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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 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

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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.