



Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 8 Thomas Meredith

Subseries 10 Installation

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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: Records created and received by the President's Office in preparation of Thomas Meredith's installation as president of WKU.

Dates: 1988-1989

Extent: .7 cu. ft., 5 videotapes, 5 audiotapes, 1 film, 1 dvd

Subject Analytics:

Audio recording

Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-

Video recording

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Digital Commons:

Higher Education Administration

Leadership Studies

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

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[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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Finding Aid Report

02/26/2020

UA3.8.10	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.8
Title	UA3 President's Office	
Collection	Series 8 Thomas Meredith	
Scope & Content	Subseries 10 Installation	
	WKU Archives	
Records created and received by the President's Office in preparation of Thomas Meredith's installation as president of WKU.		

Container List

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Description	Inaugural Ball Inaugural Scholarship Meredith, Thomas Parking permits Western Kentucky University			Subjects Invitations Menus Parking
Box 1	3	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Programs
Description	An Inaugural Concert, 4/13/1989 Anderson, Charles Anniversaries Campbell, Walter Competitions Conner, Glen Counts, Edward Crouch, Jerry Crumb, Glenn English (WKU) Fact Sheet - WKU & Its Presidents Ferguson, Wade Flanigan, Jackson French Revolution Geography & Geology (WKU) Gordon Ford College of Business (WKU) Grants Greer, Richard Hassan, Mohsen Inauguration Dinner, 4/12/1989 Installation Program - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2819/ International Programs (WKU) Kallstrom, Michael Lasater, Michael			Subjects Awards Anniversaries Programs

Media Services (WKU)
 Miller, Jim
 Millichap, Joe
 Modern Languages (WKU)
 Music (WKU)
 Oakes, John
 Ogden College of Science & Technology (WKU)
 On Campus - Installation Program, D6066 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/6164
 Pearson, Patricia
 Pulsinelli, Robert
 Schedule of Events for the Inauguration of Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, 4/10-14, 1989
 Scholarships
 Tanner, Jon
 Walker, Richard

Box 1	4	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Speech	
Description	Comments for Inaugural Speech Manuscript and typescript drafts and final printed copy of Thomas Meredith's installation speech. D6068 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/6166			Subjects	Speeches, addresses, etc.
Box 1	5	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Speeches	
Description	Chelf, Earlene. Salutations from the Staff of WKU, 4/14/1989 Haynes, Robert. Master of Ceremonies, Installation of Thomas Meredith, 4/14/1989 Long, John. Invocation Offered on the Occasion of the Inauguration of Thomas Meredith, 4/14/1989 Thompson, Kelly. Installation Remarks, 4/14/1989 Turner, Gerald. Thomas Meredith, 4/14/1989			Subjects	Speeches, addresses, etc. Prayer
Box 1	6	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Correspondence	
Description	A Philosophy of Life Alcorn State University Aldridge, Robert Allen, Neil Azinger, Natalie Bourdeaux, Thomas Brescia College Brooks, Joseph Brooks, Kevin Bryant, Phil Burch, Paul Campbell, Joe Campbell, Kent Chamblee, Rodney Clark, Ronald Cook, Louis Cook, Paul Crosthwait, Frank Davenport, Florence Davis, Kenneth Delta State University Downing, Dero Eggleton, Freida Gaddis, Chris Geary, John Gibson, Lourie Gideon International Guess, Wallace Hamilton, Ledean			Subjects	Correspondence African Americans Blacks

Handy, Riley
 Harris, Larnelle
 Haynes, Robert
 Hensley, Fred
 Highland, James
 Houchens Food Stores
 House, Stephen
 Hubbard, Carroll
 Idaho State University
 Iracane, Joseph
 Johnson, Kemble
 Johnson, Ralph
 Jones, William
 Khayat, Robert
 Kiefer, Alpha
 Kinder, Valerie
 King, Leone
 Lester, Douglas
 Loafman, Peggy
 Long, John
 Lucke, Jamie. Western Inaugurates President Amid Struggles with Growth, Lexington Herald-Leader, 4/14/1989
 Mabus, Ray
 Marshall, Arnold
 Matheney, John
 McKenzie, Danny. Ex-Administrator Home in Kentucky, Misses Ole Miss, Clarion-Ledger, 4/28/1989
 Meredith, Thomas
 Milliman, Ronald
 Mississippi. Governor
 Murphy, Frederick
 Paris, Henry
 Politicians
 Ramsey, John
 Rasmsey, James
 Richards, Jody
 Sharp, Paul
 Shaw, George
 Shelton, Larry
 Spirit Masters (WKU)
 Spurr, Noran
 Stansbury, Ed
 Swank, David
 Thrash, E.E.
 University of Mississippi
 University of North Carolina
 University of Southern Mississippi
 Western Carolina University
 Wilkinson, Donald
 Wilkinson, Judi
 Wootton, Chuck

Box 1 7 WKU President's Office - Meredith 1989 Correspondence

Description	AASCU American Association of State Colleges & Universities Albers, Jo-Ann Asbury College Berea College Brock, John Brooks, Kevin Bruce, James Burnett, Martha Burnette, Ward aka Butch	Subjects Correspondence African Americans Blacks
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Centre College
Chatfield College
College & University Personnel Association
Collins, David
Coohill, Thomas
CUPA
Ditsch, Sandra
Dye, Brad
Eggleton, Freida
Elliott, Baxter
Esters, Liz
Geary, John
Gibson, Dennis
Har-Ken Oil Company
Harvard University. Institute for Educational Management
Haynes, Robert
House, Stephen
Illinois State University
Iracane, Joseph
Jones, Brereton
Keefe, Donald
Kentucky. Dept. of Agriculture
Kentucky. Governor
Kentucky. Lieutenant Governor
Kentucky. Superintendent of Public Instruction
King, Kimberly
Malcolm X College
Meredith, Thomas
Mississippi. Institutions of Higher Learning
Mississippi. Lieutenant Governor
Northwestern College of Chiropractic
Ogden College Foundation
Pennsylvania. State System of Higher Education
Phillips Colleges, Inc.
Pickett, Charles
Politicians
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Regents (WKU)
Richards, Jim
Sasser, Douglas
Schnacke, Stephen
Taylor, James
Taylor, Sara
Tennessee Technological University
Tennessee. Higher Education Commission
Texas Woman's University
Thomas More College
University of British Columbia
University of Mississippi
University of Mississippi Medical Center
University of Nebraska
University of South Alabama
University of Southern Indiana
Ward, Mike
Ware, ?
Watkins, Hays
Western Michigan University
Wilkinson, Wallace
Yale College

Description		Subjects	Correspondence Oaths
AAC			
AACRAO			
AACSB			
AASCU			
ACT			
Alexander, Kern			
American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business			
American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers			
American Association of State Colleges & Universities			
American College Testing			
Association of American Colleges			
Ateneo De Davao University (Davao City, Philippines)			
Austin College			
Brashier, Rodgers			
Bryant, Cathie			
California State University - Stanislaus			
Cardinal Hill Hospital			
Case Western Reserve University			
Central Missouri State University			
Chun-Shan, Wang			
Citizens Fidelity Corporation			
Colorado. Commission on Higher Education			
Conner, Glen			
Cox, Juanice			
Eastern Kentucky University			
Eastern New Mexico University			
Ford, Tim			
Francis, David			
Garrison, Geneva			
Georgia Southern College			
Guilford Technical Community College			
Henderson State University			
Hewes, George			
Hoffman, Wayne			
Indiana State University			
Ivey's Inc.			
Kennesaw State College			
Kentucky. Treasurer			
Liaoning Educational Commission			
Liaoning Normal University (Dalian, China)			
Miller, Mary			
Mississippi State University			
Mississippi. Governor			
Mississippi. Secretary of State			
Murray State University			
National Association of Schools of Music			
New Jersey. Dept. of Higher Education			
New York Technical College			
Northland Collge			
Oath of Office			
Qi-Kuen, Liang			
Sandefur, J.T.			
Southern Illinois University			
Southwest Texas State University			
Technikon OVS/OFS (Bloemfontein, South Africa)			
University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, Scotland)			
University of Alaska - Anchorage			
University of Central Arkansas			
University of Hawaii - Hilo			
University of North Carolina - Charlotte			
University of North Carolina - General Administration			

University of the Orange Free State (Bloemfontein, South Africa)
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls
 Virginia Tech
 Wang, Jianling
 Wanton, Eva
 Weather
 Western Illinois University
 Winter, William
 Worsham, Clifford

Box 1	9	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Certificates	
Description	Albany State College Appalachian State University Bowie State University Chatfield College College of Staten Island East Carolina University Gallaudet University Idaho State University Longwood College Murray State University North Adams State College Northern Arizona University Northern Illinois University Northland College Oakwood College Ramapo College of New Jersey Sam Houston State University Southeastern Louisiana University Southern Arkansas University Spaulding University State University System of Florida Texas Woman's University The Citadel University of Arkansas - Little Rock University of Central Arkansas University of Kentucky University of Maine - Farmington University of North Carolina - Charlotte University of Oklahoma University of South Florida Virginia Commonwealth University Viterbo College Weber State University Western Carolina University Western Michigan University			Subjects	Certificates
Box 1		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Certificates	
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Box 2		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Certificates	
Description	Northern Kentucky University Tennessee Technological University University of Mississippi University of Montevallo			Subjects	Certificates

Box 7		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1988-1989	Installation - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	3/4 inch (1) and VHS tapes (3)			Subjects Speeches, address, etc. Video recording Press conferences
	Announcement of selection, 1988 3/4 in Installation 1989 vhs (2) - digitized Presidential Selection Process 1988			
	Alexander, Kern Iracane, Joe Meredith, Thomas Wilkinson, Wallace			
Box 76		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Installation - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	3/4 inch - 1			Subjects Speeches, address, etc. Video recording
	Thomas Meredith Installation Week Activities, 5/4/1989			
CD Box 3	CD1128	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Installation - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	DVD - 1			Subjects African Americans Blacks Choirs (Music) Musicians Singers
	Thomas Meredith Installation, 4/14/1989 - https://youtu.be/Z6SxhRHGXCY			
	Chelf, Earlene Cook, Paul Cox, Gary Downing, Dero Griffin, Basil Harris, Larnelle Haynes, Robert Iracane, Joseph Lee, David Long, John Meredith, Mark Meredith, Matthew Meredith, Susan Meredith, Thomas Minton, John Murphy, Fred Ramsey, James Regents (WKU) Sloan, Patsy Thompson, Kelly Turner, Gerald Whitehouse, Scott			
on shelf		WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Installation - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	1 inch reels - 1			Subjects Speeches, address, etc. Video recording
	Thomas Meredith Installation, 5/8/1989			
OS Box 141	5	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Publicity
Description	The Inauguration of Thomas C. Meredith, Eighth President of Western Kentucky University, PCDN, 4/9/1989 D4741 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/7598			Subjects Newspapers

Tape Box 1	Drawer 3	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Installation - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 3 digitized			Subjects
	Installation 4/14/1989 m140.wav, m141.wav			Speeches, address, etc.
	Installation Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 4/12/1989 featuring Lowell Harrison - m135.wav, m136.wav			Audio recording
	Thomas Meredith Installation Dinner, 4/14/1989 featuring Larnelle Harris, m142.wav - transcription - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3050			Banquets
				Musicians
				African Americans
				Blacks
				Singers
				Singing

Tape Box 1	Drawer 2	WKU President's Office - Meredith	1989	Installation - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 2 - digitized			Subjects
	Faculty/Staff/Student Reception, 4/10/1989 m109.wav			Speeches, address, etc.
	Frank Roberts Lecture, 4/11/1989 m108.wav			Meetings
	Kevin Brooks, Warren County Alumni Chapter 4/10/1989 m109.wav			Banquets
	Regents Dinner 4/13/1989 m110.wav			Audio recording