

**Morehead State University
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Department or Office: Department of Music, Theatre & Dance

Collection Title: Robert Hawkins Photograph Collection

Record Group Number: RG005-14-05

Date transferred: February of 2013.

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Date Span: 1939-1990

Size of Collection: 3.0 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 letter size document cases and oversized box.

Type of Material: Photographs, newspaper clippings and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized by type of format; Chronological arrangement.

Historical Information: Robert Hawkins was born on October 1, 1919 at Sullivan, Indiana. He attended local public schools and received a bachelor's degree in music from Indiana State University in 1941. Upon graduation, he was named Director of the Indiana State Marching Band. During the Second World War, Hawkins served in the United State Navy from 1942 to 1945. In 1947, he received a master's degree in Music from Indiana State and later a doctorate at Columbia University in 1950. He briefly was a music education instructor at the Teachers College at Columbia and the head of the music department and band director at Manhasset Public Schools in Long Island, New York. From 1951 to 1967, he was the director of bands, professor of music and chairman of the music division of Western State University of Colorado. He became the director of bands, conductor of the orchestra, director of wind and percussion instrument programs, director of the Daniel Boone Forest Music Camp, professor of music and musical director of the Cave Run Outdoor Theatre at Morehead State University from the spring of 1967 until his death from a heart attack in 1981. Hawkins was a frequent guest director for the Boston Pops Orchestra and the United States Navy Band. He was elected to the American Bandmasters Association in 1955. Hawkins published three books of arrangements and transcriptions for marching band and orchestra. In 1972, School Musician Magazine named

Hawkins one of the Ten Outstanding Band Directors in the United States and in 1975 he was presented a Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association. In 1980, he was appointed an honorary member of Women Band Directors International and in 1989 he was inducted into the Band Directors Hall of Fame at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. He died on November 28, 1981.

Scope and Content: Collection consist photographs, newspaper clippings and ephemera related to Morehead State University band director and professor of music Robert Hawkins. The collection includes marching band membership lists from 1967 to 1973, press guides, flyers and other items relevant to performances of the marching band.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Morehead State University – Department of Music, Theatre & Dance.

Morehead State University. Band.

Morehead State University – Photographs.

Band directors -- Kentucky.

Band directors -- United States.

Notes: The collection was donated by his two daughters Deborah Rosecrans and Deliah Chavez. The exact date of the donation was documented but is believed to have been in February of 2012 or 2013. The University of Maryland Archives has large collection of his papers (see <http://digital.lib.umd.edu/archivesum/actions.DisplayEADDoc.do?source=/MdU.ead.scpa.0110.xml&style=ead>).