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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  
135 N Oakland Ave  
Pasadena, CA 91182  
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**Provenance:**

Purchased in 2008 by David Bundy and Nancy Gower.

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English

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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 less than two years. His roles consisted of Jim Stark (*Rebel Without A Cause*, 1955), Cal Trask (*East of Eden*, 1955), and Jett Rink (*Giant*, 1956). Dean’s iconic status is largely attributed to young people’s identification with the intensity of James’ Dean’s portrayals of teenage disillusionment and social estrangement.

## **Scope and Content**

The James Dean collection contains papers and memorabilia related to the movie star, James Dean (1931-1955). 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.