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Biography
Alfred Shaughnessy (born May 19, 1916, London) was the chief writer and script editor of Upstairs, Downstairs, the British television drama series about the lives of an Edwardian London family and their loyal servants. The series, originally produced by London Weekend Television (LWT), ran from 1971-1975 on ITV. Alfred Shaughnessy wrote a third of the scripts for Upstairs, Downstairs, which was widely acclaimed for its social commentary; his aristocratic upbringing was credited for the historical accuracy of the series. Alfred Shaughnessy died November 2, 2005.
Scope and Content
This collection contains material related to the script writer and editor Alfred Shaughnessy and his work for the British television series Upstairs, Downstairs (1971-1975). Material includes scripts, production plans, publications and clippings, and photographs.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in the following series:
  Series 1. Scripts
  Series 2. Production material
  Series 3. Photographs
  Series 4. Publications and clippings.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Television programs--Great Britain
Television scripts--Archives.
Upstairs, downstairs (Television program: 1971-1975)

Scope and Content Note
This series contains 13 Upstairs, Downstairs scripts, written by Alfred Shaughnessy, for episodes broadcast between 1972 and 1975. Dates are those of first broadcast.

Box 1, Folder 1
Episode list & list of countries where Upstairs, Downstairs is being shown.
Season 1, Episode 10: Why is Her Door Locked?. 1972 Feb 6.
Scope and Content
Director: Brian Parker; recorded: 1971 Mar 12.

Box 1, Folder 4
Scope and Content
Director: Cyril Coke; recorded: 1972 Jun 6.

Box 1, Folder 5
Scope and Content
Director: Ray Menmuir; recorded: 1972 Dec 8.

Box 1, Folder 6
Scope and Content
Director: Bill Bain; recorded: 1973 Dec 7.

Box 1, Folder 7
Scope and Content
Director: Chris Hodson; recorded: 1974 May 17.

Box 1, Folder 8
Season 4, Episode 9: Another Year. 1974 Nov 2.
Scope and Content
Director: Cyril Coke; recorded: 1974 Jul 12.

Box 2, Folder 1
Scope and Content
Director: Chris Hodson; recorded: 1974 Sep 20.

Box 2, Folder 2
Season 5, Episode 1: On With the Dance. 1975 Jan 10.
Scope and Content
Director: Bill Bain; recorded: 1975 Jan 10.

Box 2, Folder 3
Scope and Content

Box 2, Folder 4
Scope and Content
Director: Bill Bain; recorded: 1975 Apr 4.

Box 2, Folder 5
Scope and Content
Director: Chris Hodson; recorded: 1975 May 16.

Scope and Content Note
Series consists of cast lists, production plans and notes, a treatment for a stage musical version of the show, transcripts of interviews with Shaughnessy, and a small amount of correspondence.

Box 2, Folder 7  Production plans. Undated.

Scope and Content Note
Contains a draft of the show's outline, the original pitch to LWT, and production plans for the series as a whole and for each season. Also includes season outlines and story element lists. Several items are heavily annotated.

Box 2, Folder 8  Notes. Undated.
Box 3, Folder 1  Contract for episode rights. 1975.
Box 3, Folder 2  Correspondence. 1979-1983.

Scope and Content Note
Contains letters addressed to Alfred Shaughnessy and some fan club material.

Box 3, Folder 3  Stage musical treatment. Undated.
Box 3, Folder 4  Transcripts, Shaughnessy interviews. 1976.


Scope and Content Note
Contains cast photographs in black and white and one color, and some set photographs.

Box 3, Folder 5, Box 4, Folder 1  Photographs. Undated.


Box 3, Folder 6  Newspaper Clippings, Beacon Hill. 1975.
Box 3, Folder 7  Newspaper Clippings, Upstairs, Downstairs. 1979-1982.
Box 3, Folder 9  Upstairs, Downstairs Remembered (LWT publication). 1996.
Box 4, Folder 5  Magazine: Woman and Home. 1977.