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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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Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 2		President's Office	1963-1967	Awards
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	Appreciation 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			