



**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA3 President's Office**  
**Series 8 Thomas Meredith**  
**Subseries 9 Interviews / Oral History**

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**Administrative History:** The president's office was created in 1906. The search for a new president began with Kern Alexander's resignation announcement on April 11, 1988. The Board of Regents elected Thomas Meredith as president August 5 and installed September 21, 1988. Under Meredith's leadership, the campus expanded with the purchase of the Bowling Green Center, creation the Institute of Economic Development and the implementation of the first strategic plan Western XXI. He also hired WKU's first female vice president, Barbara Burch. Meredith had served the university for a little over eight years when he announced his resignation February 5, 1997.

Thomas Carter Meredith was born in Owensboro December 7, 1941. He obtained his BS from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1963, his MS from WKU in 1966 and his PhD from the University of Mississippi in 1971. His early career was spent teaching high school in Owensboro, Kentucky and LaHarpe, Illinois. From there he moved into administrative positions in Jeffersonville, Indiana and the board of trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi. Meredith was vice chancellor for executive affairs at the University of Mississippi when he came to WKU in 1988.

**Description:** Interviews and oral histories with and about Thomas Meredith.

**Dates:** 1988-1994

**Extent:** 5 audiotapes, 1 audioreel, 1 videotape, 2 dvds

**Subject Analytics:**

Audio recording

Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-

Video recording

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**Digital Commons:**

Higher Education Administration

Oral History

**Accession Information:**

These records transferred to the WKU Archives from the President's Office in accordance with the records retention schedule.

**Access Restrictions:** Films, BetaSp and Beta versions have to be converted to a viewable medium before they can be accessed by the public.

**Allied Materials:**

UA1C11/103 WKU President's Office Photos

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

[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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**Processing Information:** Records processed and collection inventory created 2010, revised 2019.

# Finding Aid Report

05/20/2019

<b>UA3.8.9</b>	<b>Records</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Subseries</b>	<b>Linked toUA3.8</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>UA3 President's Office</b>	
<b>Collection</b>	<b>Series 8 Thomas Meredith</b>	
<b>Scope &amp; Content</b>	<b>Subseries 9 Interviews/Oral History</b>	
	<b>WKU Archives</b>	
	<b>Interviews and oral histories with and about Thomas Meredith.</b>	

## Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 108		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1988	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews / Oral History
Description	3/4 inch tapes - 1 Thomas Meredith, 9/22/1988			Subjects Interviews Video recording
Box 40		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1988	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews / Oral History
Description	Audioreels - 1 Naming of the President - April 11-August 12, 1988  Cook, Paul Meredith, Thomas Murphy, Fred			Subjects Interviews Audio recording
CD Box 3	CD1132	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews / Oral History
Description	DVD - 1 WBKO TV News broadcast interviews regarding Thomas Meredith's resignation from WKU, permission granted from WBKO to post.  WBKO News Broadcasts - <a href="https://youtu.be/lZkE2qzxfL4">https://youtu.be/lZkE2qzxfL4</a> WBKO News Broadcasts - <a href="https://youtu.be/TuQzk_XCdMs">https://youtu.be/TuQzk_XCdMs</a> WBKO News Broadcasts - <a href="https://youtu.be/15Hy1SZLLW8">https://youtu.be/15Hy1SZLLW8</a> WBKO News Broadcasts - <a href="https://youtu.be/rSYC5kuL9EY">https://youtu.be/rSYC5kuL9EY</a> WBKO News Broadcast re: Presidential Selection Process  Bale, Kristen Bell, Rob Bingham, Amy Birk, Gene Bishoff, Tim Burns, Mindy Clark, Jon Gardner, Allison Jones, Martin Loafman, Peggy			Subjects Interviews Video recording African Americans Blacks Fund raising Television broadcasting Journalism Journalists

Marigza, Lilla  
 Martin, Cornelius  
 Mendel, Ray  
 Meredith, Mark  
 Meredith, Matthew  
 Meredith, Susan  
 Meredith, Thomas  
 Moving to a New Level  
 Regents (WKU)  
 University of Alabama  
 Wagner, Beth

CD Box 3	CD1131	WKU President's Office - Meredith	nd	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews / Oral History
Description	DVD - 1 WBKO TV Midday Interview re: Homecoming, nd Meredith, Thomas			Subjects Interviews Video recording African Americans Blacks Television broadcasting Journalism Journalists Homecomings
Tape Box 1	Drawer 1	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1988-1989	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews/Oral Histories
Description	Audiotape - 3 digitized  Press Conference re: basketball investigation, 3/13/1989*, m175.wav, m176.wav Press Conference Meredith and Wallace Wilkinson, 8/15/1988, m177.wav Sportsline w/ Wes Strader, 9/1/13/1988 m178.wav, m179.wav  Alexander, Kern Iracane, Joe  Tape 1 destroyed during digitization, side one salvaged			Subjects Audio recording
Tape Box 1	Drawer 4	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1994	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews/Oral Histories
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized  Stand, T.K. Ballad of Tall Tale Tom, m180.wav			Subjects Audio recording
Tape Box 4	Drawer 2	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Minicassette tape recording of Meredith's trip to China, removed from Correspondence / Subject File			Subjects Audio recording
Tape Box 4	Drawer 23	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1992	Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized  Meredith story Western Edition, nd, m155.wav - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3051">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3051</a>  Meredith Hall (WKU) Preston Health & Activities Center (WKU) Tate Page Hall (WKU) Zacharias Hall (WKU)			Subjects Audio recording Western Kentucky University Budget.