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UA 3/8 Thomas Meredith
Series 9 Interviews / Oral Histories

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Biographical/Historical Note: 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: Interviews and oral histories with and about Thomas Meredith.

Dates: 1988-present

Subject Analytics:

Audio recording

Interviews

Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-

Press conferences

Songs

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

Access Restrictions: Mini-cassette versions have to be converted to accessible medium before they can be used.

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UA3.8.9	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA3.8
Title	UA3 President's Office Series 8. Thomas Meredith Subseries 9 Interviews/Oral History	
Collection	WKU Archives	
Scope & Content	Interviews and oral histories with and about Thomas Meredith.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 40		WKU President's Office	1988	Interviews / Oral History - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audioreels - 1			Subjects Interviews Audio recording
	Naming of the President - April 11-August 12, 1988			
	Cook, Paul Meredith, Thomas Murphy, Fred			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 1	President's Office	1988-1989	Interviews/Oral Histories - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 3 digitized			Subjects Audio recording
	Press Conference re: basketball investigation, 3/13/1989*, m175.mp3, m175.wav, m176.mp3, m176.wav Press Conference Meredith and Wallace Wilkinson, 8/15/1988, m177.mp3, m177.wav Sportsline w/ Wes Strader, 91/13/1988 m178.mp3, m178.wav, m179.mp3, m179.wav			
	Alexander, Kern Iracane, Joe			
	Tape 1 destroyed during digitization, side one salvaged			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 4	President's Office	1994	Interviews/Oral Histories - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized			Subjects Audio recording
	Stand, T.K. Ballad of Tall Tale Tom, m180.mp3, m180.wav			
Tape Box 4	Drawer 2	President's Office	1989	Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Minicassette tape recording of Meredith's trip to China, removed from Correspondence / Subject File			Subjects Audio recording
Tape Box 4	Drawer 23	WKU President's Office	1992	Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized			Subjects Audio recording Western Kentucky University Budget.
	Meredith story Western Edition, nd, m155.mp3, m155.wav - http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3051			

Meredith Hall (WKU)
Preston Health & Activities Center (WKU)
Tate Page Hall (WKU)
Zacharias Hall (WKU)