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**Guide to the The George L.  
Cochran, O.P., Poetry Collection  
1934-2013**

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## Collection Overview

<b>Creator:</b>	Cochran, George L., 1928-2013
<b>Title:</b>	The George L. Cochran, O.P., Poetry Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1934-2013
<b>Quantity:</b>	(5.0 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Father George L. Cochran, O.P., an award winning poet in his own right, had during the course of his literary career established relationships with a number of the authors within the collection and knew all by reputation. As a result, Father Cochran often exchanged or received autographed copies of works by various poets. What makes this collection unique is that each title, many of which are part of a limited series edition, is signed by the author and often includes a personal note to Father Cochran. The collection contains sixty-six titles.
<b>Identification:</b>	rppc_cochran
<b>Language:</b>	The records are in English.
<b>Repository:</b>	Providence College Phillips Memorial Library Providence, RI 02918-0001

## Biographical Information

George Leonard Cochran, O.P., (1928-2013) was a member of the Order of Friars Preachers with the Dominican Community of Providence College.

Born George Hunter Cochran in Tampa, FL, on August 19, 1928, the son of the late George Cochran and Louise (Gailmard) Cochran, he attended Providence College's pre-ecclesiastical program from 1947-1949. Cochran joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and served in Germany. In 1955 he was honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant and entered St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, MN, receiving the religious name of Leonard. A year later he made his simple profession. In 1962 he was ordained as a priest in the Dominican Order (Province of St. Albert the Great, U.S.A.) at St. Rose Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he continued his studies until 1963. During the 1986-1987 academic year, he transiliated to the Province of St. Joseph, which includes Providence College's St. Thomas Priory.

From 1963-1980, while assigned to St. Dominic and St. Thomas Priors in River Forest, IL, Father Cochran taught English and theology at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, IL, serving as chair of the English department from 1964-1969 and the sub-prior of St. Dominic Priory from 1968-1971. While pursuing his doctorate he also taught English at Loyola University in Chicago, IL.

Father Cochran earned many degrees during his academic career: B.A. in philosophy from St. Thomas Aquinas College in River Forest, IL. (1958); M.A. in theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa (1964); M.A. (1969) and Ph.D. (1976) in English from Loyola University in Chicago, IL (where he also taught English in 1969 and 1970); and M.A. in liberal arts from St. John's College in Annapolis, MD. (1982).

In 1980 Father Cochran joined the Providence College faculty, where he taught philosophy, English, and humanities until retiring with the rank of associate professor in 2002. He served as assistant dean of undergraduate studies from 1988-1989. In 2001 he received the Providence College President's Distinguished Faculty Award at the annual Academic Convocation, which recognizes scholarly work and lengthy, distinguished service to the College. He was moderator of the Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy honor society) from 1982-1983.

A member of the Poetry Society of America, Father Cochran, who wrote under the pen name "Leonard Cochran," was a lyricist, prolific poet, scholar of the writing of Gerard Manley Hopkins and a frequent reader at Providence College's Poetry and Fiction Series. He won America magazine's annual Foley Poetry Award (1999) and Yankee magazine's Annual Award for "3 Best Poems" in 1998. His poetry was selected for the Poetry Society of America's 60th Anniversary Diamond Anthology (1971), and he was featured in International Who's Who in Poetry (1972), and Poets & Writers, Inc. 1977 Supplement. As an award winning poet, Father Cochran wrote on various topics, but he frequently wrote about family, language itself, and religious verse. His poems and articles also appeared in dozens of periodicals over the years, including The Atlantic Monthly, religious and scholarly journals, and literary magazines.

Father Cochran passed away on March 30, 2013 and is interred in the Dominican Friars Cemetery on the grounds of Providence College.

### **TEACHING MY STUDENTS TO WRITE**

I tell them it's as easy as walking:  
Just put one word in front of another  
Until you reach the end of the line.  
Amused by the image, they grant me  
A moment's attention before minds  
Unmoored begin to drift. I ask them  
To write about their hopes for the future,  
Then watch as heads bend above  
The arctic emptiness of notebooks.  
As first one or two, then a few more  
Look up, into space, gathering from some  
Distant country the words they will use  
To tell me how perfect their lives will be  
Until they reach the end of the line.

Leonard Cochran: Winner of The Foley Award, 1999 - Given in honor of William T. Foley, M.D.  
*AMERICA*, Vol. 180, No.20, June 5-12, 1999, (p.7).

### **Scope and Content Note**

Father George L. Cochran, O.P., an award winning poet in his own right, had relationships with a number of his fellow notable poets. As a result, Father Cochran often exchanged correspondence or received autographed copies of works by these various poets.

The authors represented within the collection include a number of well-known poets, such as Anna MacManus, John Heath-Stubbs, Derck Walcott, and Richard Wilbur among others.

What makes this collection unique is that each title, many of which are part of a limited series edition, is signed by the author and often includes a personal note to Father Cochran. The collection contains sixty-six titles.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.

### **Index Terms**

Researchers wishing to find materials related to this collection should search the HELIN catalog with these index terms -- View the catalog record for this collection.

### **Subjects**

American poetry -- 20th century  
Animals -- Juvenile poetry  
Children's poetry  
Christian poetry, American  
Christmas poetry  
English language -- Synonyms and antonyms -- Juvenile poetry  
English poetry -- Irish authors  
English poetry -- Irish authors -- 20th century  
Humorous poetry, American  
Nature  
Pons, Solar (Fictitious character) -- Fiction  
Private investigators -- England -- Fiction  
Sonnets, English  
Stables -- Juvenile poetry  
United States -- Politics and government --1963-1969

### **Names**

Adam, Helen, 1909-1993  
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973  
Bennett, John Frederic  
Berry, Wendell, 1934-  
Boland, Eavan  
Brennan, Joseph Payne, 1918-1990  
Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000  
Buckley, William F., Jr., 1925-2008  
Burr, Gray  
Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957  
Chavez, Angelico, 1910-1996  
Derleth, August, 1909-1971  
Dickey, James  
Dillard, Annie  
Duffy, Ivy  
Dunsany, Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, Baron, 1878-1957  
Engelland, Timothy  
Esolen, Anthony M.

Hall, Donald, 1928-  
Hartnett, Michael, 1941-1999  
Heaney, Seamus, 1939-2013  
Jesus Christ -- Nativity -- Juvenile poetry  
Kendall, Jane F.  
Kinsella, Thomas  
MacManus, Anna, 1866-1902  
MacManus, Seamus, 1869-1960  
Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint -- Poetry  
McCrorie, Edward  
McCurdy, Michael, Illustrator.  
McGinley, Phyllis, 1905-1978  
Melville, Herman, 1819-1891. Moby Dick  
Melville, Herman, 1819-1891 -- Poetry  
Menashe, Samuel, 1925-2011  
Milligan, Alice, 1880-  
Montague, John  
Murphy, Richard, 1927-  
Murray, Paul, 1947-  
Ó Direáin, Máirtín -- Translations into English  
Ricks, Christopher, 1933-  
Seay, James L.  
Simpson, Louis, 1923-2012  
Stafford, William, 1914-1993  
Starrett, Vincent, 1886-1974  
Stein, Gertrude, 1874-1946  
Sullivan, A. M. (Aloysius Michael), 1896-1980  
Walcott, Derek  
Wilbur, Richard, 1921-

## **Administrative Information**

### **Custodial History**

Father Cochran acquired the collection during the course of his academic career and as a poet in celebration of his faith.

### **Preferred Citation**

The George L. Cochran, O.P., Poetry Collection, Providence College, Phillips Memorial Library, Special and Archival Collections

### **Acquisitions Information**

The collection was donated to Providence College in 2013.

### **Processing Information**

The collection was processed and EAD encoded in 2014 by the staff of Phillips Memorial Library, Special and Archival Collections.

### **Restrictions**

Open for research.

Some materials may be restricted. For further information contact Special and Archival Collections, Phillips Memorial Library, Providence College.

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Certain restrictions may apply to protect the confidentiality of living individuals.

### **Related Material**

The books within this collection are cataloged and can be found in the Library's catalog using the search term PC Cochran.

There are no known separated materials from this collection.

## Inventory

**Series:** Publications

**Dates:** 1934-2014

**Extent:** (5.0 linear feet)

**Material types:**

### Scope and Content Note

This inventory contains a list of all the publications within the collection. The titles have been linked to their respective HELIN catalog records. In addition, each book is an autographed copy. A number of titles belong to limited editions series.

### Arrangement

The inventory is arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.

Box 1	Folder	Selected Poems & Ballads Author: Helen Adam	1974
Box 2	Folder	Auden, W. H.: A Selection Author: W. H. Auden. Edited by Richard Hoggart	1961
Box 3	Folder	III Hallucination Poems Author: George Barker	1972
Box 4	Folder	The Struck Leviathan; Poems on Moby Dick Author: John Bennett	1974
Box 5	Folder	Poems From a Christian Enclave Author: John Bennett	1978
Box 6	Folder	The Gift of Gravity Author: Wendell Berry Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1979
Box 7	Folder	The Journey and Other Poems Author: Eavan Boland	1983
Box 8	Folder	Creep to death Author: Joseph Payne Brennan Illustrated by Jane F. Kendall	1981
Box 9	Folder	Selected Poems Author: Gwendolyn Brooks	1963
Box 10	Folder	The Governor Listeth Author: William F. Buckley, Jr.	1970
Box 11	Folder	The Jeweler's Eye Author: William F. Buckley, Jr.	1968
Box 12	Folder	Leaving the House Author: Gray Burr	1993
Box 13	Folder	Alone Author: Richard E. Byrd Decorations by Richard E. Harrison	1938
Box 14	Folder	The Virgin of Port Lligat Author: Fray Angelico Chavez	1959
Box 15	Folder	Mr. Fairlie's Final Journey Author: August Derleth	1968
Box 16	Folder	A Praed Street Dossier Author: August Derleth	1968
Box 17	Folder	Scion Author: James Dickey	1980

		Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	
Box 18	Folder	Tickets for a Prayer Wheel Author: Annie Dillard	1993
Box 19	Folder	Pilgrim at Tinker Creek Author: Annie Dillard	1974
Box 20	Folder	Under the Goldwood Tree Author: John Duffy	1982
		Two copies	
Box 21	Folder	The Sword of Welleran and Other Tales of Enchantment Author: Lord Dunsany	1954
Box 22	Folder	Peppers Author: Tony Esolen	1991
Box 23	Folder	The Collected Poems of Oliver St. John Gogarty Author: Oliver St. John Gogarty	1978
Box 24	Folder	The Twelve Seasons Author: Donald Hall	1983
		Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	
Box 25	Folder	The Town of Hill Author: Donald Hall	1975
Box 26	Folder	A Farewell to English Author: Michael Hartnett	1978
Box 27	Folder	After Summer Author: Seamus Heaney	1978
		Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	
Box 28	Folder	Sweeney Astray Author: Seamus Heaney	1984
Box 29	Folder	Selected poems Author: John Heath-Stubbs	1965
Box 30	Folder	Dust and Carnations Traditional Funeral Chants and Wedding Chants from Egypt. Translated by: John Heath-Stubbs and Shafik H. Megally	1977
Box 31	Folder	The Gifts Author: John Heath-Stubbs	undated
Box 32	Folder	This is Your Poem Author: John Heath-Stubbs	1981
Box 33	Folder	Artorius - Book One Author: John Heath-Stubbs	1970
Box 34	Folder	Arion Author: John Heath-Stubbs	1980
		Illustrator: Michael Amey	
Box 35	Folder	Four Poems in Measure Author: John Heath-Stubbs	1973
Box 36	Folder	Minutes: Poems by Daryl Hine Author: Daryl Hine	1968
Box 37	Folder	The Tribune's Visitation Author: David Jones	1969
Box 38	Folder	The Beasts of Bethlehem Author: X.J. Kennedy	1992
		Drawings by Michael McCurdy	
Box 39	Folder	One Fond Embrace Author: Thomas Kinsella	1981

Box 40	Folder	We Sang for Ireland: poems of Ethna Carbery, Seumas MacManus and Alice Milligan Author: Anna MacManus	1950
Box 41	Folder	The Sea in Winter Author: Derek Mahon Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1979
Box 42	Folder	Needle Man Author: Edward McCrorie Drawings by Ivy Duffy	1999
Box 43	Folder	Times Three; selected verse from three decades, with seventy new poems Author: Phyllis McGinley Foreword by W.H. Auden	1960
Box 44	Folder	New and Selected Poems Author: Samuel Menashe Edited by Christopher Ricks	2005
Box 45	Folder	Peter Author: James Merrill Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1982
Box 46	Folder	Selected Poems Author: John Montague	1978
Box 47	Folder	The Leap Author: John Montague	1979
Box 48	Folder	Out of Siberia Author: Paul Muldoon Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1982
Box 49	Folder	Niches Author: Richard Murphy	1978
Box 50	Folder	Rites and Meditations Author: Paul Murray	1982
Box 51	Folder	The Absent Fountain Author: Paul Murray	1991
Box 52	Folder	The Price of Stone Author: Richard Murray	1985
Box 53	Folder	Four Poems Author: Mairtin O'Direain	1980
Box 54	Folder	Where Our Voices Broke Off Author: James Seay Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1978
Box 55	Folder	Out of season Author: Louis Simpson Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1979
Box 56	Folder	Poems Author: Dunstan Thompson	1946
Box 57	Folder	Tuned in Late One Night Author: William Stafford Illustrated by Timothy Engelland	1978
Box 58	Folder	Born in a Bookshop; Chapters from the Chicago Renaissance Author: Vincent Starrett	1965
Box 58	Folder	Portraits and Prayers Author: Gertrude Stein	1934
Box 59	Folder	Selected Lyrics and Sonnets	1970

Box 60	Folder	Author: A. M. Sullivan Another Life	1973
Box 61	Folder	Author: Derek Walcott Collected poems, 1948-1984	1986
Box 62	Folder	Author: Derek Walcott The Star-Apple Kingdom	1979
Box 63	Folder	Author: Derek Walcott The Mind Reader: New Poems	1976
Box 64	Folder	Author: Richard Wilbur Advice from the Muse	1981
Box 65	Folder	Author: Richard Wilbur Illustrated by Timothy Engelland Opposites, More Opposites, and a Few Differences	2000
Box 66	Folder	Poems 1943-1956 Author: Richard Wilbur	1983