



# Guide to the Wanted Posters Collection, 1914-1988

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## Summary

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### Collection Title:

Wanted posters collection, 1914-1988

### Abstract:

This collection consists of posters of individuals sought in connection with crimes that were collected by an anonymous police detective in Westchester County, New York. The posters are from the United States and Canada, with the bulk of the posters issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Notable individuals represented include Lester Gillis, alias Baby Face Nelson; Mary Evelyn "Billie" Frechette; Arthur "Doc" Barker; mobster Roger Touhy; and bank robber Frank Nash. Radicals from 1970s include Weather Underground member Cathlyn Platt Wilkerson, Symbionese Liberation Army member Kathleen Soliah; and Black Liberation Army members Assata Shakur (JoAnne Chesimard) and brother Mutulu Shakur.

### Extent:

3 Linear Feet

### Language:

Material in English

### Collection ID:

RL.01340

### Permalink:

<https://idn.duke.edu/ark:/87924/m1jm8g>

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

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The collection includes approximately 2,250 small-format wanted posters, most measuring 8 x 8 inches. Posters range in size and condition, many with manuscript markings or inked stamps, and some are trimmed and pasted onto printed mugshot cards.

### **Biographical/Historical**

The Westchester County Department of Public Safety was created on July 1, 1979, through a merger of the Westchester County Sheriff's Department (1683-1979) and the Westchester County Parkway Police (1929-1979).

Source: "History of the County Police," [Westchester County Public Safety website](#). Accessed 16 October 2024.

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### **Arrangement**

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The collection is arranged alphabetically by geographic location. Posters from the Federal Bureau of Investigation are filed under "District of Columbia."

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### **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

### **Use Restrictions**

The copyright interests in this collection have not been transferred to Duke University. For more information, consult the copyright section of the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

### **Acquisition Information**

The Wanted posters collection was received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a purchase in 2013.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Anthony Meyer, April 2014

Encoded by Anthony Meyer, April 2014

Accession(s) described in this collection guide: 2013-0192

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Criminals -- United States
- Fugitives from justice -- United States
- Suspects (Criminal investigation) -- United States
- Wanted posters -- United States
- Wanted posters -- Canada
- Frechette, Evelyn, 1907-1969
- Nash, Frank, 1887-1933
- Nelson, Baby Face, 1908-1934
- Olson, Sara Jane
- Shakur, Assata
- Shakur, Mutulu

- Touhy, Roger, 1898-1959
- Wilkerson, Cathy
- United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation

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## Collection Inventory

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Alabama, 1922-1930	Box 1
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Arkansas, 1921	Box 1
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California, 1915-1933	Box 1
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Canada, 1924-1929	Box 1
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Colorado, 1924-1950	Box 1
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Connecticut, 1920-1930	Box 1
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District of Columbia, 1915-1929	Box 2
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**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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District of Columbia, 1930-1934	Box 2
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes Mary Evelyn Frechette, alias Mrs. John Dillinger; Lester Gillis, alias Baby Face Nelson; and Arthur "Doc" Barker.

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District of Columbia, 1935-1939	Box 2
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**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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District of Columbia, 1940-1944	Box 2
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**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes Roger Touhy.

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District of Columbia, 1945-1959	Box 2
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**Physical Description:** 3 folders

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District of Columbia, 1960s-1980s	Box 3
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes JoAnne Chesimard (Assata Shakur); Mutulu Shakur; Kathleen Ann Soliah; and Kathlyn Platt Wilkerson.

District of Columbia, undated Box 3

Georgia, 1925-1954 Box 1

Idaho, 1927-1931 Box 1

Illinois, 1924-1956, undated Box 1

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Indiana, 1915 Box 1

Iowa, 1923-1924 Box 1

Kansas, 1910s-1950s Box 1

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes Frank Nash.

Kentucky, 1932 Box 1

Massachusetts, 1932 Box 1

Michigan, 1919-1950s, undated Box 1

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

Minnesota, 1919-1967 Box 1

Missouri, 1923-1969 Box 1

Montana, 1929 Box 1

Nebraska, 1929 Box 1

New Hampshire, 1929 Box 1

New Jersey, 1921-1939, undated Box 1

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

New York, 1910s-1950s Box 1

**Physical Description:** 5 folders

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New York, undated	Box 3
Nevada, 1918	Box 1
North Dakota, 1928-1931	Box 1
Ohio, 1915-1951	Box 1
Oklahoma, 1923-1924	Box 1
Oregon, 1934	Box 1
Pennsylvania, 1920s-1950s	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Rhode Island, 1934	Box 1
South Carolina, 1932	Box 1
Tennessee, 1926-1934	Box 1
Texas, 1923-1949	Box 1
Virginia, 1924-1932	Box 1
Washington, 1931	Box 1
Wisconsin, 1930	Box 1
Wyoming, 1920-1937	Box 1
Unknown Location	Box 1
Miscellaneous	Box 1