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1946-2006, undated

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1966-2000

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**Abstract**

Papers of actor and comedian Don Knotts. The original accession includes typescripts, photographs, artifacts, and sound recordings related to his career. Highlights include five motion picture scripts (1966-1976), two television scripts (1969, undated), a poem (undated), partial typescripts of Knotts' autobiography (undated), five plaques (1961-1998), working audio cassette recordings of his autobiography (undated; 18 items), and a framed "Distinguished West Virginian" certificate (26 March 1982). The addendum of 2012/08/06 includes typescripts, manuscripts, printed material, photographs, sound recordings, ephemera, artifacts, and clippings related to Knotts' career. Highlights include manuscript comedy routine notes (undated); published and unpublished scripts (1956-2000 and undated), many of which are annotated (probably by Knotts); and Andy Griffith Show trading cards (1990). See Scope and Content Note for more details.

**Creator**

Yarborough, Francey

**Extent**

4.4 Linear Feet 4 ft. 5 in. (4 document cases, 5 in. each); (4 document cases, 2 1/2 in. each); (1 small flat storage box, 3 in.); (1 large flat storage box, 4 in.); (2 index card boxes, 8 in. each)

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains the papers of actor and comedian Don Knotts.

**Original accession of 2007/03/05** includes typescripts, photographs, artifacts, and sound recordings related to his career (Boxes 1-7)

**Addendum of 2012/08/06** includes typescripts, manuscripts, printed material, photographs, sound recordings, ephemera, artifacts, and clippings related to Don Knotts' career. (Box 8-12)

## Separated Materials

Separated to closed collections:

a gold, five year anniversary watch with an inscription.

## Keywords

Knotts, Don, 1924-2006

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Original Accession of 2007 March 05, Boxes 1-7

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182065

**Unit Date** undated and 26 March 1982

#### Scope and Contents

Includes typescripts, photographs, artifacts, and sound recordings related to Knotts' career.

#### Film Scripts

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182052

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

#### Scope and Contents

Film scripts for:

"The Reluctant Astronaut" "The Shakiest Gun in the West" "The Love God" "How to Frame a Figg" "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo"

#### Television Scripts

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182053

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

#### Scope and Contents

Television scripts for Don Knotts Television (TV) show and a Hallmark Hall of Fame special titled "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Also included are typescripts from Knotts' autobiography title "Barney Fife and Other Characters I Have Known," a poem written by Knotts titled "The Man," and photographs of Knotts.

#### Plaques Given to Knotts

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182054

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

#### Plaques Given to Knotts

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182055

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

### **Sound Recordings of Knotts' Autobiography**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182056

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Contains cassette tapes, which include recordings of his biography.

### **Plaque and Knotts' Framed "Distinguished West Virginian" Certificate**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182058

**Unit Date** 1982 March 26

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

### **Addendum of 2012 August 06, Boxes 8-12**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182059

**Unit Date** undated and 1956-2006

### **Typescripts and Manuscripts of Biographical Information, Comedy Routines and Jokes, and a Poem by Knotts**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182060

**Unit Date** undated, 1956-1997

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Also included are publications referencing Knotts (ca. 1963-1992), theatre programs which include Knotts (1969-2003), and published scripts (1956-1997), many of which are annotated (probably by Knotts).

### **Additional Annotated Published Scripts**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182061

**Unit Date** 1970

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)

**Typescripts of Unpublished Scripts, Some of Which Are Annotated (Probably by Knotts)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182062

**Unit Date** 1973-2000 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)

**Miscellaneous Items and Sound Recordings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182063

**Unit Date** ca. 2005-2006

**Mixed Materials** 11 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Highlights include Knotts' Screen Actor Guild membership card (ca. 2005), a Morgantown High School Reunion program (2006), and a commercial DVD titled Red Skelton: America's Clown Prince.

**Andy Griffith Show Trading Cards (1990), and a Memorial Scrapbook of Photos of Knotts and Newspaper Clippings about Knotts after His Death**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/182064

**Unit Date** 1990 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 12 (Box)