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James Dean Draft Registration Card

James Byron Dean, actor and icon, died too young after major roles in only three films. Born on February 8, 1931, in Marion, Indiana, Dean moved with his family to Santa Monica, California. After his mother died of cancer, he was sent to live with his aunt and uncle on their farm near Indianapolis, in Fairmount, Indiana.

In high school, he was introduced to acting by a Methodist pastor he admired. Upon graduating from high school in 1949, Dean moved back to Santa Monica to live with his father and stepmother. He enrolled at Santa Monica Community College and later transferred to UCLA to study drama. Dean worked at a number of jobs and had small roles in television shows in Hollywood. Shortly thereafter, he moved to New York where he had more bit roles, studied at the legendary Actor's Studio, and worked as a stunt tester for a game show. After Dean received positive reviews for his role in the theatrical production of *The Immoralist*, he returned to Hollywood. Director Elia Kazan, looking to cast a Marlon Brando type for the role of "Cal Trask" for his movie *East of Eden*, chose James Dean. The film, released in 1955, would give Dean his first starring role as well as earn him his first of two posthumous Academy Award nominations. Dean next starred as "Jim Stark" in the 1955 film *Rebel without a Cause*. He starred opposite Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo as a misunderstood youth and rebel loner desperately seeking guidance from a father figure. This is the character that Dean would be immortalized as and most known for. In order to avoid typecasting as the rebel youth, Dean took a supporting role in the 1956 film *Giant*, opposite Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor. He played a much older character, "Jett", an oil rich Texan. The role earned Dean his second posthumous Oscar nomination. He is the only actor to have received two posthumous nominations. James Dean developed a penchant for fast cars and racing. While driving to a race on September 30, 1955, Dean collided with another automobile and died. He was 24.

Although it was rumored that he was speeding at the time, a later reconstruction proved that he was driving the speed limit. Dean is buried in Fairmount, Indiana. The document shown is the Selective Service Registration Card for James Byron Dean from Indiana. On February 14, 1949, Dean registered with the Selective Service at Indiana Local Board Number 25 in Fairmount. He is listed as a high school student, with blue eyes and brown hair, 5 feet 8 inches, and weighing 150 pounds. He recorded a crooked ring finger in the obvious physical characteristics section. There is no Classification Record for Dean, and he did not serve in the armed forces. Currently, James Dean's draft card can be found at the National Archives–Great Lakes Region, Chicago.

This registration card is part of the Record Group 147, Office of the Selective Service, Indiana Selective Service Registration Cards
For men born between 1922 & 1940.
NARA Great Lakes Region–Chicago

NARA West Coast January 2009

"The Mariposa Grove of Big Trees

in Winter Garb, February 1936"

RG 79, Records of the National Park Service
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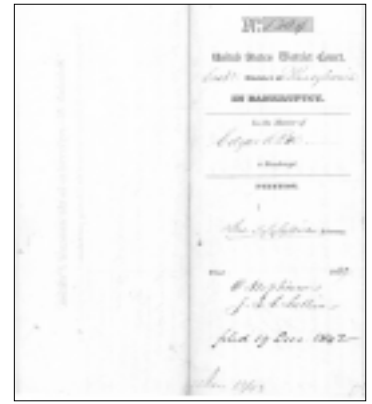
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A Christmas Postcard, 1909
J.G. Shermack, Deputy U.S.
Marshal in Galveston, Texas
 Produced by Raphael Tuck & Sons
 "Christmas Post Cards" Series No. 102.
 Raphael Tuck & Sons were the "Art
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 and Queen."
 NARA Southwest Region, Fort Worth



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