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## **COLLECTION 158: James Dean Collection, 1931-1955**

### **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

James Dean Collection

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00158

**Creators:**

Dean, James

**Size:**

5 Boxes

**Repository:**

David Allan Hubbard Library  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
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Pasadena, CA 91182  
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**Provenance:**

Purchased in 2008 by David Bundy and Nancy Gower.

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English

**Processing:**

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## **Biography**

“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.

## **Arrangement**

This collection is organized into 5 boxes consisting of 2 series as follows:

*Series 1. Biographical materials* (Box 1)

*Series 2. Memorabilia* (Boxes 2-5)

## Box Inventory

### Series 1: Biographical Materials

#### Box 1

Folder	Name of correspondent	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 2: Memorabilia

#### Box 2-5

Memorabilia and Gift items, including poster of "The Giant," clothing, magnets, magazines, calendars, et cetera.