

**An Inventory of the James A. Michener Papers,  
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Colorado State College of Education, 1936-1941**

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**Abstract:**

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**Biography of James A. Michener:**

James Albert Michener was born in 1907 to unknown parents and raised as an orphan in the care of widow Mabel Michener of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. By the time he graduated from high school in 1925, he had visited 45 out of the 48 states. He was given a scholarship to Swarthmore, and after graduating summa cum laude in 1929, he traveled and continued his education at nine universities inside and outside the United States. During this time, he also taught in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and at the Harvard School of Education.

When he was not teaching, Michener worked as a textbook editor in New York, and he joined the British Merchant Marines. During WWII, he joined the Navy, making use of his experience in the British Merchant Marines to climb through the ranks to lieutenant and his knowledge of history to carry out sensitive assignments in the South Pacific. It was this experience that brought about *Tales of the South Pacific* in 1947, which won a Pulitzer Prize. Michener used this novel as the cornerstone of his writing career, publishing almost 50 books in the next 50 years, including *Sayonara*, *Hawaii*, *The Source*, *Iberia*, *Caravans*, *The Covenant*, *Sports in America*, and *Poland*.

In 1977, a four-part public television series called *The World of Michener* covered Israel, Hawaii, Spain, and Poland, just a few of the countries upon which his books have been based. Several other books have been turned into movies or miniseries, and two of his novels have been turned into musicals (most notably *South Pacific*, which won its own Pulitzer Prize).

During the time that he was publishing, however, Michener did not ignore the world around him. He ran for Congress in 1962 and held positions on several committees, including the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, the U.S. Postal Service stamp committee, and an advisory position on a council for NASA. He also spoke often at congressional hearings and at functions of those organizations in which he held particular interest.

James A. Michener died at the age of 90 on October 16, 1997 in Texas, three years after his third wife, Mari Yoriko Sabusawa. He had no children.

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**Subjects:**

Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-1997  
 Michener, Patti Koon  
 College High Courier  
 The Owl's Eye  
 Laboratory schools – Colorado  
 Colorado State College of Education. College High School.

**Inventory:**

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 1 -- <i>College High Courier</i> , volume 1-3, November 1934-June 1937.	One bound copy with some loose pages. All pages are yellow and brittle. The <i>College High Courier</i> was known as <i>The Owl's Eye</i> from 1934 to 1936. Copies of the <i>College High Courier</i> from 1934 to 1969 are on file in Archives, RG14 S2 F1.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 2 -- <i>College High Courier</i> , volume 1-3, November 1934-June 1937. One photocopy, unbound.	Unbound photocopies.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 3 -- <i>College High Courier</i> , Nov. 20, 1936-Dec. 5, 1941. Unbound. Original copies.	Original copies. Unbound.

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James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 4 -- College <i>High Courier</i> , Nov. 20, 1936-Dec. 5, 1941. Unbound. Photocopies.	Unbound photocopies.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Faculty Wives Hear Mr. Michener Talk on Mexico." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , May 12 1938, p. 6. Scanned image available. James Michener discussed a trip to Mexico that he took with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Gilbert. Michener included illustrations drawn by his wife during the trip.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Graphic Club Hears Michener." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Feb. 17, 1938, p. 6. Scanned image available. "Michener addressed the issue of "International Relations" before members of the Graphic Club."
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"James Michener Orates at GHS Soph Assembly." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Mar. 12, 1938, p. 5. Scanned image available. Michener discussed several items before members of the third period Sophomore class at Greeley High School: the "perfect gentleman;" assets of girls, specially charm; as well as skills that high school students needed for college."
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Kiwanis Hears of Mexico Trip of 2 Members." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , May 6, 1938, p. 2. Scanned image available. James Michener discussed a trip to Mexico that he took with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Gilbert.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Legislation for Women Discussed by Mrs. Michener." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Jan. 11, 1938, p. 7. Scanned image available. "Mrs. James A. Michener spoke on the topic of ""Legislation for Women"" before members of the Business and Professional Woman's Club."
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley	"Margaret Maddux Crowned Queen of Gala Freshman Ball on Friday."

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				Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	<i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Jan. 29, 1938, p. 5. Scanned image available. Mr. and Mrs. James Michener were chaperones of the dance.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Michener Tells Music Teachers Melody Makes World Go Round." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Jan. 11, 1938, p. 2. Scanned image available. Michener discussed the importance of studying music in schools at the sixteenth annual convention of the Colorado State Music Teachers Association.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Michener to Speak at Gill." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Feb. 5, 1938, p. 2. Scanned image available. "Michener addressed the issue of 'War in Spain' before members of the Gill School Club."
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Peace Meeting is Held by Baptists." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Feb. 4, 1938, p. 8. Scanned image available. Michener addressed the issue of "Peace Problems" before members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church."
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Philadelphia Teacher Visits Campus Here." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Aug. 3, 1938, p. 4. Scanned image available. Julian McCreary on the faculty of the George School and a former college of Michener was the guest of James Michener and Arthur Henderson, both on the CSCE faculty.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 5 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1936-1941	"Problems of Mexico Class Meets Jan. 16." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Jan. 13, 1939, p. 3. Scanned image available. Michener was leader of the Problems of Mexico class sponsored by the A.A.U.W. and the Greeley Woman's Club.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 6 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1941-	"James Michener Assembly Guest." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Aug. 5, 1949, p. 1. James was the guest speaker at an All-College Assembly on the topic of "Aspects of Our Culture."

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James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 6 -- Greeley Tribune Clippings, 1941-	Tribune Obituaries: "Velma Beauchamp." <i>Greeley Tribune</i> , Jan. 18, 2005, n.p. Available [Online]: <a href="http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20050118/OBIT/101180035&amp;SearchID=73258645330789">http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20050118/OBIT/101180035&amp;SearchID=73258645330789</a> . Last viewed 2006 October 2, 2006. Velma Muriel Beauchamp was James A. Michener's secretary for one year while he taught at Colorado State College of Education.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 7 -- Michener's Writings	Michener, James A. "Bach and Sugar Beets." <i>Music Educator's Journal</i> , Sept. 1938, pp. 29, 43.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 7 -- Michener's Writings	Michener, James A. "A Functional Social Studies Program." <i>Curriculum Journal</i> , Apr. 1938, pp. 163-164.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 7 -- Michener's Writings	Michener, James A. "Sex Education: A Success in Our Social-Studies Classes." <i>The Clearing House</i> , April 1938, pp. 461-465.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 8 -- The Mirror Clippings, 1936-1941	Jones, Gloria. "Dorm Doings." Photocopy. <i>The Mirror</i> , Feb. 19, 1937, p. 3. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Michener, directors of Hadden Hall, and others hosted an annual tea.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 8 -- The Mirror Clippings, 1936-1941	"Michener is Speaker Before Morgan County Chamber of Commerce." Photocopy. <i>The Mirror</i> , Mar. 12, 1937, p. 2. James Michener addressed the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce on the topic of "St. Christopher." The following morning he discussed the situation in Spain with high school students.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 8 -- The Mirror Clippings,	"Michener is Speaker at International Club Meeting November 20." Photocopy. <i>The Mirror</i> , Nov. 20, 1936,

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				1936-1941	p. 1. James Michener addressed the issue of South America and their relations with the world.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 8 -- The Mirror Clippings, 1936-1941	"Spanish War and America to be Discussed at Forum. Photocopy. <i>The Mirror</i> , Jan. 8, 1937, p. 3. James Michener was scheduled to preside over the discussion, "Should America Take Sides in the Spanish Civil War," to be held at the International Relation Forum Monday evening at the Junior High School.
James A. Michener at CSCE, 1936-1941	SC 1-69			Folder 9 -- Michener's Students	Note dated 1999 February 25 from Charles E. McFarland. Michener was McFarland's "Dorm Daddy" in 1936 when Jim and Patty Michener were "Dorm Parents" at Hadden Hall.