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UA3/8/10 President's Office-Meredith Installation

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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 in preparation of Thomas Meredith's installation as president of WKU.


Extent: .5 cu. ft., 5 videotapes, 5 audiotapes, 1 film, 1 dvd

Subject Analytics:
Audio recording
Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-

Video recording
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:** Films, BetaSp and Beta versions have to be converted to a viewable medium before they can be accessed by the public.

**Allied Materials:**
UA1C11/103 WKU President’s Office Photos  
UA1F WKU Archives Multimedia Resources / Vertical File  
UA2 Board of Regents

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Schedule of Events for the Inauguration of Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, 4/10-14, 1989

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Tanner, Jon
Walker, Richard

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Manuscript and typescript drafts and final printed copy of Thomas Meredith's installation speech.

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Speeches, addresses, etc.

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