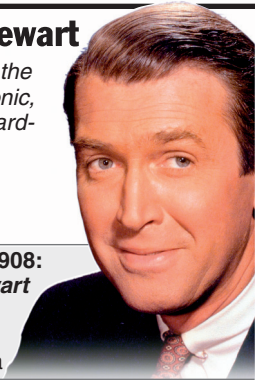


# Jimmy Stewart

*Centenary of the birth of an iconic, Academy Award-winning actor*



■ **May 20, 1908:**

**James Stewart**

is born in  
Indiana,  
Pennsylvania

■ **1932:** Graduates from Princeton, makes Broadway debut

■ **1935:** Wins 7-year contract with MGM for \$350 per week

■ **1938:** First film with director *Frank Capra*, ***You Can't Take It With You***

■ **1941:** Wins Best Actor Oscar for ***The Philadelphia Story***

■ **1943-45:** Distinguished fighter pilot during World War II, rising to colonel

■ **1946:** First film in five years, ***It's a Wonderful Life***, now regarded among best movies of all time

■ **1950s:** Notable films include Hitchcock masterpieces ***Rear Window*** and ***Vertigo***

■ **1962:** Makes classic westerns ***The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*** and ***How the West Was Won***

■ **1985:** Receives honorary Oscar and Presidential Medal of Freedom

■ **1997:** Dies at age 89 following long illness from respiratory problems