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UA1C11/95 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
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: none

Allied Materials:
UA3/3 WKU President’s Office - Thompson

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### Finding Aid Report

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**Description**
- Health & Physical Education Building (WKU)
- Helm-Cravens Library (WKU)

**Subjects**
- Architectural drawings
- Gymnasiums
- Libraries

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**Description**
- 1700 Chestnut Street (Bowling Green, KY)
- 424 Meadowbrook (Blooming, 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

**Container List**
- **UA1C11.95**
  - **Level**: Subseries
  - **Title**: UA1C WKU Archives Photograph Collection
  - **Collection**: Series 11. Collections
  - **Scope & Content**: Subseries 95. Kelly Thompson Photo Collection
  - **Description**: Photographs pulled from WKU President Kelly Thompson’s files.

**Linked to**: UA1C11
PC  F3982  WKU President's Office - Thompson  1960-1963  Photographs
Description  Diddle Arena (WKU)
Diddle Arena architectural drawings
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Subjects  Basketball
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Floor plans
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PC  F3984  WKU President's Office - Thompson  nd  Photographs
Description  Diddle Arena (WKU)
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Subjects  Construction
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PC  F4060  WKU President's Office - Thompson  1966-1967  Photographs
Description  Academic Complex (WKU)
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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
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Utility poles
Construction
Acoustical engineering
Dormitories
Halls
Overcrowding
Residential facilities
Science
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PC  F4084  WKU President's Office - Thompson  nd  Photographs
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Chicago, IL
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Fountain, Beulah
Grise Hall (WKU)
Hammonds, Owen
Harlin, Max
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L.C. Curry Home 1964
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Children
Christmas cards
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Ogden College (Bowling Green, KY)
Poland, Hugh
Rock House (WKU)
Rodes, John
Seminar Center (WKU)
Smith, Herbert
Student National Education Association (WKU)
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Thompson, Kelly
Wagons
Western Leases Ogden College Property, np, nd