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Summary

Main entry: Cockran, William Bourke

Title: William Bourke Cockran Papers, 1881-1924

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Source: Donated by Anne Ide Cockran, 1926, 1935, 1936

Abstract: The collection consists of the papers of William Bourke Cockran,

Irish born American lawyer, member of Congress, Democratic Party

politician, and noted orator.

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Biographical note

William Bourke Cockran was born in Sligo, Ireland on February 28, 1854, the son of Martin and Harriet (Knight) Cockran. He was educated in Ireland and in France. Although destined for the priesthood, he decided in 1871, at age seventeen, to emigrate to the United States where he found employment as a department store clerk, and later, as principal of a public school in Tuckahoe, New York. During this time he spent his evenings studying law. Admitted to the New York bar in 1876 he quickly became prominent in Democratic Party politics due in part to his extraordinary oratorical gifts which brought him to the attention of the Democratic National Committee. For his espousal of the Tammany cause he was rewarded with an appointment as counsel to the sheriff of New York County whom he subsequently defended in several legal cases. He was elected several times to the House of Representatives serving in various Congresses: the 50th (1887-1889), the 52nd and 53rd (1891-1895), the 58th (1904-1905), and the 59th and 60th (1905-1909). In 1909, following a break with his party, he declined to stand for reelection, and in 1912 he failed to recover his congressional seat as a candidate of the Progressive Party. After a period of relative political inactivity he delivered the speech nominating Governor Alfred E. Smith at the Democratic National Convention of 1920. Later in that year he was reelected to Congress. He died suddenly on March 1st of 1923.

Although a Democrat by philosophy and conviction, he opposed his party on matters of principle, supporting McKinley in the presidential election 1896, and Roosevelt in 1912. Throughout his career he was a staunch supporter of organized labor, the immigrant, and the weak and defenseless at home and abroad. A confirmed anti-imperialist, he opposed the policy of the British government in South Africa and in Ireland, and lobbied against the American conquest of the Philippines. His public speeches on current affairs brought him great notoriety. As an orator, he was considered by his contemporaries to be without peer. Requests for copies of his speeches were often met with the response that they were extemporaneous and unavailable, excepting for published accounts of them in the press. In his most famous legal case he defended militant labor leader Tom Mooney against a murder conviction by a California court winning for Mooney a presidential pardon.

Cockran was married three times. His last marriage was to the Anne Hyde, daughter of Henry C. Ide, Governor General of the Philippines.

Scope and content note

The papers consist of general correspondence received by Cockran including letters from Winston Churchill, Moreton Frewen, Horace Plunkett, Goldwin Smith and other notable figures; his correspondence as Member of Congress from New York; his correspondence relating to Ireland and to the Tom Mooney Case; letter press copies of his outgoing correspondence; typescripts of his addresses and speeches on public affairs; legal papers of his law firm Cockran & Clarke including records of cases before the New York State Superior Court and other courts; personal papers including memorabilia and newspaper clippings documenting his personal life and his professional activities as lawyer, politician, orator, and member of Congress.

Arrangement note

The William Bourke Cockran Papers are organized in the following series:

Series I. Correspondence

Series II. Addresses and Speeches

Series III. Legal Papers

Series IV. Personal and Miscellaneous Papers

Series descriptions and container list

Series I. Correspondence

The correspondence is organized in three subseries: A. General Correspondence; B. Subjects Correspondence; and C. Letterbooks

A. General Correspondence, 1881-1924; n.d.

The general correspondence consists of a chronological file (1881-1924) followed by correspondence arranged by name of correspondent.

The chronological file consists mainly of letters received by Cockran (with a few carbon copies of replies) from lawyers, politicians, friends, colleagues and others relating to his New York City law practice, and to public affairs. Included are letters relating to municipal politics, Tammany Hall and Democratic Party politics, the mayoralty campaign of 1901, Cockran's election to Congress, the presidential elections of 1896, 1912 and 1916, and various other matters including antiimperialism, immigration, the Irish Question, Boer War relief, the Negro Question in the South, repeal of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, the minimum wage, the European War (World War I), and Catholic Church affairs. There is also correspondence relating to Cockran's speaking engagements, his exceptional oratorical gifts, and his personal investments. Included in the later period is correspondence between Cockran in Washington, D.C. and his secretary, Margaret F. Kerr, in New York. In addition to the correspondence from prominent persons (listed below) there is substantial correspondence from Elizabeth Marbury (1903-1912), Irving Winslow (1899-1906) and from James C. Carter (scattered throughout).

Prominent correspondents include:

Astor, John Jacob (2/3/98)

Belmont, August (3/16/98; 3/27/98; 8/14/99; 4/17/00; 4/20/00; 8/21/02; 10/16/02)

Bradford, Gamaliel (6/14/02)

Brisbane, Arthur (9/5/12; 9/14/12; 9/24/12; 10/24/16)

Bryan, William Jennings (11/10/00; 7/29/08)

Crowinshield, Frank (4/17/15; 4/27/15; 5/7/15; 5/29/15; 6/13/15; 2/11/15; 6/16/15; 6/28/15;

7/1/15; 8/12/15; 12/11/15)

Davis, Richard Harding (5/27/97)

Devoy, John (1/22/99; 9/9/03)

Fish, Stuyvesant (7/20/98; 12/8/13; 12/29/13; 1/8/14; 1/24/14; 2/7/14)

Gompers, Samuel (11/21/98)

Gould, Jay (3/29/88)

Hall, Bolton (9/19/99; 11/14/16)

Hearst, William Randolph (9/14/00)

Hill, David B. (5/4/87; 5/21/87; 8/2/00

Holt, Hamilton (1/24/99); 9/20/99; 5/28/01)

Johnson, Rossiter (5/5/99; 5/2/99; 7/15/99; 7/20/99; 9/26/99)

Lowell, Josephine Shaw (Anti-Imperialist League of New York) (2/12/98)

McKinley, William (3/9/97)

Nast, Conde (6/3/15)

Peabody, George Foster (11/19/01; 12/27/01; 5/6/09)

Quinn, John (12/17/01; 7/7/13; 7/15/13; 2/28/14; 4/17/14; 7/9/14)

Reid, Whitelaw (8/9/98)

Roosevelt, Theodore (6/25/10; 11/9/10; 10/31/12; 11/5/12; 11/20/12; 2/28/13 (Frank

Harper); 3/8/13; 3/25/13; 4/23/13 (Frank Harper); 6/12/13 (Frank Harper))

Smith, Alfred E. (12/11/20)

Stead, W. T. (12/22/00; 5/9/06)

Tumulty, Joseph P. (1/25/15; 2/1/15; 2/8/15; 2/25/15; 12/17/15; 4/9/17; 10/28/20; 11/1/20)

Washington, Booker T. (5/12/00; 5/17/00; 5/19/00; 1/14/01; 1/22/01; 1/31/01)

Wiley, Louis (4/18/17; 5/2/17)

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7	1	Churchill, Winston, 1895-1906 The Winston Churchill file consists of fourteen handwritten letters (1895-1906) from Churchill to Cockran relating to British and American politics and to their personal relations. Included are two letters (1913) from Charles R. J. Spencer-Churchill, 9th Duke of Marlborough; and three undated letters to Cockran from Jennie Jerome Churchill
	1 1 2 3	Churchill, Jennie Jerome, n.d. Spencer-Churchill, Charles R. J., 9th Duke of Marlborough, 1913 Frewen, Moreton The Moreton Frewen file consists of correspondence (1899-1915 & n.d.) from Frewen to Cockran (with a few replies) relating to various matters including Anglo- American relations, British parliamentary politics, Irish Home Rule, Winston Churchill, John Redmond, the European War and personal and social matters. Enclosed in Frewen's letter to Cockran of 10/9/15 are two typed copies of letters from Henry James to Frewen dated 10/1/15 and 10/5/15 written on the death of Wilfred Sheridan. 1899-1908 1910
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9	1 2 3	1903 1904-1917 Smith, Goldwin, 1897-1907 The Goldwin Smith file consists of correspondence (1897-1907 & n.d.) from Smith to Cockran relating to public affairs including the Boer War, British politics, expansionism, imperialism, the presidential elections of 1900 and 1904, Theodore Roosevelt and reciprocity between U.S. and Canada.

B. Subjects

This series is arranged into three subseries: A. Congressional Correspondence; B. Irish Correspondence; and C. Tom Mooney Case

1. Congressional Correspondence, 1897-1924

This subseries, which is arranged chronologically (1897-1909; 1921-1924), consists of Cockran's correspondence with Democratic Party officials, congressional colleagues, governmental officials and constituents, regarding various matters including pending legislation, the Volstead Act, the tariff question, bi-metalism, the presidential election of 1896, and the nomination of Cockran as speaker of the House of Representatives. Included are letters from William Jennings Bryan (12/8/04), Stuyvesant Fish (5/10/06; 5/16/06), William McAdoo (6/25/06), Louis F. Post (5/18/88), Theodore Roosevelt (6/6/07; 2/29/08), Elihu Root (3/19/08), Alfred E. Smith (1/23/23), W. T. Stead (5/23/06); William Howard Taft (9/2/05), and John S. Williams (3/2/04; 12/17/04; 6/22/04).

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2. Irish Correspondence

This subseries consists of Cockran's correspondence, arranged alphabetically, with mainly Irish personalities relating mainly to Irish affairs. Included is correspondence from Sir Roger Casement, John Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, Thomas P. Gill, Lady Gregory, Shane Leslie, Elizabeth Boyle O'Reilly, John E. Redmond, Charles Russell, Cecil A. Spring-Rice; and with the American Commission on Irish Independence, the Douglas Hyde Reception Committee (John Quinn), and the Sligo Sawmill Trust Fund.

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3. Tom Mooney Case

This subseries consists of a chronological file of Cockran's correspondence (1916-1922) as associate counsel for Thomas J. Mooney who was convicted of murder and sentenced to death by a California court for a bombing incident which took place during a patriotic parade in San Francisco in July of 1916. Included is correspondence with Thomas J. Mooney, Maxwell McNutt, chief counsel for Mooney, Warren Billings (who was also indicted in the incident and who was sentenced to life imprisonment), Samuel Gompers, John G. Lawlor, Frank L. Mulholland, E. D. Nolan, and with members of the International Workers' Defense League including Alexander Berkman, Robert Minor and Anna M. Sloan. Included are files of collateral and miscellaneous papers including affidavits, typescripts of briefs and petitions, a statement of the prosecution opposing Mooney's application for executive pardon, speeches by Cockran relating to the case, press clippings, and a printed brief which Cockran submitted to the commissioners appointed by the President to investigate the circumstances of Mooney's conviction.

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C. Letterbooks

The letterbooks consist of twenty-seven numbered volumes of letter press copies of outgoing correspondence mainly by Cockran in the period September 28, 1892 - August 6, 1908. Included is correspondence of Cockran's law partner, John C. Tomlinson, and correspondence of his secretary, Margaret F. Kerr. The correspondence covers many of the same subject matters noted in the incoming correspondence in Subseries A. above. Each letterbook is separately indexed by name of correspondent. Volume #14 (May 27, 1907 - August 6, 1908) contains legal correspondence of Francis X. Butler, an attorney, who became one of Cockran's clients.

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Series II. Addresses and Speeches

The bulk of this series consists of typewritten drafts of addresses and speeches by Cockran, many with emendations in his hand, arranged chronologically in the period 1886, 1889-1906, 1908-1923; followed by undated items arranged topically or by title. The addresses and speeches document the full range of Cockran's public and professional concerns including municipal politics, electoral campaigns, the Irish Question, Irish patriots, immigration, foreign policy, imperialism, the Philippines, bimetalism, tariffs and socialism. Included are a few copies of published speeches in pamphlet form, and photocopies of speeches published in the Congressional Record. Included also is an incomplete holograph draft by Robert M. McElroy of his work entitled Selected Addresses and Speeches of William Bourke Cockran. McElroy had access to Cockran's papers while they were in the custody of the Cockran Estate.

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Series III. Legal Papers

The legal papers are arranged into three subseries: A. New York State Supreme Court; B. Superior Court of the City of New York; and C. Miscellaneous Courts and Papers. The bulk of the papers consist of miscellaneous cases arranged chronologically (1883-1922) followed by case files arranged alphabetically. Included is correspondence of Cockran and of Cockran & Clark and Cockran & Manton, with clients, attorneys, opposing counsel, consultants, and others; and various legal papers including motions, depositions, pleadings, notices, summons, stipulations, and other papers. Several cases involve Cockran & Clark as defense counsel for Hugh J. Grant, Sheriff of the City of New York. The case of Marbury vs. Equitable Life Insurance Society contains correspondence between Cockran and Elizabeth Marbury, a literary agent, copies of correspondence between Marbury and the president of the Society, and correspondence between Cockran and his nephew. Cecil F. Elmes, who served as consultant in the case. The case of People vs. Becker, which attracted wide publicity, contains correspondence with attorneys and others regarding Cockran's attempt to obtain a commutation of the death sentence imposed on Charles Becker, a police lieutenant, who was convicted of murder. Included are letters from Charles Becker, and a letter from Becker's widow, Helen Becker, expressing appreciation for Cockran's efforts in the case.

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C. Miscellaneous Courts and Papers

The bulk of this subseries consists of alphabetical files of cases (1884-1892) of the law firm of Cockran & Clark before the City Court of New York and the Court of Common Pleas. Included also is a register (1880-1894) of court cases of Cockran & Clark indexed alphabetically by case title.

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Series IV. Personal and Miscellaneous Papers

A. Personal Papers

The personal papers consist of a file of papers arranged topically relating to Cockran's personal affairs; and newspaper clippings (1885-1923) documenting Cockran's personal life and his professional activities as lawyer, politician, member of Congress, and orator. Included is a file of photocopies of loose clippings arranged chronologically; a file of obituaries; a scrapbook of original mounted clippings (1884-1886) of legal and political publicity; and a scrapbook (unbound) of original mounted clippings (1887-1922) containing legal, political and personal publicity. Included also is a file of oversized memorabilia including certificates of citizenship, a passport, and a certificate (1899) signed by Theodore Roosevelt naming Cockran an official delegate to the Conference on Trusts organized by the Chicago Civic Federation.

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Dov	Fal	The topical files relating mainly to Democratic Party politics and miscellaneous matters. Included are a few miscellaneous notes kept by Cockran and a typescript of an article by him entitled "The Norman."

Barnham Beach, History of, by Julia Young

Carter, James C. Address to the People of the United States by the National Democratic Committee. Undated holograph draft in Carter's hand Charity Societies. Article on the Charities Societies Investigation, 1916 Apr

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