



Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 3 Kelly Thompson

Subseries 2 Speech File

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Administrative History: 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 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: Speeches written and delivered by Kelly Thompson at various events.

Dates: 1955-1975

Extent: 1955-present

Subject Analytics:

Dedications

Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond, KY)

Founders' Day commemorations

Graduation ceremonies

Kiwanis Club

Speeches, addresses, etc.

Thompson, Kelly, 1909-1993

Western Kentucky University

Digital Commons:

Higher Education Administration

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Speech and Rhetorical Studies

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

Access Restrictions: Audioreels, films, BetaSp and Beta versions have to be converted to a viewable/hearable medium before they can be accessed by the public.

Allied Materials:

[UA1C11/95 Kelly Thompson Photo Collection](#)

[UA1F WKU Archives Multimedia Resources / Vertical File](#)

[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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Finding Aid Report

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UA3.3.2	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.3
Title	UA3 WKU President's Office	
Collection	Series 3 Kelly Thompson	
Scope & Content	Subseries 2 Speech File	
	WKU Archives	
	Speeches written and delivered by Kelly Thompson at various events.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 1	1-9	WKU President's Office - Thompson	1957-1975	Speech File
Description	Box also includes Subject/Correspondence File			Subjects Workshops Graduation ceremonies Speeches, address, etc.
	A Thing Called Spirit D3643 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3620			
	Am I a Builder, notes			
	Appraisal of Today's Youth, notes			
	Argumentation, Understood and Properly Developed, Is a Vital Part of the Foundation Upon Which Leadership is Built			
	Better Business Bureau of Louisville			
	Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce D3638 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3613			
	Bowling Green Industries			
	Burkhead, Gilbert D3647 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3617			
	Charles Bowling Honorary Alumnus Induction, D3634 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3615			
	Dedication			
	Eastern Kentucky University			
	Eisenhower Elementary School, West Palm Beach, FL, nd, D3645			
	Faithful to Our Trust, D3637 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3614			
	Flag Day D3644 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3619			
	Founders Day			
	Hearing, Believing, Doing and Being D3641 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3611			
	Helm, Harold			
	How Now, The North Atlantic Community: A Report on Tabulation of Questionnaires and Remarks D3646 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3618			
	Kiwanis Club			
	Know Thyself, D3635 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3608			
	Louisville Advertising Club			
	McDaniel, Lena			
	Morris Harvey College			
	My Old Kentucky Home, D3636 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3607			
	National Association of College and University Administrators D3642 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3621			
	North Hardin High School Dedication D3648 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3616			
	R.E. Stevenson Elementary School			
	Rotary Club			
	Smith, Dewey D3650 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3623			
	Society of Discontent D3651 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3622			
	State Street Methodist Church (Bowling Green, KY)			
	The Most Unforgettable Person I Have Ever Known D3649			

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3624

The Six Cardinal Mistakes of Man in Dealing With Man, D3639

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3606

Third District Education Association

Thompson Science Complex (WKU)

Today's Image of the Laboratory School D3640 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3612

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Box 30		WKU President's Office - Thompson	1967	Speech File - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audioreels - 3			Subjects Audio recording Speeches, address, etc.
	Founders Day, nd Freshman convocation, 1967 (2)			
	Cherry, Henry			
Box 36		WKU President's Office - Thompson	1955-1969	Speech File - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audioreels - 7			Subjects Audio recording Speeches, address, etc. Education
	Banquet in honor of Kelly Thompson, 1955 Chapel Address, 1955 Homecoming / Freshman Convocation, 1967 The Image of the Laboratory School, LSAA, Chicago, 1964 (transcript exists) Student Rally, 1969 Tenth Anniversary, 1965 Unidentified, 1973			
Box 41		WKU President's Office - Thompson		Speech File - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 1			Subjects Audio recording Speeches, address, etc.
	Kelly Thompson, Master, Muhlenberg County, nd			
Box 42		WKU President's Office - Thompson		Speech File - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	16mm film on 7 inch reel - 1			Subjects Speeches, address, etc. Motion pictures
	Farewell Banquet, nd			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 1	WKU President's Office - Thompson	1955-1975	Speech File - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 4 - digitized			Subjects Audio recording
	Chapel 10/19/1955 (2) - m65.wav TDEA Banquet 10/2/1975 (2) m267.wav, m268.wav			