967-19	ndated 992
b. 26, f. 198Clippings, English production1998, ub. 26, f. 199Drafts of contract1965b. 26, f. 200Copyright documents1965, 1b. 26, f. 201Contract1997b. 26, f. 202Contract2002b. 26, f. 203Correspondence with International Creative Management, and notes1967-19b. 27, f. 204Contract (copy)1990s	ndated 992 993 967,
b. 26, f. 198Clippings, English production1998, ub. 26, f. 199Drafts of contract1965b. 26, f. 200Copyright documents1965, 1b. 26, f. 201Contract1997b. 26, f. 202Contract2002b. 26, f. 203Correspondence with International Creative Management, and notes1967-14b. 27, f. 204Contract (copy)1990sb. 27, f. 205Photographs1960sb. 27, f. 206-209Playbills and posters1954, 1	992 993 967,

#### Wait Until Dark (continued)

b. 28, f. 214-215	"Some material for scrapbook," correspondence and clippings	1966-1968
b. 28, f. 216-217	Clippings	1966
b. 28, f. 218	Copyright, financial forms	1990s
b. 28, f. 219	Clippings, Boston and New Haven	1965-1966, 1984
b. 28, f. 220	Cast list and production schedule	1965
b. 29, f. 221-222	"Tarentino production," clippings, ephemera, correspondence, and casting documents	1998
Wri	te Me A Murder	
b. 29, f. 223	Script, "Very early draft," typescript	undated
	Script ("King of the Castle"), notes and drafts, autograph manuscript Stored in: Oversize Box 47.	1960
b. 29, f. 224-227	Script ("King of the Castle"), draft, typescript	undated
b. 30, f. 228-229	Script, "First and second draft for binding"	undated
b. 30, f. 230-233	Scripts, "King of the Castle"	undated
b. 31, f. 234-237	Scripts, "When No One Is Looking"	undated
b. 31, f. 238-239	Scripts, drafts, typescript	1961-1962, undated
b. 32, f. 240-246	Scripts, drafts, typescript	1961-1962, undated
b. 33, f. 247-252	Scripts, drafts, typescript	1961-1962, undated
b. 34, f. 253-254	Scripts, drafts, typescript	1961-1962, undated
b. 34, f. 255-256	Scripts, printed versions, annotated	1962
b. 34, f. 257	"When No One Is Looking," synopsis	undated
b. 34, f. 258-260	Clippings, correspondence, and ephemera	1961, undated
b. 34, f. 261	Posters and photographs	undated
	Lyric Theatre poster Stored in: Oversize Box 46.	1962?
b. 35, f. 262	Photograph of marquis (Lyric)	1962
b. 35, f. 263-264	Clippings, correspondence, and photographs, "Souvenirs"	1959-1962
b. 35, f. 265	Clippings, "Out-of-town productions"	1962, undated
b. 35, f. 266	Clippings, "New York notices"	1961

#### Write Me A Murder (continued)

b. 35, f. 267	Drawings and description of the "bang contraption"	undated
b. 35, f. 268	Drawings for set Also stored in: Oversize Box 47.	undated
b. 35, f. 269-270	Memorabilia	undated
b. 35, f. 271	Ephemera, "London Set"	1962
Unt	itled and unidentified works	
b. 35, f. 272	Early stories, age 12, autograph manuscript	[1928]
b. 35, f. 273	"Notes for future plays," autograph manuscript	1949
b. 35, f. 274	Short stories, typescript	undated
b. 36, f. 275-284	Unsorted notes	1954-1966, undated

### Series III: Personal Papers, 1923-2003

#### 1.46 linear feet (4 boxes)

Personal papers consist of financial papers, official documents, transcripts of interviews, and fragmentary documentation of Frederick Knott's early life, including photographs and educational records.

Not arranged in any particular order.

b. 37, f. 285-286	Copyright papers	1966-2003
b. 37, f. 287	Release settlement	1985
b. 37, f. 288-291	Financial papers	1923-2001
b. 38, f. 292-295	Financial papers	1923-2001
b. 38, f. 296	Diary	1948-1952
b. 38, f. 297	Cambridge entrance essays	1934, undated
b. 38, f. 298	"Frederick Knott's comments to son Anthony"	1958-1960
b. 38, f. 299	"Lessons Frederick Knott learned"	1959
b. 39, f. 300	Tennis scrapbook	1935-1939
b. 39, f. 301	Tennis tour book	1937
b. 39, f. 302	Emigration papers	1939-1946
b. 39, f. 303	Discussion with agent, transcript	undated
b. 39, f. 304	"AFK Allen Stevenson's report"	1965-1967
b. 39, f. 305	Estate planning	1965-1967
b. 39, f. 306	Certificate of Naturalization	1996
b. 39, f. 307	Marriage license	1953
b. 39, f. 308	References for immigration to the U.S.	1953
b. 39, f. 309	Birth registration of Anthony Frederick Knott	1960
b. <b>39</b> , f. <b>310</b>	Diplomas Also stored in: Oversize, Box 47.	1938-1945
b. 40, f. 311-316	Unsorted papers Includes clippings, correspondence, and personal papers	1961-1996

# Series IV: Printed Material, 1941-circa 1999

#### 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

The series consists chiefly of unsorted playbills and clippings, and also includes Frederick Knott's annotated copy of the *Little Oxford Dictionary*.

Not arranged in any particular order.

b. 41, f. 317	Little Oxford Dictionary	1941
b. 41, f. 318-323	Playbills	1947-1996 <i>,</i> undated
b. 41, f. 324-325	Unsorted clippings	1980s-1990s

### Series V: Photographs, circa 1920-1979

#### 0.84 linear feet (2 boxes)

Photographs depict Frederick Knott's childhood in China and early adulthood in England, and several stage and film productions, including Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film *Dial M for Murder*.

Photographs relating to a particular work can also be found in Series II.

Organized into two subseries: Prints and Slides.

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b. 42, f. 326	Childhood in China	circa 1920
b. 42, f. 327	Photograph album: England	1930s
b. 42, f. 328	Frederick Knott, including portraits, military service and wedding	1930s-1950s
b. 42, f. 329	India	1940s
b. 42, f. 330	Dial M for Murder, various film and stage versions, production photographs	1950s
b. 42, f. 331	Unidentified production photographs	1950s
b. 42, f. 332	Unidentified production photographs	1952
b. 42, f. 333-334	Grace Kelly, and Alfred Hitchcock's house	1953?
b. 42, f. 335	Dial M for Murder, film version, production photographs	1953
b. 42, f. 336	Dial M for Murder, set, Reykjavik	1955
b. 42, f. 337	Robert Morley head shot	circa 1960
b. 42, f. 338	Snapshot: a family in Marion, Indiana	1960
b. 42, f. 339	Mr. Fox stills	circa 1960
b. 42, f. 340	Anthony Knott in front of a poster for Write Me A Murder	circa 1965
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b. 43, f. 341	Cambridge	undated
b. 43, f. 342	A and A Conrad/Hitchcock and Co.	1953
b. 43, f. 343-344	Alfred Hitchcock's house, slides	1953?
b. 43, f. 345-347	Dial M for Murder, film version, stereo slides	1953
b. 43, f. 348	Play posters by Day	1979
b. 43, f. 349	Wait Until Dark Theatres (exteriors): Shubert, Strand, Downing, etc.	1966
b. 43, f. 350-354	Miscellaneous	undated
b. 43, f. 355	Stereo slide viewer	undated

### Series VI: Audiovisual Material, 1984-2002

#### 0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Audiovisual material documents stage and television productions of *Dial M for Murder* and *Wait Until Dark*, and interviews with Frederick Knott.

Boxes 44-45 and 48 (audiovisual material): Resticted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

b. 44, f. 356, IIIII 39002091397977	"On Drinking," with transcript, copy <i>1 Audiocassette 00:31:31 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. High background noise can be heard on the tape. The program ends abruptly. [Aviary] gen_mss_0794_39002091397977.u.mp3 Interview with son, Anthony.	undated
b. 44, f. 357, IIIII 39002091397985	History of "Dial M for Murder," with transcript <i>1 Audiocassette 00:31:26 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. High background noise can be heard on the tape. Silence recorded from 05:19-05:26. [Aviary] gen mss 0794 39002091397985 a.u.mp3 Contents reveal why he wrote the play. Interview by his son, Anthony.	undated
b. 45, f. 358, IIII 39002091397910	Write Me a Murder, (1 of 2) 1 Audiocassette 01:01:46 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Program is distorted at times. [Aviary] gen_mss_0794_39002091397910_a.u.mp3 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 45, f. 359, IIII 39002091397928	Write Me a Murder, (2 of 2) 1 Audiocassette 00:30:49 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) The program is distorted at times. High background noise can be heard on the tape. [Aviary] gen mss 0794 39002091397928.u.mp3 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 45, f. 360, IIIII 39002091397944	Kaye Brown and Frederick Knott discussing film play, <i>When No One is Looking</i> , funeral scene <i>1 Audiocassette 00:35:46 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. High background noise can be heard on the tape. [Aviary] gen_mss_0794_39002091397944_a.u.mp3 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 45, f. 361, IIIII 39002091397951	Write Me a Murder, Frederick Knott with Kay Brown, original 1 Audiocassette 00:26:07 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) High background noise can be heard on the tape. The program ends abruptly. [Aviary] gen_mss_0794_39002091397951.u.mp3 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated

b. <b>45</b> , f. <b>362, IIIII</b> 39002091397969	"Freddie talking to Anthony" <i>1 Audiocassette 00:32:02 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> A warble in the audio can be heard at the end of the tape. [Aviary] gen_mss_0794_39002091397969_a.u.mp3	undated
b. <b>45</b> , f. <b>363</b> , IIIII 39002091397936	<ul> <li>Freddie Knott. Wait Until Dark, Front Row, BBC Radio 4</li> <li>1 Audiocassette 00:08:18 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</li> <li>The program is distorted at times. High background noise can be heard on the tape. The program ends abruptly.</li> <li>[Aviary] gen mss 0794 39002091397936.u.mp3</li> <li>Background profile of Frederick Knott. Presented by Mark Lawson.</li> <li>Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.</li> </ul>	2003
b. <b>45,</b> f. <b>364, IIIII</b> 39002102370732	Dial M for Murder, Hitchcock version GENMSS794_0001 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:07:48 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] GENMSS794_0001 This tape begins sometime into the movie. Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1984 September 3
b. 45, f. 365, IIIII 39002102370740	Dial M for Murder, Hitchcock version, #2, Lesgate version, 18 minutes GENMSS794_0002 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:46:25 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] GENMSS794_0002 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1996 January 5
b. <b>45</b> , f. <b>366</b> , <b>1111</b> 39002102370757	Wait Until Dark, off-Broadway theatre GENMSS794_0003 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:58:56 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] GENMSS794_0003 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1985 November 11
b. 45, f. 367, IIII 39002102370765	Wait Until Dark, The Doug Brode Review Live, Syracuse Stage, Guests: Arthur Storch, Frederick Knott GENMSS794_0004 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:00:42 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] GENMSS794_0004 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1989 April 5
b. <b>45</b> , f. <b>368</b> , IIIII 39002102370773	Wait Until Dark, Channel 11, Bob Haskins, Heart Condition GENMSS794_0005 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:41:47 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] GENMSS794_0005 Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1997 August 16

b. <b>45</b> , f. <b>369, IIII</b> 39002102370781	Perfect Murder GENMSS794_0006 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:35:01 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] GENMSS794_0006	2002 October 19
	Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
b. 48 (Record album storage), f. 380	Wait Until Dark, by Garry Blake 1 phonograph record	1966

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b. 46, f. 370	Dial M For Murder, posters (Series II)	undated
b. 46, f. 371	Dial M For Murder, clippings (Series II)	1952-1953
b. 46, f. 371a	Wait Until Dark, drafts (Series II)	undated
b. 46, f. 372	Wait Until Dark, poster for Spanish version (Series II)	undated
b. 46, f. 373	Write Me a Murder, Lyric Theatre poster (Series II)	1962?
b. 47, f. 374	December Gold, drafts (Series II)	1979, undated
b. 47, f. 374a	Dial M For Murder, set drawings (Series II)	undated
b. 47, f. 375	Mr. Fox of Venice, memorabilia (Series II)	undated
b. 47, f. 376-377	Write Me a Murder ("King of the Castle"), draft, autograph manuscript (Series II)	1960
b. 47, f. 378	Write Me a Murder, drawings for set (Series II)	undated
b. 47, f. 379	Diplomas (Series III)	1938

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### Names

Hitchcock, Alfred, 1899-1980 Knott, Frederick (1916-2002)