

JAMES DEAN COLLECTION
1931-1955

FINDING AID

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James Dean Collection, 1931-1955

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Dean, James

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Biographical History

“James Byron Dean (1931-1955) was born in a house at Fourth and McClure streets in Marion, Indiana, on February 9, 1931. His parents, Winton and Mildred Wilson Dean, had married a little more than six months earlier, on July 26, 1930,” Val Holley, *James Dean: the Biography*. (New York: St. Martin’s Griffin, 1995) p. 16.

James Dean’s career lasted a very short time. He made three movies over the course of about a year and a half. Joe Hyams in his biography of James Dean concludes that the fame of James Dean rests in something his acting portrayed. Teenagers and young people in the 1950’s identified with the intensity of James’ Dean’s character and screen temperament. Many people think he was wreckless but those who know him the most remember him to be a very kind and patient young man.

Scope and Content

The James Dean collection contains papers related to the movie star, James Dean (1931-1955). Records include papers and memorabilia. There are a few items with images of Elvis Presley. Published works were separated from the archival material and catalogued as the James Dean Special Collection.

Subjects

Actors and actresses

Dean, James, 1931-1955 - Collectibles

Arrangement

The collection has been organized into the following series:

Series I: Biographical materials, 1949-1998 (Box 1)

Series II: Memorabilia (Boxes 2-5)

Container List

Series I: Biographical Materials, 1949-1998. Box 1.

Box 1: Biographical Materials

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	James Dean Letter to "King of the Wood"	20 May 195?
2	James Dean High School Graduation Program	1949
3	James T. Hopgood- Another Japanese Version- James Hopgood	
4	Sociology: A Global Perspective, Entry RE James Dean Memorial	
5	Fairmont Wesleyan Church	
6	Fairmont Reporter	WTR 1997-1998
7	"The Last Mile of the Way" by Mrs. Fred DeWeerd (James DeWeerd's Mother)	
8	Cadle Tabernacle	
9	Back Creek Friends	
10	James DeWeerd Biographical Information	
11	"Memory is Bitter-Sweet" by James DeWeerd	
12	"Minister on a Motorcycle," Lisa Hogberg	
13	Fairmont News- Tribute to James Dean	9 October 1980
14	James Dean Festivals	
15	James Dean Photos	
16	James Dean Magazines	
17	James Dean Brochures	

Series II: Memorabilia. Boxes 2-5.

Boxes 2-5: Memorabilia

Boxes	Description	Date/Note
2-5	Memorabilia and gift items, including poster of "The Giant," clothing, magnets, magazines, and calendars.	