

**Morehead State University  
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Manuscript Accession Form**

**Collection Title:** Jesse Stuart Manuscript Collection

**Manuscript Series Number:** MS077-1991

**Date Received:** July 5, 1977

**Processed by:** Alexandria Paige Marshall

**Cataloged by:** Alexandria Paige Marshall

**Date Listed:** May 5, 2022; Revised on April 26, 2023

**Date Span:** 1926-2007

**Size of Collection:** 55.5 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 34 letter size document cases, 6 legal size document cases, 4 letter half size document cases, 3 legal half size document cases, 33 ledger boxes, 2 Records Center boxes, 1 oversized box and 27 individual oversized framed items too large to box.

**Type of Material:** Manuscripts, photographs, correspondence, periodicals, full issue newspapers, newspaper clippings, magazines, and journals.

**Condition of Material:** Fair with some fading, foxing and paper deterioration to some journal and newspaper clippings due to improper storage and aging.

**Arrangement:** Organized by format and item size; arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** Jesse Hilton Stuart, born on August 8, 1906, was an American author, teacher, and school administrator from Greenup County, Kentucky. He graduated from Lincoln Memorial University in 1929, alongside James Still, and continued his education at Vanderbilt University. Stuart served in the United States Navy during the Second World War. He published over 2,000 poems, 460 short stories, and 60 books. He served as Poet Laureate of Kentucky from 1954 to 1955. He served as visiting professor of English education at the American University, Cairo, Egypt, from 1960 to 1961. Stuart's family home was dedicated as a nature preserve in 1979 and placed on the historical register in 1982. Stuart died after a series of strokes in 1984. He was inducted into the Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame in 2014.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists handwritten and published manuscripts, books, journals, poems, and short stories of Jesse Hilton Stuart from 1926 to 2007. The collection contains photographs of Stuart and his family and correspondence between his editor Lou Ashworth and longtime friends William Moses and A.L. Crabbe. It also includes gallery proofs,

honorary degrees, published periodicals, important newspaper clippings, bibliographies, audio and video reels and cassettes, and Jesse Stuart's framed and oversized items from past exhibits kept in the library at Morehead State University.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Stuart, Jesse Hilton, 1906-1984.

Stuart, Naomi Deane, 1908-1993.

Stuart, Jane.

Still, James, 1906-2001.

Moses, William.

Crabbe, A.L.

Greenup Co. (Ky.) – History.

Authors, American – Kentucky – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Poets, American – Kentucky – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Authors, American – Kentucky.

American literature – Kentucky.

Appalachian literature.

Appalachian – Region – Fiction.

Kentucky – In Literature.

Kentucky – Fiction.

Folklore – United States – Kentucky.

**Notes:** The collection was originally inventoried in the early 1990s but was reprocessed in the spring of 2022 and updated in April of 2023.