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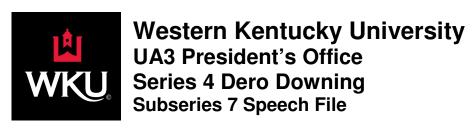
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**Biographical/Historical Note:** The president's office was created in 1906. The search for the fourth president of WKU began with Kelly Thompson's resignation announcement May 21, 1969. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dero Downing indicated 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 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

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Scope & Content Speeches written by and for Dero Downing.

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WKU President's Office

1969

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Freshman Orientation, 1969

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