# JAMES A. STUART PAPERS, 1907-1966

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#### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION: box

Visual materials: 1 half-sized photograph box

COLLECTION 1907-1966

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#### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James Arthur Stuart was born in Bloomington, Indiana September 2, 1880 to parents Rachel E. (Stepp) Stuart and John Wesley Stuart. After graduating from Bloomington High School, he would attend Indiana University in Bloomington, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1901. With help from classmate Arthur L. Murray, Stuart immediately landed a job in the journalism field at the *Muncie Star*. In 1905 he would join the editorial staff of the *Indianapolis Star*, where he would spend the rest of his career, with only a short interruption at the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Times* in Denver, Colorado beginning in 1921. He returned to the *Indianapolis Star* as managing editor in 1923. In 1946 he was promoted to editor. Upon his retirement in 1960, Stuart was named editor emeritus. He was president of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, and a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, National Press Club, and the Indiana Society of Chicago, among others.

Stuart was active in numerous civic groups as well, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association, Rotary Club, Indiana Society of Scottish Rite, and Goodwill Industries of Indianapolis. He was an accomplished public speaker, both state-wide and nationally.

Stuart was married twice; first to Moss Farr in 1904, who died in 1915. He had two children from that marriage, Rachel F. and James A., Jr. Then, in 1921, he married Ruth L. Day. Two more children resulted from this marriage, Edward Day (who did not survive infancy) and Lawrence Day. James A. Stuart died May 20, 1975 at the age of 94.

#### Sources:

Barnhart, John D. and Carmony, Donald F. 1954. *Indiana: From Frontier to Industrial Commonwealth Vol. III*, 45. New York: Lewis Historical Publishing

"James Stuart Dies at 94, Prominent in Civic Affairs." *Indianapolis Star*, 21 May 1975, pages 1 and 7.

Materials in the collection

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists mainly of correspondence and ephemera collected by Stuart during his nearly 60-year career in newspaper journalism. It includes letters from early 20<sup>th</sup> century luminaries in the newspaper business as well as authors, politicians, and artists. It is arranged chronologically, although correspondence from certain individuals has been placed in separate folders by a previous processor (see series contents).

Also included in a separate series is family correspondence from Stuart's later life.

Photographs in the collection include group portraits of *Indianapolis Star* staff and of some of the clubs Stuart was involved in. Professional headshots, family pictures, and snapshots complete the collection.

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Personal headshots and family photos Photographs:

Box 1, Folder 4

#### **CALENDARS**

# **BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE 1907-1910 (Box 1, Folder 1)**

1907 July 28	From Jap Miller, mayor of Brooklyn, Indiana. How old is Mr. Riley? ALS and handwritten manuscript. 8 pp.
1907 July 30	From Edward A. Ross, eugenicist. On remarks about birth rate. TLS 1 p.
1907 Nov. 16	From George Bare McArickam [?] Recalls early attempts at theatre. ALS 2 pp.
1907 Nov. 26	George Ade to B. F. Lawrence, Managing Editor <i>Indianapolis Star</i> . Recalls early attempts at theatre. TLS 2 pp.
1907 Dec. 9	From Governor J. Frank Hanly. Time restraints prevent me from complying with your request. TLS 1 p.
1908 Oct. 3	Stuart's explanation of requests for tributes to Benjamin Harrison from living members of his cabinet upon dedication of Harrison statue in University Park. Accompanied postcard from John W. Noble [missing]. ALS (initialed) 1 p.
1908 Oct. 7	From Benjamin F. Tracy. Health concerns prevent me from complying with your request. TLS 1 p.
1908? Oct.?	From John W. Foster. Note accompanying article about Harrison [missing]. ALS 1 p.
1908 Nov. 11	From Governor J. Frank Hanly. Letter accompanying Thanksgiving Proclamation for 1908 [present]. TLS 1 p.
1908 Nov. 21	From Hugh Thomas Miller. Complying with request for message of thanksgiving. TLS 1 p.
1909 Jan. 21	From John N. Hurty, Secretary of State Board of Health. Thanks for article request about transmission of disease and public health. TLS 1 p.
1909 Jan. 23	From Jesse W. Weik, Lincoln biographer. Expresses doubts about "Parrott portrait," 1858. ALS 1 p.

1909 Jan. 25	From Johnnie Gruelle. Answering request about the origins of Jim Crow character on front page of the <i>Star</i> . ALS 4 pp.
1909 Feb. 4	James A. Stuart to Wilbur D. Nesbit, <i>Chicago Evening Post</i> . Request for Jim Crow character birthday congratulations. TLS 1 p. Response from Nesbit handwritten on verso.
1909 Feb. 6	From James B. Elmore. Poem written in tribute of Jim Crow character. ALS 1 p.
1909 Feb. 12	From Mark Thistlethwaite, Secretary to Governor Thomas R. Marshall. Tribute from Gov. Marshall to Jim Crow character enclosed [present]. TLS 1 p.
1909 Aug. 12	From J. W. Gawler [?] Writing for return of pictures. ALS 2 pp.
1909 Nov. 1	From Mark Thistlethwaite, Secretary to Governor Thomas R. Marshall. Thanks for colored supplement page you sent. TLS 1 p.
1909 Nov. 4	Governor Thomas R. Marshall's Thanksgiving Proclamation for 1909. Signed by Marshall and Secretary of State Fred A. Sims.
1910 Feb. 22	From Frederick Landis. "Happyville IS Logansport"; the book is dedicated to the Lady of the Portico, my Mother. TL with handwritten postscript. 1 p.
1910 April 18	From Frederick Landis. Response to request for Memorial Day tribute. TLS 1 p.
1910 May 10	From Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie. History of the Minerva Society and her time at New Harmony, Indiana. ALS 8 pp.
1910 May [?]	From Frederick Landis. Memorial Day tribute impossible. TLS 1 p.
1910 June 2	From T. L. Lewis, United Mine Workers of America. Will comply with request to write about the Bureau of Mines. TLS 1 p.
1910 July 6	From Charles W. Fairbanks. Regarding enclosed piece about the Holy Land [missing]. TLS 1 p.
1910 Nov. 22	From Charles W. Fairbanks. Regarding the Forestry Association. TLS 1 p.
1910	Typed introductory paragraph and a history of the Minerva Society taken from Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie's letter of May 10. 3

pp.

1910 [?]	From John W. Kern. Regarding candidacy for U. S. Senator. ALS 1	
	p. with typed transcript and note about questionable date.	

1910 [?] From John W. Kern. Article about Kern's candidacy written in the third person. AL 5 pp.

#### **BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE 1917-1921 (Box 1, Folder 2)**

BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE 1917-1921 (Box 1, Folder 2)		
1917 April 26	From George Ade. Enclosed is a "brief boost" for the Penrod series [present]. TLS 1 p. Also filed here is typed copy of Ade's poem "The Yankee's Prayer." 1 p.	
1917 April 27	From Wilbur D. Nesbit. Praise for Tarkington and the Penrod series. TLS 1 p.	
1917 July 2	From Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard. Just returned from vacation; sorry I missed your note about Abe [Martin] liberty loan article. ALS 1 p.	
1918 Jan. 13	From J. W. Piercy, Indiana University. Opinions on the best way for students to prepare for the newspaper field. ALS 2 pp.	
1918 Nov. 21	From W. A. White, <i>Emporia</i> [KS] <i>Gazette</i> . Would like to write something for the <i>Star</i> about the peace conference in Europe. TLS 1 p.	
1920 Oct. 13	From Harry B. Smith, Chairman, Escort Committee. On car assignment in escort of Senator [Warren G.] Harding. TL (carbon copy) 1 p.	
1921 March 3	Clipping from <i>Bloomington Evening World</i> about Stuart's new position on <i>Rocky Mountain News and Denver Times</i> in Colorado.	
1921 April	Typed, corrected manuscript of Stuart's speech to <i>Star</i> employees after one month away. 3 pp.	
1921 July 4	From E. W. Howe, <i>Rocky Mountain News</i> . On his confusion about what the Ku Klux Klan was. Enclosed is a letter received from J. G. Schwalm [present] about the establishment of a truly American	

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organization, separate from any church. ALS 1 p. [Enclosure TLS 2

1921 July 13 ------ On establishment of the *Golden Globe* and other Denver newspapers. "Imperial Kleagle" takes himself too seriously. Enclosed is a circular about my books [present] and an invitation to join "Knights of Uncle Sam" [from Schwalm?][present] ALS 4 pp.

# ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE CORRESPONDENCE (Box 1, Folders 8 and 9) Albert J. Beveridge to James A. Stuart unless otherwise specified.

#### Box 1, Folder 8

1917 Nov. 21	Concerning finishing a chapter on Marshall. ALS 1 p.
1921 Feb. 10	Bobbs, W. C. to James A. Stuart. Disqualified himself from endorsing Beveridge as a candidate for senator. TLS 1 p.
1921 Mar. 21	A letter of thanks for Stuart handling his speeches while in Denver. Personal advice about daughter's college transfer from I.U. to Denver. TLS 2 pp.
1921 Nov. 7	Regarding enclosed speech "Truth Has to be Spoken." TLS 1 p.
1921 Nov. 25	Letter of thanks. ALS 1 p.
1922 Jan. 28	Recommending that Ben Lindsey write a letter to benefit Lake County. TLS 1 p.
1922 Feb. 17	Confidential note of decision to announce his candidacy for senator. TLS 1 p.
1922 Feb. 25	Requesting Stuart write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Lindsey. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1922 Feb. 25	Letter of thanks for editorial. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1922 Mar. 22	Letter of thanks for editorial and prediction on vote. Added note in his hand. TLS 1 p.
1922 May 12	Describing results of primary election. TLS (initialed) 3 pp.
1922 July 12	Comments on articles, proposed a plan for campaign photography. ALS (initialed) 3 pp.
1922 July 16	Invitation to lunch en route to Colorado Springs. ALS 1 p.

1922 Sept. 5	Thanks for copy of K. Schyler Freeport address; gratitude for appreciation of his Minneapolis speech; expresses possibility of general strike by organized labor. TLS (initialed) 2 pp.
1922 Nov. 27	Indianapolis Star clipping: "Beveridge Talks on Revision of Bible."
1922 Dec. 6	Desire to appeal to "plain Americans." TLS (initialed) 1 p.
	Box 1, Folder 9
1923 Feb. 27	Appreciation for printing of Elkhart speech; comments on deaths of Charlie Miller and Ernest Bross; comment on work on Lincoln. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1923 Mar. 7	Welcome back to Indianapolis. ALS 1 p.
1923 April 19	Recognition of Stuart's letter and assurance of meeting in future. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1923 June 21	Mention of editorial in <i>New York Herald</i> on his speech in the East. TLS 1 p.
1923 July 3	Thanks for editorials on Boston speech; comments on vacation in Europe; dislike for some "harmony meetings." TLS 2 pp.
1923 Aug. 4	Postcard from Europe. ALS (initialed)
1923 Oct. 1	Dismay about McCray's position, yet no opinion on governorship. TLS 1 p.
1923 Nov. 12	Asking a favor obtaining statistics on law violation, divorces, number of bureaus, boards, number of employees for his articles in <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> . TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1923 Nov. 21	Thanks for reprinting parts of Saturday Evening Post article; enclosure of editorials from Kansas City Times. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1923 Nov. 30	Thanks for letter of 11/27 with data. TLS 1 p.
1924 Jan. 18	Honorary member of State Bar Association. Telegram 1 p.
1924 Jan. 19	"National Republican Club even better than last night." Telegram 1 p.
1924 Jan. 22	Thanks for printing speech. TLS 1 p.

1924 Aug. 26	Request for political situation and prediction for November. Finished two chapters of Lincoln biography. TLS 1 p.
1924 Nov. 27	Trip to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia. Comments on political personalities. ALS (initialed) 3 pp.
1925 Feb. 15	Request for name of individual who wrote "Views of People" on Jan. 9. TLS 1 p.
1925 Oct. 14	Stuart to Beveridge. Concerning Senator Ralston's expected death. Telegram (copy) 1 p.
1925 Oct. 15	Tribute to Ralston. Telegram 1 p.
1925 Oct. 25	En route to Chicago; receipt of positive letters from the country over. ALS (initialed) 2 pp.
1925 Nov. 11	References to Edgar Baldwin. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1925 Dec. 16	"Washington Notes" clipping from New Republic.
1925 Dec. 22	Funeral of Frank Munsey. Going to American Historical Association. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1925 Dec. 28	Tried to phone you, Watkins has not called. ALS (initialed) 2 pp.
1926 Jan. 3	Regarding clipping [missing] about situation in Washington with Watson and President Coolidge. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1926 Jan. 7	John C. Shaffer to B. F. Lawrence. Refusal to reprint article in <i>Indianapolis Star</i> . TLS 1 p.
1926 Jan. 12	General Assembly members to Beveridge. Urging consent to name him candidate for U. S. Senator. Telegram 1 p.
1926 Jan. 13	Notifying Stuart of his election as National President of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. TLS (initialed with handwritten note) 1 p.
1926 Jan. 16	Beveridge to A. M. Glossbrenner, Levy Printing. Thanks for telegram requesting nomination, but Lincoln biography must not be dropped. TLS 1 p.
1926 Jan. 17	<u>Confidential</u> : Notice of item for publication from Glossbrenner. ALS (initialed) 1 p.
1926 Jan. 18	Telegram of the above note. Telegram 1 p.

1926 Jan. 23	"Will wire you from Baltimore." Telegram 1 p.
1926 Jan. 23	Long breakfast between "Watty" and chief. Telegram 1 p.
1926 Sept. 8	Thanks for treatment at Coliseum appearance past Sunday. TLS 1 p.
1926 Sept. 20	Confidential information about election results; update on Lincoln biography progress. TLS 2 pp.
1927 April 8	Thanks for Carl Sandburg broadside, comments on Lincoln speech at Bloomington before inauguration. TLS (initialed) 1 p.
1927 April 27	Handwritten note from Gov. Ed Jackson (unsigned) about passing of Beveridge. Identification as such by Stuart on verso.
No date	Request for advice on manuscript. ALS (initialed) 2 half pp.
No date	Note that accompanied manuscript for A. P. condensation. ALS (initialed) 1 p.
No date	Regarding Beveridge review of Weik book, hard at work on articles and Lincoln biography. TLS 1 p. [Letterhead removed]
No date	Merry Christmas; here is where I have been working on Lincoln. ALS postcard

## MEREDITH NICHOLSON CORRESPONDENCE (Box 1, Folders 10 and 11)

Meredith Nicholson to James A. Stuart unless otherwise specified.

## Box 1, Folder 10

1907 Nov. 14	Recalls early attempts in theatre. TLS 2 pp.
[1909 Feb.]	Regarding Indianapolis Star character Jim Crow. TLS 1 p.
1909 Dec. 29	Manuscript for article about Lew Wallace. TMS 5 pp.
1923 Sept. 29	Regarding plight of Republicans in Indiana. TLS 1 p.
1923 Oct. 16	Mention of McIntyre, Ralph Lemke, going strong for Ralston for president. Telegram 1 p.
1924 Dec. 26	Comments on Indiana and Indianapolis politics, the Ku Klux Klan. TLS 1 p.

[1925]	On his article in Collier's "Stay in Your Own Home Town." Federation of Churches and Prohibition. ALS (signed "Nick") 1 p.
1926 May 10	Introducing Mr. Gaylord Nelson. ALS 1 p.
1927 June 8	Stuart to Nicholson. Congratulations and thanks for article on Klan in Indiana. TL Carbon copy and Ribbon copy
1927 June 9	Letter of thanks for printing piece. Need of the world is "peace and cheer." ALS (initialed); also typed copy. 2 pp.
1927 Nov. 19	Mention of "night shirts" [Klan?], trip to Wisconsin. ALS (initialed) 1 p.
1930 Feb. 3	Introducing Mr. Even Steger, Jr. ALS 1 p.
1930 June 23	Letter accompanying article [present] from <i>Saturday Review of Literature</i> about reading habits of the public and sports. ALS 1 p.
1930 Oct. 28	Letter accompanying clipping [missing] about Riley's letters. TLS 1 p.
[1930?]	Note accompanying clipping [present] about women and prohibition. ALS 1 p.
1931 May 4	Robert Underwood Johnson to Nicholson. Invitation to Hall of Fame ceremonies at new York University. ALS (initialed) 1 p.
1931 May 5	Letter about Johnson's invitation, James Whitcomb Riley, Walt Whitman. TLS 1 p.
1931 May 9	Robert Underwood Johnson to Nicholson. Thanks for helpfulness in regard to fund for Whitman bust. TLS 1 p.
1931 May 9	
1931 Oct. 5	Thanks for help on pawpaw question. TLS (initialed with handwritten note) 1p.
1933 Mar. 21	Not well, unable to review Jackson book. TLS 1p.
1933 April 6	Letter about enclosed clipping [present], protesting portrait used.  McNutt "handsomest governor Indiana ever had." TLS (initialed) 1p.
[1933 April 17?]	Accompanying notes [missing] for address at Purdue Founder's Day.

# ALS 1p.

1933 June 7	Stuart to Everett C. Watkins. Asking about possibility of appointing Nicholson to "any foreign post." Nicholson's financial condition suffered in stock market crash. TL 2 pp.
	<b>Box 1, Folder 11</b>
1934 April 21	Update from Paraguay. TLS with added handwritten paragraphs 3 pp.
1934 April 28	Note accompanying photographs from Paraguay. ALS 1 p.
1934May 25	Introducing John M. Vebber. TLS 1 p.
1934 Aug. 4	Death of Louis Lathcopi. Statement about peace-loving men. ALS 2 pp.
1935 Jan. 9	<u>Confidential</u> . Continuing Chaco War; political uncertainties of Bolivia and futile efforts of League of Nations. Notification of transfer from Paraguay to Venezuela. TLS 2 pp.
1935 Mar. 6	Front Washington, en route to Indiana. Comment on interview. ALS (signed "Nick") 1 p.
1936 July 15	Thanks for picture of Venezuelan president. Mentions strikes, praises President L. Contreras. ALS (initialed) 2 sided card
1936 June 29	Claude G. Bowers to Stuart. Would like Nicholson to review his book <u>Jefferson in Power: The Death Struggle of the Federalists</u> . TL 1 p.
1936 July 16	Stuart to Nicholson, Caracas, Venezuela. Enclosing letter from Claude Bowers. TL 1 p.
1937 Oct. 7	Lt. Commander Oliver A. Smith to Meredith Nicholson. Radio program mentioned Nicholson, Riley, and Tarkington at Indiana State Fair together. TL 1p.
1937 Oct. 30	Enclosing letter from Lt. Commander Smith. Family details; sorrow over death of R. U. Johnson; wistful memories of the <i>Star</i> . TLS 3 pp.
1939 Jan. 31	Writing from Nicaragua about a woman he met there named Indiana Caldera. TLS 1 p.
1939 Jan. 31	Regarding Miss Caldera and a story about her in the Star. TLS 1 p.
1939 Feb. 16	Thanks for story about Miss Caldera in the Star [story appears on

	page one of the <i>Indianapolis Sunday Star</i> February 5, 1939]. TLS 1 p.
1939 Mar. 1	Note accompanying the front page of a Nicaraguan newspaper [present]. Includes an article about the <i>Indianapolis Star</i> and Indiana Caldera. ALS 1 p.
1939 April 8	Confidential. Nicaraguan President Somoza is going to Washington. Would like him to see Purdue and Indiana. TLS (signed "M Nich.") 2 pp.
1939 April 26	Somoza has left for Washington. Encouraged Indiana trip. ALS (signed "Nick") 1 p.
1939 May 21	Sending by airmail photograph of self with Somoza for the <i>Star</i> . ALS (signed "Nick") 1 p.
1939 June 22	Thanks for "splendid way in which the Somoza visit was handled." President expected home, celebrations planned. TLS 2 pp.
1940 Dec. 28	Mrs. Nicholson ill. President has asked all foreign ambassadors and ministers to resign. "Hitler's activities have created many vacancies." TLS 2 pp.
1941 Feb. 4	Resignation accepted, now out of work. Newspaper page enclosed [missing]. TLS 1 p.
1942 Dec. 20	Christmas piece I wrote enclosed [missing]. Much to write; hope to see end of "present mess." Isolationists made Pearl Harbor possible, made us dependent on Russia. ALS (signed "M. Nich.") 1 p.
1942 Dec. 27	Newspaper page from <i>Richmond Times-Dispatch</i> enclosed [present]. Patriotic tone in south is strong. Wendell Willkie interesting figure. McNutt will make enemies. Opposed to fourth terms. ALS (initialed) 2 pp.
1943 Jan. 4	Chicago Tribune poisoning the waters for deluge to come. Watty [Everett C. Watkins] probably watching for a change in the State Dept. Expect to be home April 1, "prepared to join in all movements for saving America." ALS 1 p.
1943 July 15	Note regarding Mrs. [Val] Nolan. Enclosing letter from a soldier [missing]. ALS (initialed) 1 p.
1943 July 19	Regarding enclosed piece about Lincoln [missing]. ALS (initialed) 1

p.

1944 Nov. 29 Thanks for check. Mr. [Robert W.] Kellum's manner of dismissing me was humiliating. Hilton Brown asked me to contribute to *News*. Health pretty good. ALS 1 p.

1947 July 9? Enclosing tribute to "Bob" [Robert Tyndall] [present]. ALS (initialed) 1 p.