



## Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 4 Dero Downing

Subseries 3 Personnel File

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**Administrative History:** 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 became president of the College Heights Foundation, a position he held until his death on April 4, 2011.

**Description:** Correspondence between Dero Downing and faculty and staff members.

**Dates:** 1958-1979

**Extent:** 1 cu. ft.

### Subject Analytics:

Downing, Dero Goodman, 1921-2011

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### Digital Commons:

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**Accession Information:** These records transferred to WKU Archives upon its creation.

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# Finding Aid Report

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Description	Grise, Finley The Fly			
Box 4		WKU President's Office - Downing	1969-1979	Personnel
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