



Western Kentucky University
UA3 President's Office
Series 9 Gary Ransdell
Subseries 6 Interviews & Oral Histories

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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: Interviews and oral histories with and about Gary Ransdell.

Dates: 1997-present

Extent: 2 audiotapes, 3 videotapes, 3 dvds

Subject Analytics:

Audio recording

Education

Interviews

Ransdell, Gary b. 1951

Video recording

Western Kentucky University

Digital Commons:

Higher Education Administration

Leadership Studies

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:

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

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

[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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Finding Aid Report

05/21/2019

UA3.9.6	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.9
Title	UA3 WKU President's Office	
Collection	Series 9 Gary Ransdell	
Scope & Content	Subseries 6 Interviews & Oral Histories	
	WKU Archives	
	Interviews and oral histories with and about Gary Ransdell.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 115		Western Kentucky University	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews/Oral Histories
Description	betacam sp Ransdall's First Day as President, 11/10/1997			Subjects Interviews Video recording
Box 6		WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews
Description	VHS - 2 Gary Ransdell on Outlook, 11/22/1997 (2) - digitized			Subjects Video recording Interviews
CD Box 3	CD1100	Western Kentucky University	2013	Film/Video/Audio File - Gary Ransdell Roast
Description	DVD Gary Ransdell Roast, 7/16/2013 Anderson, Lucinda Brooks, Kevin Minton, John Jr. Ransdell, Gary Williams, Abraham			Subjects African Americans Blacks
CD Box 3	CD1102	Western Kentucky University	2012	Film/Video/Audio File - 15th Anniversary
Description	DVD Well Wishes to Gary Ransdell, 15th Anniversary, 9/2012 - https://youtu.be/lxVwcvVacgE Bailey, Howard Gray, Lois Guthrie, Brett McConnell, Mitch Miller, Mary Richards, Jody Votruba, Jim			Subjects African Americans Blacks Anniversaries

CD Box 3	CD1163	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1997	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews
Description	DVD - 1			Subjects Video recording Interviews
	Gary Ransdell on Outlook, 11/22/1997 https://youtu.be/43Ng4Cu8WJs			
	Deeb, Barbara Ransdell, Gary			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 3	WKYU-FM	1999	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews/Oral Histories
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized			Subjects Interviews Radio broadcasting Audio recording
	WKYU-FM Midday Edition, 1999 m137.wav			
Tape Box 4	Drawer 21	WKU President's Office - Ransdell	1998	Film/Video/Audio File - Interviews/Oral Histories
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized			Subjects Audio recording Interviews
	Kentucky General Assembly, 1998 - m187.wav - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3055			
	Programs of Distinction, 1998 - m191.wav - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3056			
	Council of Postsecondary Education Kafoglis, Nick Mass Media & Technology Hall (WKU) Richards, Jody Thomas, Roger			