

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS

DR. ISAAC K. BECKES

1950-1980

Jill McConnell-Larson, Archivist/Librarian, has completed the archiving of boxes 61-73 of the Presidential Papers of Dr. Isaac K. Beckes, who was President of Vincennes University from 1950-1980. Boxes 1-60 were previously archived.

“An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man,” wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson. Vincennes University is the shadow cast by Dr. Isaac K. Beckes.

A native of Vincennes and a 1933 VU graduate, Dr. Beckes was an ordained Presbyterian minister with a degree from Yale, when, in 1950, he returned to Vincennes to assume the presidency of the University. It was essentially a two-year liberal arts college, with 185 students in one building in the downtown area. Under Dr. Beckes’s thirty-year leadership, the University grew into a comprehensive junior college—the only one in the state college system—with 4,600 students in 50 buildings on an 85-acre campus. Today Vu is recognized throughout the nation for its adult, continuing, and occupational programs.

After retirement in June 1980, Dr. Beckes continued to work to improve the University as Director of the VU Alumni Foundation. In 1981 he helped found the Vincennes Area Community Development Corporation, and served as its president until shortly before his death in July 1988.

From *Vincennes: A Pictorial History* (2004), by Richard Day.

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