

12-10-2010

UA3/4/7 President Dero Downing - Speech File

WKU Archives

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_fin_aid



Part of the [Higher Education Administration Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

WKU Archives, "UA3/4/7 President Dero Downing - Speech File" (2010). *WKU Archives Collection Inventories*. Paper 209.
http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_fin_aid/209

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in WKU Archives Collection Inventories by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact topscholar@wku.edu.



Western Kentucky University
UA3 President's Office
Series 4 Dero Downing
Subseries 7 Speech File

Contact information:

WKU Archives

Department of Library Special Collections

1906 College Heights Blvd. #11092

Bowling Green, KY 42101-1092

Phone: 270-745-4793

Email: <http://wkuarchives.wordpress.com/about/>

Home page: <http://www.wku.edu/library/archive>

© 2010 WKU Archives, Western Kentucky University, revised 2013.

All rights reserved



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 became president of the College Heights Foundation.

Description: Speeches written by and for Dero Downing.

Dates: 1958-1979

Subject Analytics:

Audio recording

Dedications

Downing, Dero Goodman, b. 1921

Meetings

Speeches, address, etc.

Western Kentucky University

Accession Information: These records were transferred to the University Archives upon its creation.

Access Restrictions: none

Preferred Citation: UA3/4/7 Dero Downing Speech File, WKU Archives, Kentucky Library & Museum, Bowling Green, Kentucky, USA.

Processing Information: Finding aid created by Suellyn Lathrop 12/10/2010.

Box 6

WKU President's Office

1969

Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description Audioreel - 1
Freshman Orientation, 1969
Cravens, Raymond
Downing, Dero
Mounce, Robert

Subjects Speeches, address, etc.
Audio recording