

THE TOM DOWNS COLLECTION

Papers, 1976-1979
(Predominantly, 1979)

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Accession Number 780

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The papers of Tom Downs were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs between April 1976 and May, 1979 and were opened for research in August, of 1983.

Tom Downs, a Lansing Michigan attorney, was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1971-1972 and later served as a member of the Board of Control of the Grand Valley State Colleges.

The papers of Mr. Downs consist primarily of administrative reports, correspondence, and memoranda relating to the termination of the Thomas Jefferson College of the Grand Valley State Colleges a proposal that was presented to the Board of Control when Mr. Downs was a member in 1979. Additional items include personal correspondence between Mr. Downs and state and national legislators.

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Box 1

1. Downs, Tom; Correspondence, Mar-Nov 1976, May 1979
2. Grand Valley State Colleges; Budget proposals, Mar-Apr 1979
3. ; Board of Control, Memoranda, Apr-May 1979
4. ; College of General Studies, Proposal [1979]
5. ; Thomas Jefferson College, Correspondence, memoranda, 1979
6. ; Thomas Jefferson College, Enrollment statistics, 1979
7. ; Thomas Jefferson College, Poll on closing, 1979

Non-manuscript material

Five tape cassettes have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual Collection. One cassette includes a part of the Constitutional Convention Reunion, September 30, 1977. The remainder of the cassette are tapes of meetings of the Board of Control of the Grand Valley State Colleges relating to the proposed termination of Thomas Jefferson State College, which the Board voted to phase out at its meeting of May 4, 1979.