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**Western Kentucky University
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Item 3 - Interview

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Biographical/Historical Note: Edgar Allen Diddle was born near Gradyville in Adair County, Kentucky on March 12, 1895 to John Haskins and Mary Elizabeth (Hughes) Diddle. He attended Centre College in Danville from 1915 to 1917, entered the U.S. Army, then returned to Centre for a time. After coaching briefly at the high school level, Diddle arrived at Western Kentucky in 1922. He was initially athletic director and coach of all sports. As the Hilltoppers' men's basketball coach from 1922 to 1964, he compiled a career record of 759 victories and 302 defeats and took his teams to ten OVC championships, eight National Invitational Tournaments and three National Collegiate Athletic Association tournaments. WKU's Diddle arena was dedicated November 7, 1963 in his honor. E.A. Diddle married his former women's basketball player Margaret Louise Monin in 1923. He died January 2, 1970. He was inducted into Western's newly created Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991, and into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1992. [excerpts from Encyclopedia of Kentucky]

Description: Interview with E.A. Diddle by unidentified person regarding coaching philosophy and career at WKU.

Dates: January 30, 1959

Allied Materials:

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Subject Analytics:

Athletics

Basketball

Cooper, John Sherman

Diddle, E.A.

Diddle, Ed Jr.

Red Towel (WKU)

Western Kentucky University

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