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Administrative Information

Title:
James Dean Collection

Collection Identifier:
CFT00158

Creators:
Dean, James

Size:
5 Boxes

Repository:
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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 wasreckless 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

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Series 2: Memorabilia

Box 2-5

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