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Western Kentucky University

UA3 President's Office

Series 8 Thomas Meredith

Subseries 7 Development

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Administrative History: The president's office was created in 1906. The search for a new president began with Kern Alexander's resignation announcement on April 11, 1988. The Board of Regents elected Thomas Meredith as president August 5 and installed September 21, 1988. Under Meredith's leadership, the campus expanded with the purchase of the Bowling Green Center, creation the Institute of Economic Development and the implementation of the first strategic plan Western XXI. He also hired WKU's first female vice president, Barbara Burch. Meredith had served the university for a little over eight years when he announced his resignation February 5, 1997.

Thomas Carter Meredith was born in Owensboro December 7, 1941. He obtained his BS from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1963, his MS from WKU in 1966 and his PhD from the University of Mississippi in 1971. His early career was spent teaching high school in Owensboro, Kentucky and LaHarpe, Illinois. From there he moved into administrative positions in Jeffersonville, Indiana and the board of trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi. Meredith was vice chancellor for executive affairs at the University of Mississippi when he came to WKU in 1988.

Description: Records created and received by the President's Office about development activities and events.

Dates: 1988-1997

Extent: 1.5 cu. ft.

Subject Analytics:

Fund raising

Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-

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: This record group is unprocessed and must be reviewed for potential restricted materials before access is granted. Please contact the WKU Archivist prior to your visit.

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UA1C11/103 WKU President's Office Photos

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[UA2 Board of Regents](#)

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Finding Aid Report

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UA3.8.7	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.8
Title	UA3 President's Office	
Collection	Series 8 Thomas Meredith	
Scope & Content	Subseries 7 Development	
	WKU Archives	
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Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 4		WKU President's Office - Meredith		Development
Description	Alumni - Development Trips to Florida			
OS Box 48	11	Presidents Club (WKU)	1993	Events
Description	Shake, Rattle & Roll, Presidents Club, 1993			Subjects Posters