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## UA3/8/10 President's Office-Meredith Installation

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## 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:** 1987-1988

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

### Subject Analytics:

Audio recording

Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-

Video recording

Western Kentucky University

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**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 2013, revised 2019.

# Finding Aid Report

05/20/2019

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| <b>UA3.8.10</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 10 Installation</b> |                       |
|   | <b>WKU Archives</b>              |                       |
| <b>Records created and received by the President's Office in preparation of Thomas Meredith's installation as president of WKU.</b> |                                  |                       |

## Container List

| Container   | Folder   | Creator                           | Date | Title  |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| Box 1       | 1  | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Installation Committee                       |
| Description | House, Steve<br>Meredith, Thomas   |                                   |      | Subjects Correspondence                      |
| Box 1       | 2  | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Invitations                                  |
| Description | Inaugural Ball<br>Inaugural Scholarship<br>Meredith, Thomas<br>Parking permits<br>Western Kentucky University  |                                   |      | Subjects Invitations<br>Menus<br>Parking     |
| Box 1       | 3  | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Programs                                     |
| Description | An Inaugural Concert, 4/13/1989<br>Anderson, Charles<br>Anniversaries<br>Campbell, Walter<br>Competitions<br>Conner, Glen<br>Counts, Edward<br>Crouch, Jerry<br>Crumb, Glenn<br>English (WKU)<br>Fact Sheet - WKU & Its Presidents<br>Ferguson, Wade<br>Flanigan, Jackson<br>French Revolution<br>Geography & Geology (WKU)<br>Gordon Ford College of Business (WKU)<br>Grants<br>Greer, Richard<br>Hassan, Mohsen<br>Inauguration Dinner, 4/12/1989<br>Installation Program - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2819/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2819/</a><br>International Programs (WKU)<br>Kallstrom, Michael<br>Lasater, Michael |                                   |      | Subjects Awards<br>Anniversaries<br>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](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

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|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|------|----------------|---|
| Box 1       | 4   | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Speech         |   |
| Description | Manuscript and typescript drafts and final printed copy of Thomas Meredith's installation speech. D6068 - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/6166">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/6166</a>   |                                   |      | 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<br>Haynes, Robert. Master of Ceremonies, Installation of Thomas Meredith, 4/14/1989<br>Long, John. Invocation Offered on the Occasion of the Inauguration of Thomas Meredith, 4/14/1989<br>Thompson, Kelly. Installation Remarks, 4/14/1989<br>Turner, Gerald. Thomas Meredith, 4/14/1989  |                                   |      | Subjects       | Speeches, addresses, etc.<br>Prayer           |
| Box 1       | 6   | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Correspondence |   |
| Description | A Philosophy of Life<br>Alcorn State University<br>Azinger, Natalie<br>Boonstra, Eelio<br>Brooks, Kevin<br>Bryant, Phil<br>Bunch, Paul<br>Campbell, Kent<br>Carroll, Roy<br>Chamblee, Rodney<br>Chinese<br>Collins, David<br>Congratulations<br>Cook, Louis<br>Cook, Paul<br>Davis, Kenneth<br>Delta State University<br>Downing, Dero<br>Eggleton, Freida<br>Esters, Liz<br>Form letters<br>Gaddis, Chris<br>Geary, Tom<br>Gibson, Lourie<br>Hackman, Judith<br>Handy, Riley<br>Haynes, Robert<br>Hensley, Fred<br>House, Stephen<br>Iracane, Joseph |                                   |      | Subjects       | Correspondence<br>Certificates<br>Invitations |

Ivey's, Inc.  
 Jacobs, Charles  
 Johnson, Kemble  
 Khayat, Robert  
 Long, John  
 Lucas, Aubrey  
 Mabus, Ray  
 Mailing lists  
 Marshall, Arnold  
 McKenzie, Danny. Ex-Administrator, Home in Kentucky, Misses Ole Miss, Clarion-Ledger, 4/28/1989  
 Meredith, Thomas  
 Miller, Mary  
 Milliman, Ronald  
 Mississippi. Governor  
 Murphy, Frederick  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Ogden College Foundation  
 Paris, Henry  
 Regents (WKU)  
 Richards, Jim  
 Sharp, Paul  
 Shelton, Larry  
 Spirit Masters (WKU)  
 Spurr, Noran  
 Temple, Alvis  
 Thrash, E.E.  
 Turner, Gerald  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of Oklahoma  
 University of Southern Mississippi  
 University of the Orange Free State  
 Wagoner, Ralph  
 Wang, Jianliang  
 Washington, Walter  
 Western Illinois University  
 Wilkinson, Wallace  
 Wyatt, Kent

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| Box 7       | WKU President's Office - Meredith   | 1988-1989 | Installation - Film/Video/Audio File                                     |
| Description | 3/4 inch (1) and VHS tapes (3)<br><br>Announcement of selection, 1988 3/4 in<br>Installation 1989 vhs (2) - digitized<br>Presidential Selection Process 1988<br><br>Alexander, Kern<br>Iracane, Joe<br>Meredith, Thomas<br>Wilkinson, Wallace |           | Subjects Speeches, address, etc.<br>Video recording<br>Press conferences |
| Box 76      | WKU President's Office - Meredith   | 1989      | Installation - Film/Video/Audio File                                     |
| Description | 3/4 inch - 1<br><br>Thomas Meredith Installation Week Activities, 5/4/1989  |           | Subjects Speeches, address, etc.<br>Video recording                      |

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| CD Box 3    | CD1128  | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Installation - Film/Video/Audio File  |
| Description | DVD - 1   |                                   |      | Subjects African Americans<br>Blacks<br>Choirs (Music)<br>Musicians<br>Singers  |
|             | Thomas Meredith Installation, 4/14/1989 - <a href="https://youtu.be/Z6SxhRHGXCY">https://youtu.be/Z6SxhRHGXCY</a>   |                                   |      |   |
|             | Chelf, Earlene<br>Cook, Paul<br>Cox, Gary<br>Downing, Dero<br>Griffin, Basil<br>Harris, Larnelle<br>Haynes, Robert<br>Iracane, Joseph<br>Lee, David<br>Long, John<br>Meredith, Mark<br>Meredith, Matthew<br>Meredith, Susan<br>Meredith, Thomas<br>Minton, John<br>Murphy, Fred<br>Ramsey, James<br>Regents (WKU)<br>Sloan, Patsy<br>Thompson, Kelly<br>Turner, Gerald<br>Whitehouse, Scott |                                   |      |   |
| on shelf    |   | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Installation - Film/Video/Audio File  |
| Description | 1 inch reels - 1  |                                   |      | Subjects Speeches, address, etc.<br>Video recording   |
|             | Thomas Meredith Installation, 5/8/1989  |                                   |      |   |
| Tape Box 1  | Drawer 3  | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Installation - Film/Video/Audio File  |
| Description | Audiotape - 3 digitized   |                                   |      | Subjects Speeches, address, etc.<br>Audio recording<br>Banquets<br>Musicians<br>African Americans<br>Blacks<br>Singers<br>Singing |
|             | Installation 4/14/1989 m140.wav, m141.wav<br>Installation Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 4/12/1989 featuring Lowell Harrison - m135.wav, m136.wav<br>Thomas Meredith Installation Dinner, 4/14/1989 featuring Larnelle Harris, m142.wav - transcription - <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3050">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3050</a>              |                                   |      |   |
| Tape Box 1  | Drawer 2  | WKU President's Office - Meredith | 1989 | Installation - Film/Video/Audio File  |
| Description | Audiotapes - 2 - digitized  |                                   |      | Subjects Speeches, address, etc.<br>Meetings<br>Banquets<br>Audio recording   |
|             | Faculty/Staff/Student Reception, 4/10/1989 m109.wav<br>Frank Roberts Lecture, 4/11/1989 m108.wav<br>Kevin Brooks, Warren County Alumni Chapter 4/10/1989 m109.wav<br>Regents Dinner 4/13/1989 m110.wav  |                                   |      |   |