



Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 9 Gary Ransdell

Subseries 4 Installation File

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Administrative History: The president's office was created in 1906. The president's office was created in 1906. Dr. Gary A. Ransdell was named the ninth president of Western Kentucky University on September 12, 1997. Dr. Ransdell tendered his resignation in January 2017 and completed his term of office June of that year.

Dr. Ransdell received his Bachelor of Arts degree from WKU in 1973 in Mass Communications, a Master of Public Service degree in Public Administration in 1974, and a Doctor of Education degree from Indiana University in 1978.

Dr. Ransdell re-joined WKU as President after serving four years as Vice President for Administration and Advancement and seven years as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

His previous professional experiences at WKU also include service as a field representative in the Office of University School Relations from 1974 to 1976 and as Associate Director of Alumni Affairs from 1978 to 1981.

Dr. Ransdell became Director of Alumni Relations at Southern Methodist University in 1981, a position he held until 1987 when he was named as a Vice President at Clemson.

Description: Records created and received by the President's Office in preparation of Gary Ransdell's installation as president of WKU. See UA3.9.3 Reading File for thank you notes related to the installation.

Dates: 1997-1998

Extent: .37 cu. ft., 12 videotapes, 4 audiotapes, 5 dvds

Subject Analytics:

Ransdell, Gary b. 1951

Education

Western Kentucky University

Digital Commons:

Higher Education Administration

Public Relations and Advertising
Social and Behavioral Sciences
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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:

[UA1C11/61 Gary Ransdell Photo Collection](#)

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

[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.9
Title	UA3 President's Office	
Collection	Series 9 Gary Ransdell	
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Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title	
Box 1	1	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Inaugural Greetings	
Description	Alcorn State University (MS) Arizona State University West Armstrong State College (GA) Asbury College (KY) Austin Peay State University (TN) Bemidji State University (MN) Boise State University (ID) Bowling Green State University (OH) Bridgewater State University (MA) Brooklyn College (NY) California State University Central Connecticut State University Central Michigan University Central Michigan University Central Missouri State University Central Washington University Centre College (KY) Chadron State College (NE) The Citadel (SC) Coastal Carolina University (SC) College of Staten Island (NY) Columbus State University (GA) Coppin State College (MD) Dakota State University (SD) Dickinson State University (PA) East Stroudsburg University (PA) Eastern Connecticut State University Eastern Illinois University Edinboro University (PA) Empire State College (NY) Fairmont State College (WV) Ferris State University (MI) Fitchburg State College (MA) Florida Atlantic University Francis Marion University (SC) Frostburg State University (MD) Gallaudet University (DC)			Subjects	Certificates Inaugurations

Georgia Southern University
Governors State University (IL)
Grambling State University (LA)

Box 1	2	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Inaugural Greetings	
Description	Harris-Stowe State College (MO) Hunter College (NY) Howard University (DC) Idaho State University Illinois State University Indiana University - Kokomo Indiana University Southeast Jackson State University (MS) Kean University (NJ) Kentucky Wesleyan University Kutztown University (PA) Lehman College (NY) Lincoln University (MO) Longwood College (VA) Mankato State University (MN) Middle Tennessee State University Millersville University (PA) Murray State University (KY) Northeastern Illinois University Northeastern State University (OK) Northern Arizona University Northern Illinois University Northern Kentucky University Oakland University (MI) Radford University (VA) Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Shippensburg University (PA) South Carolina. Comptroller General South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Southeast Missouri State University Southeastern Oklahoma State University Southern Connecticut State University Southern Oregon University Southwest Missouri State University State University System of Florida Tennessee Technological University Texas Southern University Texas Woman's University			Subjects	Certificates Inaugurations

Box 1	3	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Inaugural Greetings	
Description	Union College (KY) University of Akron (OH) University of Arkansas - Little Rock University of Central Arkansas University of Georgia University of Hawaii University of Houston-Victoria (TX) University of Kentucky University of Montevallo (AL) University of Nebraska University of Nebraska - Kearny University of New York - Buffalo University of New York - Old Westbury University of New York - Oswego University of New York - Plattsburgh			Subjects	Inaugurations Certificates

University of New York - Postdam
University of North Alabama
University of North Carolina - Asheville
University of North Florida
University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
University of South Florida
University of Southern Indiana
University of Southern Mississippi
University of the District of Columbia
University of West Georgia
University of West Georgia
University of Wisconsin - Green Bay
University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
University of Wisconsin - River Falls
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
University of Wisconsin System
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Vanderbilt University (TN)
Weber State University (UT)
West Chester University (PA)
West Texas A&M University
West Virginia State College
Western Carolina University
Wichita State University (KS)
William & Mary (VA)
William Paterson University of New Jersey

Box 1	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Inaugural Greetings
Description	Certificate covers from the following universities:		Subjects Inaugurations
	Centre College (KY) Jackson State University (MS) Salisbury State University (MD) Tennessee Technological University University of New York - Plattsburgh University of Wisconsin - Green Bay Vanderbilt University (TN)		
Box 115	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Installation
Description	betacam sp - 3 Ransdell Swearing In 10/31/1997		Subjects Video recording
Box 2	1 Installation Committee (WKU)	1998	Installation Committee
Description	Anderson Jewelry, Inc. Anderson, Lucinda Chelf, Earlene Commemorative pins Eggleston, Frieda Esters, Liz Flynn, Lana Jester Company Meacham, Tom Medallions Metal Decor Roberts, Julia		Subjects Correspondence Exhibitions Seals Logos Budget.

Stage Arrangement Presidential Inauguration, 5/8/1998
U of C Logo/Coat of Arms Modified for Refreshing New Look, University of Calgary Alumni, Winter 1997
Wright, Peggy

Box 2	2	Installation Committee (WKU)	1998	Installation Committee	
Description	Invitation List				
Box 2	3	Installation Committee (WKU)	1998	Invitations & Programs	
Description	Buckeyes Inaugural Celebration, 5/8/1998 Inaugural Luncheon, 5/8/1988 Inaugural Week Events, 5/1998 Inauguration, 5/8/1998 Inauguration Map Mace Dedication & Musical Extravaganza, 5/7/1998 Shuttle Bus Schedule, 5/1988			Subjects	Invitations Parking Tickets
Box 2	4	University Libraries (WKU)	1998	The Making of a President	
Description	Alumni Affairs (WKU) Binder, Michael Burch, Barbara Chelf, Earlene Coutts, Brian Dalmatians Eggleton, Freida Lee, David Mott, Laura Ransdell, Gary Ransdell, Julie Ransdell, Matthew Ransdell, Patrick Richardson, Mark Robertson, Lee Sims, Steve Thurmond, Strom Wright, Peggy			Subjects	Exhibitions Invitations Weddings Dogs Horseback riding Horses Homecomings Parades & processions Banners
Box 2	5	Installation Committee (WKU)	1998	Publicity	
Description	Eagles, Cynthia. New President Aims Western for Prominence, LCJ, 1998 Gary A. Ransdell Ransdell is Right Man for Western, PCDN, 5/12/1998 Roberts, Julia Web Site, Phone Number Offer WKU Inauguration Information, PR, 4/13/1998 Items removed due to duplication: College Heights Herald: Inauguration '98 New Beginnings, 4/30/1998, see microfilm On Campus, Vol. 7, No. 7 - D2215 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/2617 On Campus, Vol. 7, No. 9 - D4334 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4401 On Campus, Vol. 8, No. 2 - D4336 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4399 On Campus, Vol. 8, No. 4 - D4338 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4412 On Campus, Vol. 8, No. 5 - D4339 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4407			Subjects	Correspondence Public relations

Box 2	6	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Inaugural Greetings
Description	Letters of congratulations sent to presidents and chancellors around the country by Gary Ransdell, includes some invitations and programs. See also UA3.9.3 Reading File.			Subjects
	<p>Argersinger, Jo Ann</p> <p>Belck, Nancy</p> <p>Bonanno, Phyllis</p> <p>California State University, San Bernardino</p> <p>Central State University, OH</p> <p>Columbia College</p> <p>Dillard University</p> <p>Fleming, Horace</p> <p>Franklin College</p> <p>Garland, John</p> <p>Handley, Allyson</p> <p>Karnig, Albert</p> <p>Lee, Rory</p> <p>Lomax, Michael</p> <p>Louisiana College</p> <p>Marion, Paul</p> <p>Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary</p> <p>Midway College</p> <p>Northern Kentucky University</p> <p>Ransdell, Gary</p> <p>Reid, Irvin</p> <p>Roush, John</p> <p>Southern Illinois University</p> <p>Spradlin, Michael</p> <p>State University of New York</p> <p>University of Nebraska - Omaha</p> <p>University of Richmond</p> <p>University of Southern Mississippi</p> <p>Votruba, James</p> <p>Wayne State University</p> <p>Yu, Paul</p>			<p>Inaugurations</p> <p>Certificates</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Invitations</p> <p>Programs</p>

Box 2	7	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1999-2000	Inaugural Greetings
Description	Letters of congratulations sent to presidents and chancellors around the country by Gary Ransdell, includes some invitations and programs. See also UA3.9.3 Reading File.			Subjects
	<p>Ball State University</p> <p>Bell, Robert</p> <p>Belmont University</p> <p>Benton, Andrew</p> <p>Bergland, Bruce</p> <p>Boshini, Victor</p> <p>Brownell, Blaine</p> <p>Campbellsville University</p> <p>Carter, Michael</p> <p>Central Missouri State University</p> <p>Centre College</p> <p>Chadron State College</p> <p>Cowen, Scott</p> <p>Eastern Illinois University</p> <p>Elon College</p> <p>Farrington, Gregory</p> <p>Fisher, Robert</p> <p>Flynn, Thomas</p> <p>Halstead, John</p> <p>Hatton, Barbara</p>			<p>Inaugurations</p> <p>Certificates</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Invitations</p> <p>Programs</p>

Illinois State University
 Indiana University Northwest
 Jackson, Shirley
 Kennedy, Larry
 William Carey College
 Knoxville College, TN
 Krepel, Thomas
 Lambert, Leon
 Lehigh University
 Madisonville Community College
 Mansfield University
 Millikin University
 Mississippi Valley State University
 Newman, Lester
 Patton, Bobby
 Pepperdine University
 Ransdell, Gary
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhoads, Judith
 Roush, John
 Surles, Carol
 Tennessee Technological University
 Tulane University

Box 2	8	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	2001-2003	Inaugural Greetings
Description	Letters of congratulations sent to presidents and chancellors around the country by Gary Ransdell, includes some invitations and programs. See also UA3.9.3 Reading File.			Subjects Inaugurations Certificates Correspondence Invitations Programs
	Arizona State University Bale, Kristen Bassis, Michael Bollinger, Lee Butler University California State University Channel Islands Cavanaugh, John Celeste, Richard Columbia University Crow, Michael East Carolina University Eastern Kentucky University Fong, Bobby Glasser, Joanne Lewis, Pamela Limbert, Claudia Lombardi, John Mississippi College Mississippi University for Women Muse, William Queens University of Charlotte Ransdell, Gary Royce, Lee Rush, Richard Russell, Joseph The Colorado College Todd, Lee University of Kentucky University of Massachusetts - Amherst University of West Florida Westminster College			

Box 2	9	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Correspondence
Description	Curriculum Vitae Esters, Liz Hensley, Fred Martin, Cornelius New WKU President Takes Office, LCJ, 11/1/1997 Ransdell, Gary Ransdell Named President at Western Kentucky University, 9/12/1997 Ransdell Named WKU President, 9/12/1997 Scholarship Endowment Honors Former Clemson Vice President, 11/14/1997 WKU Foundation			Subjects Correspondence Public relations
Box 2	10	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Congratulations - Email
Description	Allen, William Baker, Melanie Blair, John Bouknight, Mendal Boykin, Joe Brosnan, Denis Brown, Matthew Carlson, Clint Congratulations Crume, Gene Dawson, Darren Doost, Roger Dryden, Dave Eggleton, Freida Esters, Elizabeth Gerus, Adrienne Gibson, Alicia Gogue, Jay Goodman, Sonya Goswami, Dixie Grady, Leslie Hall, Brenda Harshman, Nancy Hayes, R. Hendrix, William Herrin, Ron Jacks, Almeda Jennett, Charles Keinath, Tom Kellers, Frank Kelly, Betty Kierce, Pam Koonce, Roger Lamb, Bill Lamb, Marijo Larson, David Lawson, Kaye Lawson, Kaye Lee, David Lester, John Ludlow, Scott Martin, Del Matheson, Kaye McClain, Lynn McCrary, Thea McKale, Don Mendel, Ray			Subjects Correspondence

Michaud, Paul
 Morris, Vivian
 Newton, John
 Nixon, Ted
 Padgett, Greg
 Patterson, Roger
 Player, Kirby
 Pomian, Donna
 Pruitt, Kenneth
 Przirembel, Chris
 Ransdell, Gary
 Rash, Dan
 Ricketts, Kathey
 Shelton, Paul
 Smith, Greg
 Smith, Joy
 Stone, Dewitt
 Sunshine, Karen
 Thompson, Stassen
 Thurston, Ron
 Trapnell, Jerry
 Turner, Ray
 Vos, Arvin
 Waldvogel, Jerry
 Wallace, Isaac
 Wardlaw, Sue
 Wehrenberg, Bill
 Weigel, Richard
 White, Bart
 Wilson, Greg
 Wilson, Jeff
 Yandle, Bruce

Box 2	11	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-September	Congratulations
Description	Alexander, Thomas Alpha Delta Pi Augenstein, Dale Beggs, Donald Benson, Paul Black, Manuel aka Pat Boso, Marid Bostic, James Cameron, Neill Campbell, Bob Caughman, R.B. Clark, Rebecca Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce Clemson University. Faculty Senate Craven, William Curris, Constantine Dalhouse, Debbie Dargan, Archie Derrick, Fletcher Dukes, William Durham, Harry Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Gressette, Lawrence Hardin, Leonard Henderson, Bert Hill, John Hoover, Jolene Howell, Jimmy			Subjects Correspondence Cards Stationery Fraternities & sororities

Hurley, Ed
 James, Elouise
 Lessenberry, Robert
 Lindsay, Bill
 Lomax, Nick
 Lynch, Thomas
 Marchbanks, Claude
 McGraw, L.G.
 McLeod, Betsy
 Merline, David
 Mickel, Buck
 Morris, Earle
 O'Rourke, Brian
 Richardson, Douglas
 Richardson, Jim
 Richardson, Terry
 Schaffer, Alan
 Siebert, Timothy
 Small, Robert
 Southern Illinois University
 Spiro, Arthur
 Waller, Bob
 Way, Charles
 Webb, Bud
 Woodham, Woody

Box 2	12	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-October	Congratulations	
Description	Adams, Michael Allaire, Pierre Bacon, Pat Barnes, Frank Baumer, David Beaver, Jemmetta Box, Benton Bramham, Jane Brookman, Marilyn Burchfield, Dot Caldwell, Judy Clark, Ronald Corts, Paul Dalton, Charles Daughdrill, James Dooley, Larry Downing, Dero Ford, L. Gaudiani, Claire Giorgio, Michael Griffith, Steve Inabnit, Cathy Iracane, Philip Jones, Mark Lattimer, Dennis Mabry, Rodney Mudd, Bob Palm Beach Atlantic College Peavey, Marion Peebles, David Porta, Mark Reel, Jerome Reynolds, Mark Ross, Russell Smathers, Diane			Subjects	Correspondence Cards Stationery

Stepp, Holly. 1973 Graduate Returns to WKU as Its President, Herald-Leader, nd
 University of Georgia
 Vandiver, William
 WKU Owensboro
 Woodle, Hughey
 Ziegler Coal Holding Company

Box 2	13	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Congratulations	
Description	Berman, David Cherry, Dan Lewis, Walter McDougall, Gordon Onkst, Jim Pearce, Roy Peters, Christopher Reeves, Allen Roberts, David Sigma Alpha Epsilon Stern, Ilene Thurmond, Strom			Subjects	Correspondence Cards Stationery
Box 2	14	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	nd	Congratulations	
Description	Abernathy, Larry Brown, David Burdette, Carol Currier, Jim D'Andrea, Bill Durham, William Folk, Howard Gilbert, Linda Grigsby, Robert Harris, Patrick Heintze, Mike Hilltoppers for Christ (WKU) Holland, Sandra Johnson, Karl Lotze, Charles McClain, Lynn Molloggi, Christy Phlegar, Charles Smith, Bill Stationery Taylor, George Taylor, Mike			Subjects	Correspondence Cards Stationery
Box 5		WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997-1998	Film/Video/Audio File - Search & Installation	
Description	VHS tapes - 9 Gary Ransdell Installation, 1998 (5) - digitized Open Forum - Edward Hammond, 1997 - digitized Open Forum - Eugene Payne, 1997 - poor audio, digitized Open Forum - Gary Ransdell, 1997 - digitized Open Forum - James Ramsey, 1997 - digitized			Subjects	Video recording Interviews

Box 57		WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1998	Film/Video/Audio File - Installation
Description	betacam sp - 3			Subjects Video recording
	Gary Ransdell Installation, 5/8/1998 (3)			
Box 6		WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search & Installation
Description	VHS tapes - 2 - digitized			Subjects Video recording Interviews
	Gary Ransdell - Installation, 1997 - digitized Presidential Search Media Sessions - Gary Ransdell, Edward Hammond, Eugene Payne, James Ramsey, 1997 - digitized			
CD Box 3	CD1157	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search
Description	DVD - 1			Subjects Video recording Interviews
	Open Forum - James Ramsey, 8/25/1997 https://youtu.be/n2rmrEWOQU8			
	Eggleton, Frieda Ramsey, James			
CD Box 3	CD1158	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search
Description	DVD - 1			Subjects Video recording Interviews
	Open Forum - Edward Hammond, 8/27/1997 - https://youtu.be/hR3iR7Sauck			
	Eggleton, Frieda Hammond, Edward Hammond, Mary			
CD Box 3	CD1159	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search
Description	DVD- 1			Subjects Video recording Interviews
	Open Forum - Gary Ransdell, 8/26/1997 https://youtu.be/Xbb-2y6MR5Q			
	Eggleton, Frieda Ransdell, Gary			
CD Box 3	CD1160	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search
Description	DVD - 1			Subjects Video recording Interviews
	Open Forum - Eugene Payne, 1997 - poor audio, digitized			
	Eggleton, Frieda Payne, Eugene Payne, Karen			
CD Box 3	CD1177	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search & Installation
Description	DVD - 1			Subjects Video recording Interviews

Presidential Search Media Sessions, 1997 - <https://youtu.be/nGHMo8SRtRI>

Hammond, Edward
Hammond, Mary
Payne, Eugene
Payne, Karen
Ramsey, James
Ramsey, Jane
Randell, Gary
Ransdell, Julie

OS Box 139	4	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1998	Publicity	
Description	WKU Inauguration '98, Celebrating Excellence, PCDN, 5/7/1998 D6153			Subjects	Publicity Public relations
OS Box 69	14	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Inaugural Greetings	
Description	University of Evansville (IN)			Subjects	Certificates Inaugurations
Tape Box 1	Drawer 2	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search & Installation	
Description	Audiotapes - 2 - digitized Candidate Interviews Media Sessions - Gary Ransdell, 8/26/1997 m112.wav Candidate Interviews Media Session - James Ramsey, 8/25/1997 m113.wav Student Forum - Gary Ransdell, 8/26/1997 m111.wav			Subjects	Audio recording Interviews Employment interviewing
Tape Box 1	Drawer 3	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Search & Installation	
Description	Audiotapes - 2 digitized Board of Regents, Name Gary Ransdell President, 9/12/1997 - m188.wav Candidate for WKU President, Open Forum, 8/26/1997 - m138.wav, m139.wav			Subjects	Audio recording Interviews Employment interviewing
VLM		WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1998	Film/Video/Audio File - Installation	
Description	MP4 file Gary Ransdell Installation, 5/8/1998, m1446.mp4 - https://youtu.be/6W_KOwMv9co Bale, Kristin Buchanon, Michael Burch, Barbara Coffman, Keith Cook, Paul Deeb, Barbara Downing, Dero Fischer, Earl Grambling, Joy Gray, Lois Hardin, Leonard Holt, Sarah Honor guards Jackson, Carlton Jacobson, Danna Kafogolis, Nick			Subjects	Video recording African Americans Blacks

Loafman, Peggy
Long, John
Mace (WKU)
Mahurin, Pete
Martin, Cornelius
McIntosh, Barry
Mendel, Ray
Mercer, Burns
Meredith, Thomas
Minton, John
Modlin, Dan
Music (WKU)
Nunn, Steve
Patton, Paul
Ransdell, Gary
Regents (WKU)
Renaud, Eldon
Richards, Jody
Root, Scott
Schaeffer, Ronald
Thomas, Roger
Vos, Arvin
Watkins, Hays
Wilson, Rick
Zacharias, Donald