CHICAGO DAILY NEWS CRIME RESEARCH COLLECTION, 1932–1995

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size manuscript document case
1 folder of photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1932–1995

PROVENANCE: John Todd, Indianapolis, Ind., February 2008

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

At one time the Chicago Daily News was one of Chicago’s leading daily newspapers. It was founded by Melville E. Stone in 1875 and was known for its tough aggressive writing style and appealed to the popular mass market. Its last edition was published in 1979.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was created in 1908 by Attorney General Charles Bonaparte. J. Edgar Hoover became the Director of the FBI in the 1920s and instituted changes that made the FBI the nation’s premier law enforcement agency. The agency was instrumental in the fight against gangsters during the 1920s and 30s and threats to American security by foreign agents during WWII.

Born 22 June 1903 in Indianapolis, John Dillinger was a troubled youth who became one of the most notorious gangsters in American history. During his crime spree he terrorized the Midwest with killings, robberies, and jail breaks. He was gunned down by FBI agents in Chicago on 22 July 1934 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Sources:
Federal Bureau of Investigation: http://www.fbi.gov/

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The bulk of this collection consists of an unidentified Chicago Daily News reporter’s research and drafts in preparation for publishing a series of “News and Views” features during the 1930s and 40s about John Dillinger and his gang as well as other infamous criminals. The reporter was assisted by “G-Men” and FBI reports in collecting facts and recreating various events relating to the capture of Dillinger and other criminals.

The collection contains official FBI reports, handwritten and typed notes from interviews with G-Men, excerpts from books, and article drafts complete with proofreading marks pertaining to John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, John Paul Chase, and John Meredith. In addition, FBI files are included for George John Dasch, Carl Emil Ludwig Krepper, and W. D. Manley. There are also five photographs with actors as agents, police, and criminals reenacting crime scenes and events. The later Dillinger newspaper clippings appear to be an addition by the donor.
SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: John Dillinger, 1936–1995

CONTENTS

Page 2 of FBI Report on Dillinger’s associate Harry Pierpont, June 12, 1936

FBI Report on John Dillinger, Oct. 10, 1944

Typed questions and handwritten answer sheets relating to FBI Report on John Dillinger

Dillinger capture plot

Pix Layout on Dillinger: narrative draft of photographic reenactment for news story, produced prior to Oct. 19, 1944

Handwritten reporter’s notes on Dillinger story

Monogram Pictures press release regarding upcoming John Dillinger movie, Nov. 1, 1944

“Unknown to Portray Role of Dillinger” newspaper clipping

Draft of “The Dillinger Case” article for the “News and Views” section, Chicago Daily News

Jean Anne Ancel’s Chicago Daily News photo release and receipt form, Dec. 19, 1944

Introduction and caption drafts for “The Death of Dillinger” reenactment, Jan. 6.–Jan. 9, 1945

Chicago Herald American article “Dillinger Lawyer Now Bartender”, Jan. 19, 1945

Addendum “Detroit Spy Ring”, Mar. 3, 1945

Article “Gun Ends Life of Doctor Who Aided Dillinger”, July 30, 1946
“Late News Bulletin: Dillinger Girl Buried in Quiet Services”, May 5, 1949

*The Indianapolis Star* “The Dillinger Legend” multi-page feature in the Focus section, July 24, 1994

*The Indianapolis Star* book review of “*John Dillinger Slept Here,*” Aug. 20, 1995

**Series 2: John Meredith, 1944, 1949, n.d.**

**CONTENTS**

FBI Wanted notice for Jack K. Meredith,
April 25, 1944

*Chicago Daily News* “Con Man’s Trail of Bad Checks Easy for G-men to Follow,” Jan. 15, 1949

FBI Report I.C. #87-2501 on John Kenneth Meredith with aliases and history to conviction. Nov. 03, 1944

Report – unidentified source on John Meredith contains notes on items in previous FBI report I.C. #87-2501. Not dated

Typed Questions Re: John Meredith on FBI case I.C. #87-2501 pertaining to the National Stolen Property Act. Not dated.

**Series 3: Baby Face Nelson, 1934, n.d.**

**CONTENTS**

*News Views* “The Fox with the Baby Face” captions for pictures A through L (pictures not included)
Not dated.

Teletype message about anonymous murder lead in Chicago, with hand written notes.
Dated Nov. 28, 1934

Hand written notes on Baby Face and the murder of three FBI agents and “Mrs. Baby Face”. Not dated.

Typed notes on Baby Face’s reunion with his wife on May 31, 1934 and FBI attempted capture with shootout at Lake Como, WI. Not dated.


Typed notes from FBI records, with penciled in notes, concerning the Spider Lake, WI, gun battle with FBI agents. Not dated.

Typed and hand written notes titled “Tribune article history, Aug. 5, 1934 (date of article)”

**Series 4: John Paul Chase, 1935**

**CONTENTS**

FBI report, case I. C. #62-29777, on the murder of FBI inspectors Samuel Cowley and Special Agent H.E. Hollis in Barrington, IL, gun battle. Dated April 17, 1935

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**Series 5: George John Dasch, 1942**

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Typed notes on Edward John Kerling concerning the recruiting of this German in 1942 to the U.S. anti-sabotage efforts

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Series 6: Carl Emil Ludwig Krepper, 1948

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Series 7: W. D. Manley, 1932

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FBI Report on I.C. #36-1090 for “W.D. Manley, Bankers Trust Company, Atlanta, Georgia” concerning Mail Fraud. This concerns the failure of the Bankers Trust Company in 1926. Dated Nov. 29, 1932.

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Series 8: Notes and Photographs, 1945, n.d.

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Typed Detroit Spy Ring Addendum for Mrs. Marianna Von Moltke. Dated March 03, 1945

Typed note from C.H. to Edan discussing his attempts to find Clouds Ford. Not dated.

Hand written note with two addresses in an unidentified location. Not dated

Five photos of crime and police reenactments. Photos are not captioned or dated.

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Photographs:

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