



Western Kentucky University
UA1C11 WKU Archives Photo Collections
Subseries 95 Kelly Thompson Photo Collection

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Administrative History: The president's office was created in 1906. Assistant to the President Edwin Kelly Thompson became acting president during Paul Garrett's last illness. Upon Garrett's death February 28, 1955 the Board of Regents approved Thompson to continue as acting president until a replacement could be found. He was elected president on October 17, 1955 a position he held until his retirement in 1969.

Kelly Thompson was born in Lebanon, Kentucky on January 28, 1909. He came to Western in the fall of 1928 on a football scholarship and earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Thompson spent his early career at WKU as college representative and publicity director. During World War II he served in the Navy, after which he returned to campus to work as an assistant to E.A. Diddle and President Paul Garrett. [Harrison, pp. 139-143]

During his tenure as president, Thompson oversaw a steady increase in student population which resulted in the construction of new buildings and WKU gained university status in 1966. He stepped down in 1969 and later went on to serve as president of the College Heights Foundation. Thompson died August 14, 1993.

Description: Photographs pulled from WKU President Kelly Thompson's files.

Dates: 1955-1969

Extent: 5 folders, 1 oversize

Subject Analytics:

Architectural photographs
Buildings
Photographs

Thompson, E. Kelly, 1909-1993
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Digital Commons:

Higher Education Administration
Photography

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

Access Restrictions: none

Allied Materials:

UA3/3 WKU President's Office - Thompson

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Finding Aid Report

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UA1C11.95	Print, Photographic	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA1C11
Title	UA1C WKU Archives Photograph Collection	
Collection	Series 11. Collections	
Scope & Content	Subseries 95. Kelly Thompson Photo Collection	
	WKU Archives	
	Photographs pulled from WKU President Kelly Thompson's files.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
OS PC	FOS46	WKU President's Office - Thompson	1964	Floor Plans
Description	Health & Physical Education Building (WKU) Helm-Cravens Library (WKU)			Subjects Architectural drawings Gymnasiums Libraries
PC	F3963	WKU President's Office - Thompson	nd	Photographs
Description	1700 Chestnut Street (Bowling Green, KY) 424 Meadowbrook (Bloomington, IN) Art (WKU) Bates Runner Hall (WKU) Bowling Green, KY Bowling on the Green, nd Cherry Hall (WKU) Craig Alumni Hall (WKU) East Hall (WKU) Garrett Conference Center (WKU) Gibson, Raymond Health & Physical Education Building (WKU) Heating Plant (WKU) Helm-Cravens Library (WKU) Jonesville, KY Kentucky Building (WKU) McLean Hall (WKU) North Hall (WKU) Potter Hall (WKU) President's Home (WKU) Rodes-Harlin Hall (WKU) South Hall (WKU) Stadium (WKU) Strategic Air Command Thompson Science Complex (WKU) Thompson, Kelly Van Meter Hall (WKU) Veterans Village (WKU) West Hall (WKU) Western Area Vocational School Western Kentucky University			Subjects Aerial photographs Architectural drawings Bedrooms Beds Construction Exhibitions Gymnasiums Homes & haunts Houses Interior design Living rooms Pipes Swimming pools Dormitories Residential facilities

PC	F3982	WKU President's Office - Thompson	1960-1963	Photographs
Description	Diddle Arena (WKU) Diddle Arena architectural drawings Diddle Arena cross section Diddle Arena Plot Plan Health & Physical Education Building (WKU)			Subjects Basketball Fans Floor plans Gymnasiums
PC	F3984	WKU President's Office - Thompson	nd	Photographs
Description	Diddle Arena (WKU) Student Advisory Council (WKU) Thompson, Kelly			Subjects Construction Gymnasiums
PC	F4060	WKU President's Office - Thompson	1966-1967	Photographs
Description	Academic Complex (WKU) Band Shells Breathitt, Edwards Cherry Hall (WKU) Diddle Arena (WKU) Frankfort, KY Hallways Kentucky Capitol Building L.T. Smith Stadium (WKU) Pearce-Ford Tower (WKU) Poland Hall (WKU) Utah Symphony Orchestra Veterans Village (WKU)			Subjects Aerial photographs Architectural drawings Bandstands Utility poles Construction Acoustical engineering Dormitories Halls Overcrowding Residential facilities Science Students
PC	F4084	WKU President's Office - Thompson	nd	Photographs
Description	5 15th Street (Bowling Green, KY) Averill Park, NY Baby pictures Barnes-Campbell Hall (WKU) Bemis Lawrence Hall (WKU) Berns, Karl Buggies Burkhead, Gilbert Butler, Wendell Chicago, IL College Heights Boulevard (Bowling Green, KY) Dodson, Marvin Edds, Gerald Fontaine, Beulah Grise Hall (WKU) Hammonds, Owen Harlin, Max Helm-Cravens Library (WKU) Jack Lieb Productions Janes, W.H. Keen, Douglas Kirkwood family Kirkwood, Bob Kirkwood, Elaine Kirkwood, Heidi Kirkwood, Robin L.C. Curry Home 1964			Subjects Architectural drawings Children Christmas cards Churches Clippings Construction Horses Dogs Homes & haunts Houses Newspapers Portrait photographs Snow Winter

Lawrence, Bemis
Lowman, Josephine
Lowman, Shepard
Martin, Richard
Matthews, Betty
Matthews, Bob
McNeill, W.R.
Minton Hall (WKU)
Newspapers
No Doubt Education was Subject of Discussion, np, nd
Ogden College (Bowling Green, KY)
Poland, Hugh
Rock House (WKU)
Rodes, John
Seminar Center (WKU)
Smith, Herbert
Student National Education Association (WKU)
Sumpter, Ward
Temple, Alvis
Thompson, Kelly
Wagons
Western Leases Ogden College Property, np, nd