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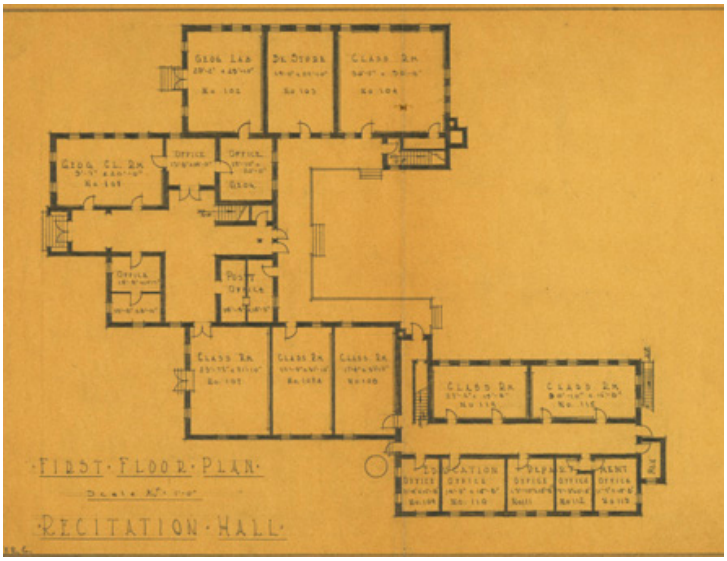
UA3 President's Office
Series 4 Dero Downing
Subseries 2 Construction File



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Biographical/Historical Note: The president's office was created in 1906. The search for the fourth president of WKU began with Kelly Thompson's resignation announcement May 21, 1969. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dero Downing indicated that he would serve if asked. The Board of Regents elected him president on August 22, 1969. He served until his retirement in 1979.

Dero Downing was born September 10, 1921 at Fountain Run in Monroe County, Kentucky, and grew up at Horse Cave in Hart County. He enrolled at WKU in 1939 where he played basketball and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree. After serving in the Navy in World War II, he returned to Western as a mathematics teacher and coach at the College's Training School. He later became director of the Training School, college registrar, dean of admissions, dean of business affairs, and vice-president for administrative and business affairs. Upon his resignation as president in 1979 Downing becmae president of the College Heights Foundation.

Description: Records regarding the planning, construction and maintenance of buildings on the WKU campus. Downing held several positions at WKU before becoming president. Some of these records date to that earlier period.

Dates: 1958-1979

Subject Analytics:
Architectural drawings
College High (WKU)
Construction
Downing, Dero Goodman, b. 1921
Grise Hall (WKU)
Guest Houses (WKU)
Heating Plant (WKU)

Home Economics (WKU)
Nursing (WKU)
Training School (WKU)
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UA3.4.2	**Records**	**Date**	
Level	**Subseries**	**Linked to**	**UA3.4**
Title	**UA3 President's Office Series 4. Dero Downing Sub-Series 2. Construction File**		
Collection	**University Archives**		
Scope & Content	**Records regarding the planning, construction and maintenance of buildings on the WKU campus. Downing held several positions at WKU before becoming president. Some of these records date to that earlier period.**		

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Description	Kentucky. Department of Finance			Subjects: Construction

Lawson, Owen
Leo Miller Company
R. Ben Johnson Architects
Southern Plumbing & Heating Company
Thompson, Kelly
Waldron, Batey & Wade, Inc.

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Box 39	29	Downing, Dero	1966-1967; 1969; 1971	Old Fort Johnson - Site Development of the Hill
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