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Western Kentucky University UA3 President's Office Series 3 Kelly Thompson Subseries 3 Awards File

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Biographical/Historical Note: The president's office was created in 1906. Assistant to the President Edwin Kelly Thompson became acting president during Paul Garrett's last illness. Upon Garrett's death February 28, 1955 the Board of Regents approved Thompson to continue as acting president until a replacement could be found. He was elected president on October 17, 1955 a position he held until his retirement in 1969.

Kelly Thompson was born in Lebanon, Kentucky on January 28, 1909. He came to Western in the fall of 1928 on a football scholarship and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. Thompson spent his early career at WKU as college representative and publicity director. During World War II he served in the Navy, after which he returned to campus to work as an assistant to E.A. Diddle and President Paul Garrett. (Harrison, pp. 139-143)

During his tenure as president, Thompson oversaw a steady increase in student population which resulted in the construction of new buildings and WKU gained university status in 1966. He stepped down in 1969 and later went on to serve as president of the College Heights Foundation. Thompson died August 14, 1993.

Description: Awards given to Kelly Thompson during the course of his career.

Dates: 1955-1969

Subject Analytics:

Awards Kiwanis Club Plaques Thompson, E. Kelly, 1909-1993 Western Kentucky University

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Description WKSC from Bowling Green & Warren County for services rendered 7/29/1963 J.P. Hines & R.D. Graham

WKSU from Dept. of State. Agency for International Development. Certificate of Cooperation for outstanding contribution to the training and development of a.i.d. international participants under the program to assist in the economic and social development of other countries. 2/17/1967 William Gand.

OS Box 1 17 President's Office 1969 Awards

Description Aprreciation Day for Dr. & Mrs. Kelly Thompson, August 5, 1969 Subjects Posters

Box 1 President's Office Awards

Description Breathitt, Edward, distinguished citizen of Kentucky

Girls Clubs

Kiwanis Club, Legion of Honor for 30 years membership

Kiwanis Club, Man of the Year, 4/27/1973

National Register of Prominent Americans & International Notables, 1978/79

Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, 11/4/1972

Thompson, Sarah

WKU Alumni in appreciation for 10 years of dedicated service as president, 10/17/1965