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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator:</b>	Massachusetts General Hospital
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## Biographical/Historical note

Physician, medical administrator, author, and president of The Rockefeller Foundation. John Hilton Knowles was born May 23, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of James and Jean Trumbull Knowles. Dr. Knowles received his A.B. from Harvard College (1947) and his M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine (1951). On June 13, 1953, he married Edith M. LaCroix; they had six children.

Dr. Knowles began his medical career in 1951 when he was appointed intern at Massachusetts General Hospital. From 1953-1955 he served as Officer-in-Charge of the Cardiopulmonary Laboratory at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. He returned to Massachusetts General Hospital as a resident, specializing in diseases of the heart and lungs, leaving a year later to do postdoctoral work with the United States Public Health Service at the Universities of Rochester and Buffalo. In 1958 he

became Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. The following year he was named Chief of the Pulmonary Disease Unit.

In 1962, Dr. Knowles was appointed General Director of Massachusetts General Hospital, the youngest director in the hospital's history. During the next ten years he upgraded working conditions and wages of the hospital staff, established a medical station at Logan International Airport that was connected to the hospital via television, approved the creation of nine intensive-care units including one for the diagnosis and care of cancer patients, and won better rates for hospitals from Blue Cross. He developed a strong interest in social issues of medicine and supported comprehensive federal health insurance and advocated preventive medicine. He was one of a team of doctors sent to Vietnam by President Johnson in 1967 to review and make recommendations concerning the health of the civilian population. In 1969 President Nixon nominated him for the post of Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. The nomination was withdrawn six months later because of violent conservative opposition led by Senator Everett Dirksen and the American Medical Association. Prior to leaving Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Knowles was censured by the Massachusetts Medical Society for writing an article asserting that many physicians charged exorbitant fees and performed unnecessary operations.

Dr. Knowles left Massachusetts General Hospital in December 1971 and assumed the presidency of The Rockefeller Foundation in July 1972. Among his activities as Foundation president, he established an international relations program to focus on common global problems and set up the Foundation's publishing division to distribute reports on various Foundation-funded conferences. Dr. Knowles also remained active in the field of medicine; New York University Medical Center appointed him professor of medicine. He was a member of Nelson A. Rockefeller's Commission for Critical Choices (1974), editing the commission's final report "Doing Better and Feeling Worse." In 1975 he visited China with the National Committee on United States-China Relations, Inc., a group of "key United States leaders of world affairs," for a first-hand experience of China.

Dr. Knowles died of cancer on March 6, 1979.

A prolific writer and speaker, Dr. Knowles had over 60 articles and 4 books to his credit, including "Vietnam: Medicine and Politics," "Doing Better and Feeling Worse," and "Respiratory Physiology and its Clinical Application," a textbook still used by medical students. He also left two incomplete manuscripts: "Dr. Knowles' Journal" describing the HEW appointment controversy, and "Essays on Medicine and Health."

For a full list of activities, organizations, and honors, see "Who's Who in America," 40th edition, volume 1, 1978-1979, p. 1812, and the RAC biography file.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The John H. Knowles papers consist of professional and personal correspondence, reports, manuscripts, scrapbooks, appointment calendars, information files, photographs, slides, tapes, and a film relating to his administrative posts at Massachusetts General Hospital and The Rockefeller Foundation, and to his

medical career. Most of the papers date from his tenure at Massachusetts General Hospital. There is very little concerning The Rockefeller Foundation or his personal life.

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## Arrangement note

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The John H. Knowles papers are divided into six series:

Series 1 - Early Career

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Series 3 - Interim

Series 4 - The Rockefeller Foundation

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- China
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- Medical education
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- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Rockefeller Foundation
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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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Physical Description: 1.3 Cubic Feet

#### Scope and Contents note

This series consists of correspondence, class notes, research notes, and manuscripts relating to Knowles's undergraduate and graduate training, and to his research in diseases of the heart and lungs at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, as a United States Public Health Service fellow, and as intern and resident at Massachusetts General Hospital.

#### Arrangement note

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Physical Description: 22.6 Cubic Feet



## Scope and Contents note

Series 2 contains papers documenting Knowles's professional and personal activities during his tenure at Massachusetts General Hospital, 1959-1971.

## Arrangement note

This series is divided into 6 subseries:

Subseries A - Massachusetts General Hospital

Subseries B - Professional

Subseries C - Personal

Subseries D - Manuscripts

Subseries E - Printed Material

Subseries F - Information Files

## Massachusetts General Hospital

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries A concerns Knowles's career at Massachusetts General Hospital, first as chief of the Pulmonary Unit and later as General Director. Types of material in this subseries include correspondence, reports, minutes, and newsletters. Subjects include staff appointments, committee meetings, administrative philosophy, MGH fellows, and the MGH medical unit at Logan Airport.

### Arrangement note

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### Scope and Contents note

Subseries E consists of one folder of articles about Dr. Knowles.

#### Title/Description

#### Instances

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folder 780

## Massachusetts General Hospital - Information Files

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries F contains the information files Dr. Knowles kept for reference purposes. Subjects include health insurance, medical education, nursing, mental health, and social problems.

### Arrangement note

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Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet

### Scope and Contents note

This series contains correspondence relating to Knowles's appointment as president of The Rockefeller Foundation, covering the time between his resignation from Massachusetts General Hospital (December 1971) and the time he officially assumed presidency of the Foundation (July 1972). Included are letters from the Foundation's outgoing president George Harrar, congratulatory letters, and professional and personal correspondence.

### Arrangement note

This series is arranged chronologically.

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## The Rockefeller Foundation

Physical Description: 10 Cubic Feet

### Scope and Contents note

This series consists of papers documenting Knowles's activities while president of The Rockefeller Foundation.

### Arrangement note

This series is divided into 6 subseries:

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Subseries B - Professional

Subseries C - Personal

Subseries D - Manuscripts

Subseries E - Printed Material

Subseries F - Information Files

## The Rockefeller Foundation

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries A consists of correspondence, reports, and clippings relating to Knowles's work as president of The Rockefeller Foundation. Subjects include itineraries; trips to Cali, Colombia, St. Lucia, and Africa; trustee meetings; testimony before the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment; and speeches by John D. Rockefeller 3rd.

### Arrangement note

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Subseries B documents Knowles's professional interests and activities, mainly in the field of medicine. Subjects include the book "Doing Better and Feeling Worse," speaking engagements, the report "China Diary" of his 1975 trip to China, the Institute of Medicine, and an interview by the Kennedy Oral History Program.

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Alphabetical File (A-Go), 1972-1975	box 91	folder 1052
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Alphabetical File (Gr-P), 1972-1975	box 92	folder 1055
Alphabetical File (Gr-P), 1972-1975	box 92	folder 1056
Alphabetical File (Gr-P), 1972-1975	box 92	folder 1057
Alphabetical File (Gr-P), 1972-1975	box 92	folder 1058
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Alphabetical File (R-Z), 1972-1975	box 93	folder 1060
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## The Rockefeller Foundation - Personal

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries C contains biographical material and correspondence relating to Dr. Knowles's personal interests, including clubs and finances. It also includes get-well correspondence to Dr. Knowles during his illness and sympathy letters to Mrs. Knowles after his death.

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical Material	box 93	folder 1064
Contributions, 1972-1978	box 93	folder 1065
General Correspondence, 1972-1979	box 94	folder 1066
General Correspondence, 1972-1979	box 94	folder 1067
General Correspondence, 1972-1979	box 94	folder 1068
General Correspondence, 1972-1979	box 94	folder 1069
General Correspondence, 1972-1979	box 94	folder 1070
General Correspondence	box 94	folder 1071
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Undated, probably 1975-1976.		
Investors Bank & Trust Company	box 94	folder 1072
Irwin Trust Company, 1977	box 94	folder 1073
Museum of Science, 1976	box 95	folder 1074
Myopia Hunt Club, 1973	box 95	folder 1075

New England Patriots, 1972-1974	box 95	folder 1076
Pops Concert Ball, 1976	box 95	folder 1077
Racquet & Tennis Club, 1975, 1978	box 95	folder 1078
River Club, 1973	box 95	folder 1079
Get-Well Correspondence - Alphabetical List, 1979	box 95	folder 1080
Get-Well Correspondence - Alphabetical List, 1979	box 95	folder 1081
Get-Well Correspondence - Rockefeller Foundation Staff List, 1979	box 95	folder 1082
Get-Well Correspondence - Rockefeller Foundation Trustees List, 1979	box 95	folder 1083
Get-Well Correspondence - Foundation Heads List, 1979	box 95	folder 1084
Get-Well Correspondence - Heads of Boards List, 1979	box 95	folder 1085
Get-Well Correspondence - Other Lists, 1979	box 95	folder 1086
Get-Well Correspondence - General, 1979	box 95	folder 1087
Get-Well Cards, 1979	box 95	folder 1088
Get-Well Cards, 1979	box 95	folder 1089
Get-Well Cards, 1979	box 96	folder 1090
Get-Well Correspondence - to Edith Knowles, 1979	box 96	folder 1091
Sympathy Letters, March 8-November 25, 1979	box 96	folder 1092
Sympathy Letters, March 8-November 25, 1979	box 96	folder 1093
Sympathy Letters, March 8-November 25, 1979	box 96	folder 1094
Sympathy Letters, March 8-November 25, 1979	box 96	folder 1095
Sympathy Letters, March 6-8, 1979	box 97	folder 1096
Sympathy Letters, March 1979	box 97	folder 1097
Sympathy Letters, n.d.	box 97	folder 1098
Sympathy Letters - to The Rockefeller Foundation, March-December 1979	box 97	folder 1099
Sympathy Letters - Third Party, March-April 1979	box 97	folder 1100
Sympathy Letters - from Rockefeller Foundation Staff, March 1979	box 97	folder 1101
Sympathy Telegrams, March 1979	box 97	folder 1102
Sympathy Telegrams - Third Party, March 1979	box 97	folder 1103
Memorials, 1979	box 97	folder 1104

## The Rockefeller Foundation - Manuscripts

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries D consists of manuscripts of articles, books, and speeches. Included is the incomplete manuscript "Essays on Medicine and Health."

### Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by title.

Title/Description	Instances	
List of Publications, 1969-1978	box 97	folder 1105
Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center, 1973	box 97	folder 1106
"American Doctor"	box 97	folder 1107
"American Medicine and World Health", 1976	box 98	folder 1108
American Public Health Association - 100th Annual Convention, 1972	box 98	folder 1109
Belmont Hill School Commencement, 1973	box 98	folder 1110
Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT) Dedication, 1973	box 98	folder 1111
"Clarity of Thought and Higher Education", 1975-1976	box 98	folder 1112
"Coming Change in Medicine", 1974	box 98	folder 1113
"Conflect and Interdependence", 1973	box 98	folder 1114
"Department of Medicine", 1974	box 98	folder 1115
"Doing Better and Feeling Worse: Perspectives in American Health", 1977-1979	box 98	folder 1116
"Elements of a Domestic Health Policy", 1975	box 98	folder 1117
"Essays on Medicine and Health" - Chapters 1-21	box 98	folder 1118
"Essays on Medicine and Health" - Chapters 1-21	box 98	folder 1119
"Essays on Medicine and Health" - Chapters 1-21	box 98	folder 1120
"Essays on Medicine and Health" - Chapters 22-27	box 99	folder 1121
"Essays on Medicine and Health" - Chapters 22-27	box 99	folder 1122
"Federal Expenditures, Welfare, Income Distribution"	box 99	folder 1123
"Food, Energy and American Austerity", 1974	box 99	folder 1124
Forward to "The Health Handbook", 1979	box 99	folder 1125
"Functions of a University", 1976	box 99	folder 1126

"Future Directions in Health Care: The Dimensions of Medicine - Introduction", 1975	box 99	folder 1127
"Future of Academic Community Medicine in Developing Countries", 1978	box 99	folder 1128
"Future of Foundations", 1972	box 99	folder 1129
"Global Food Problems and the Chinese Model", 1975	box 99	folder 1130
Grantmakers on Health Care Delivery Talk, 1974	box 99	folder 1131
Harvard College Fund Assembly Dinner Talk, 1972	box 99	folder 1132
"Health and Economic Security", 1974	box 99	folder 1133
"Health and Technology", 1978	box 99	folder 1134
"Health and the Quality of Life", 1974	box 99	folder 1135
"Health in America", 1973	box 99	folder 1136
"Health in the United States", 1976	box 99	folder 1137
"Health, Population and Development", 1980	box 99	folder 1138
"Health System and the Supreme Court Decision: An Affirmative Response", 1973	box 99	folder 1139
Hesburgh Dinner Talk, 1977	box 99	folder 1140
"Hospitals in the United States", 1973	box 99	folder 1141
"Hunger, Politics and Markets", 1975	box 99	folder 1142
"Implementing the Abortion Decision", 1973	box 100	folder 1143
"Increasing Emphasis on Preventative Medicine", 1976-1977	box 100	folder 1144
"Individualism, Social Welfare and the Frontier in American Life"	box 100	folder 1145
"Interdependence and the Global Crisis", 1974	box 100	folder 1146
"Is More Better", 1975	box 100	folder 1147
"Is There a Doctor Shortage", 1972	box 100	folder 1148
Japanese Philanthropy Project Talk, 1974	box 100	folder 1149
Letters to the Editor, 1976-1977	box 100	folder 1150
"Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth", 1975	box 100	folder 1151
"Means to the Ends of The Rockefeller Foundation", 1974	box 100	folder 1152
"Medicine Tomorrow - More Groups, More Outpatient Services, More Prevention", 1977	box 100	folder 1153
"Meeting the World's Food Needs", 1974	box 100	folder 1154

"Montreal Neurological Institute and the Rockefeller Foundation: The Lengthened Shadows on Penfield and Gregg", 1978	box 100	folder 1155
"Neo-Liberalism", 1976	box 100	folder 1156
"New Bellevue Hospital Center", 1973	box 100	folder 1157
"New Directions in Health Care in the State of Colorado", 1978	box 100	folder 1158
"New School for Social Research", 1973	box 100	folder 1159
New York University Medical Center Commencement Talk, 1973	box 100	folder 1160
"On Doing More with Less", 1975-1976	box 100	folder 1161
"Perspectives on American Health", 1977	box 100	folder 1162
"Perspectives on the National Health Issue", 1978	box 100	folder 1163
Pratt Institute Commencement Talk, 1973	box 100	folder 1164
"Public Policy on Abortion", 1974	box 100	folder 1165
"Rational for Increased United States Interest in International Health", 1977	box 100	folder 1166
"Reaching 800 Million Small Cars"	box 101	folder 1167
"Reflections on Who's in Charge and Why", 1974	box 101	folder 1168
"Religion and the University", 1977	box 101	folder 1169
"Responsibility for Health", 1977	box 101	folder 1170
"Responsibility of the Individual", 1977	box 101	folder 1171
"Role of Foundations", 1978	box 101	folder 1172
"Roles of the University in the Post-Colonial World", 1975	box 101	folder 1173
Schmitt Medal Presentation Talk, 1973	box 101	folder 1174
"Scarcity, Global Interdependence and Ethnicity", 1974	box 101	folder 1175
"Secure Freedom", 1973	box 101	folder 1176
"Some Observations on America's Health Delivery System", 1974	box 101	folder 1177
"Spellbinding and Spellbreaking in American Medicine", 1974	box 101	folder 1178
Statement Before Senate Finance Committee - Subcommittee on Foundations, 1974	box 101	folder 1179
"Struggle to Stay Healthy", 1975-1976	box 101	folder 1180
"Thoughts on Health, Population and Development", 1978	box 101	folder 1181
Unidentified	box 101	folder 1182
United Hospital Fund Campaign Talk, 1972		

	box 101	folder 1183
"United States Policy and World Health", 1974	box 101	folder 1184
"Unseen Ostrich in Our Teaching Hospitals", 1973	box 101	folder 1185
"Utopia or Dystopia in an Age of Confusion", 1972-1973	box 101	folder 1186
"Virtues and Values in American Life", 1972, 1978	box 101	folder 1187
"Volunteerism and Pluralism in American Life", 1974	box 101	folder 1188
'Watershed' Book, 1973	box 102	folder 1189
"What Keeps Men Together", 1978	box 102	folder 1190
Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, 1974	box 102	folder 1191
"World of Health and the American Physician", 1973	box 102	folder 1192

## The Rockefeller Foundation - Printed Material

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries E consists of three folders of printed material including articles about and interviews with Dr. Knowles.

Title/Description	Instances	
Articles about Knowles, 1976-1979	box 102	folder 1193
Articles about Knowles, 1971-1975	box 102	folder 1194
Interviews, 1972-1974	box 102	folder 1195

## The Rockefeller Foundation - Information Files

### Scope and Contents note

Subseries F consists of one folder of information files that Dr. Knowles kept for reference purposes.

Title/Description	Instances	
General	box 102	folder 1196

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## Miscellaneous

Physical Description: 12 Cubic Feet

### Scope and Contents note

This series contains odd sized items, including weekly appointment cards (1961-1970), appointment calendars (1959-1979), 21 scrapbooks (1962-1972) containing clippings, photographs, letters, and memorabilia; miscellaneous newspaper clippings, certificates and plaques, microscope slides and lantern slides, reel and cassette tapes, and three watercolors of Dr. Knowles and an aerial view of Boston.

## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (audio tape, film) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment.

## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services / Head of Reference.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings - Massachusetts General Hospital, 1964-1965	box 102	folder 1197
Clippings - Rockefeller Foundation, 1971-1972	box 102	folder 1198
Clippings - Rockefeller Foundation, 1973-1975, n.d.	box 103	folder 1199
Clippings - Labor, 1965	box 103	folder 1200
Clippings - American Medical Association, 1972	box 103	folder 1201
Clippings - Boston City Hospital	box 103	folder 1202
Clippings - Boston City Hospital	box 103	folder 1203
Clippings - John H. Knowles Obituary, 1979	box 103	folder 1204
Weekly Appointment Cards, 1961-1968	box 104	folder 1205
Weekly Appointment Cards, 1969-1970	box 105	folder 1206
Appointment Calendars, 1959-1979	box 106	folder 1207
Cash Book, 1959	box 106	folder 1208
Guest Book	box 106	folder 1209
Scrapbooks, February 1962-June 1972	box 107	folder 1210
Scrapbooks, February 1962-June 1972	box 108	folder 1211
Scrapbooks, February 1962-June 1972	box 109	folder 1212
Scrapbooks, February 1962-June 1972	box 110	folder 1213
Nixon Lodge Spots	box 111	folder 1214
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.		
"Outlook" - John H. Knowles with Jack Kelly - W-EZE, January 18, 1970	box 111	folder 1215
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.		
Finch, Knowles, Egeberg	box 111	folder 1216



**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

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Dr. Knowles Lecture, October 28, 1969

box 111

folder 1217

**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

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"Conversation Piece" - Haywood Vincent with John H. Knowles,  
January 22, 1970

box 111

folder 1218

**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

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"Issues and Inquiry - Public Medicine: New Prescription for the  
Nation's Health" - Joseph R. Baylor with John H. Knowles

box 111

folder 1219

**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

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Address at the New England Sinai Hospital Development Fund  
Dinner, October 26, 1969

box 111

folder 1220

**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

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"The Watershed of the Seventies" - Ward Darley Seminar -  
University of Colorado Medical Center, January 4, 1971

box 111

folder 1221

**Scope and Contents note**

Parts I, II, III; Cassette Tape.

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"The Watershed of the Seventies" - Ward Darley Seminar -  
University of Colorado Medical Center, January 4, 1971

box 111

folder 1222

**Scope and Contents note**

Parts I, II, III; Cassette Tape.

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"A Celebration of the Memory and Love of John H. Knowles,  
1926-1979", March 16, 1979

box 111

folder 1223

**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

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"Health Care and the City" - McGraw-Hill Sound Seminars - Fran  
P. Hosken and John H. Knowles

box 111

folder 1224

**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

"Health Care and the City" - McGraw-Hill Sound Seminars - Fran P. Hosken and John H. Knowles	box 111	folder 1225
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

Regarding Knowles Address at Bellevue Hospital, 1973	box 111	folder 1226
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

Mt. Sinai Instructions about Hospital to Help John H. Knowles Prepare Talk, September 24, 1974	box 111	folder 1227
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

J. Knowles - Schistosomiasis - China, 1975	box 111	folder 1228
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

Hsin Hua Hospital - China, 1972	box 111	folder 1229
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

Hsin Hua Hospital - China, 1972	box 111	folder 1230
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

"Open Mind", May 2, 1976	box 111	folder 1231
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

Mintzberg - American Medical Association	box 111	folder 1232
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**Scope and Contents note**

Cassette Tape.

Arlene Francis Program with John H. Knowles - WOR Radio, May 7, 1973	box 112	folder 1233
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

Dr. Knowles - Duplicate from Louise and Gus, January 1, 1964	box 112	folder 1234
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

"Health Care and the City" - McGraw-Hill, Sound Seminars - Fran P. Hooken and John H. Knowles	box 112	folder 1235
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

John H. Knowles - NET-TV, June 30, 1969	box 112	folder 1236
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

John H. Knowles on the Sherrye Henry Program - "A Tale of Two Cities" - WOR (New York) and Capitol Radio (London), November 1, 1978	box 112	folder 1237
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

"Health in the United States, 1776-1978" and "Keystone Presentation" at the University of Colorado, October 4-5, 1978	box 112	folder 1238
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

Dr. John Knowles, August 7, 1969	box 112	folder 1239
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reel-to-Reel Audio Tape.

"The National Health Problem" - GA Sound Filmstrip, 1971	box 113	folder 1240
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Miscellaneous Certificates and Diplomas	box 114	folder 1241
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Rush University Diploma	box 114	folder 1242
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Pace University Diploma	box 114	folder 1243
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Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Treadwell Award	box 114	folder 1244
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Three Unidentified Tapes	box 114	folder 1245
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University of Maine Diplomas	box 115	folder 1246
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University of Maine Diplomas	box 115	folder 1247
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"Our Ailing Medical System" - "Fortune" Magazine, January 1970	box 115	folder 1248
Middlebury College Diploma	box 115	folder 1249
Harvard Medical School Yearbook - "Aesculapiad", 1967	box 115	folder 1250
Plaque from Pace University	box 115	folder 1251
Belmont Hill School Alumnus Award	box 115	folder 1252
Framed Letter from Patricia Windrow Kline, [Date Created]June 30, 1973	box 115	folder 1253
Framed Watercolor and Pen of Maurice C. Pincoffs Lecturship Roster	box 115	folder 1254
Miscellaneous	box 115	folder 1255

### Scope and Contents note

2 medals, Rockefeller Foundation identification card, American College of Physicians identification card.

### General note

Housed in a microfilm box within box 115.

Microscope Slides	box 116	folder 1256
Microscope Slides	box 116	folder 1257
Plaque - American Arbitration Association	box 117	folder 1258
Plaque - Massachusetts Junior Chamber of Commerce, [Date Created]1962	box 117	folder 1259
Plaque - Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce, [Date Created]1962	box 117	folder 1260
Plaque - Colgate-Diana Shore Winners Circle, [Date Created]1977	box 117	folder 1261
Plaque - Metropolitan Life Golden Anniversary - The Rockefeller Foundation, [Date Created]1974	box 117	folder 1262
Package	box 118	folder 1263

### Scope and Contents note

3 watercolor portraits of John H. Knowles; an aerial view of Boston.

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## Photographs

## Other Finding Aids

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