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UA3/4/9 President's Office-Downing Scrapbooks

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Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 4 Dero Downing

Subseries 9 Scrapbooks

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Administrative History: The president's office was created in 1906. The search for the fourth president of WKU began with Kelly Thompson's resignation announcement May 21, 1969. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dero Downing indicated that he would serve if asked. The Board of Regents elected him president on August 22, 1969. He served until his retirement in 1979.

Dero Downing was born September 10, 1921 at Fountain Run in Monroe County, Kentucky, and grew up at Horse Cave in Hart County. He enrolled at WKU in 1939 where he played basketball and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree. After serving in the Navy in World War II, he returned to Western as a mathematics teacher and coach at the College's Training School. He later became director of the Training School, college registrar, dean of admissions, dean of business affairs, and vice-president for administrative and business affairs. Upon his resignation as president in 1979 Downing became president of the College Heights Foundation, a position he held until his death on April 4, 2011.

Description: Scrapbooks created during Dero Downing's tenure as president of WKU.

Dates: 1969-1979

Extent: 17 scrapbooks

Subject Analytics:

Clippings

Downing, Dero Goodman, 1921-2011

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Accession Information: These records transferred to WKU Archives upon its creation.

Access Restrictions: none

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[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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Processing Information: Records processed and collection inventory created 2019.

Finding Aid Report

04/15/2019

UA3.4.9	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.4
Title	UA3 President's Office	
Collection	Series 4 Dero Downing	
Scope & Content	Subseries 9 Scrapbooks	
	WKU Archives	
	Scrapbooks created during Dero Downing's tenure as president of WKU.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
On Shelf		WKU President's Office - Downing	1969-1979	Scrapbooks Subjects Scrapbooks
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On Shelf		WKU President's Office - Downing	1969-1979	Scrapbooks
Description	Also two Dero Downing, John Minton combined scrapbooks.			Subjects Scrapbooks
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