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RG1 Nebraska. Governor
SG31 Cochran, Robert Leroy, 1886-1963

Papers, etc.: 1911-1959
State Governor: Lincoln, Nebraska
Cubic Feet: 130
Approx. 65,000 Items.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert LeRoy Cochran was born 28 January 1886 near Avoca, Cass County, Nebraska. He was the son of Charles A. and Mary (Wilkinson) Cochran. During the winter months he was educated in a sod school house and later graduated from Brady High School. He worked his way through the University of Nebraska, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1910, just three years after beginning study.

After receiving his degree, Cochran served with the Lincoln County Surveyor. In 1911, he was hired as a surveyor by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. In 1912, he was elected Lincoln County Surveyor and served in that position until 1916. In 1915 he was also appointed State Bridge Inspector. In 1917, he was appointed Deputy State Engineer. During the 1st World War, Cochran served two years in the Army Artillery Corps, being discharged with the rank of Captain in 1919. From 1919-1922 he served as District Engineer for the Nebraska Department of Public Works. From 1923 until 1934, Cochran was State Engineer.

In 1934, Cochran was elected Governor of Nebraska, running under the banner of the Democratic Party. He was re-elected twice to this office. In 1940, he made an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate, losing to Hugh Butler, the Republican Candidate. During World War II, Cochran served as Commander of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri with the rank of Colonel. Later, he served as part of the American Mission to Greece.

Roy Cochran was active in civic and government affairs. He was a member of the American Interprofessional Institute, the American Society of Civil Engineers; Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion; and the Nebraska Engineering Society. While Governor, Cochran served as President of the Council on State Governments, and Chairman of the National Governor's Conference. He was active in Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; was a member of both Scottish and York Rites; and a Sesostris Shriner. He also participated in the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Episcopal Church.

Robert LeRoy Cochran was married to Aileen Gantt in 1919. His family included one son, Robert LeRoy, Jr., and a daughter, Mary Aileen. On February 23, 1963, Robert Leroy Cochran died.
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE


This subgroup relates to the affairs of the Governor's office during the administration of Robert LeRoy Cochran, 1935-1941. Also included are numerous personal records relating mainly to the Gubernatorial campaigns of 1934 and 1936 and to the Cochran Senatorial Candidacy in 1940.

The bulk of this subgroup consists of correspondence relating to Cochran's terms as Governor of Nebraska, 1935-1941. Series One contains general correspondence and Series Two relates to Departmental and Agency Functions. Series three is applicant correspondence and is separated alphabetically by Agency or position.

Series 5, Proclamations and Endorsements, also includes press items and appointments. In Series 6, radio speeches appear through the series, but folders one through seven contain only radio talks.

The bulk of Series Ten and Eleven relate to Cochran's campaigns for Governor and the United States Senate. The newscuttings in Series 13 are in random order and relate to Cochran as Governor and candidate. Scrapbooks contain newscuttings relating to Cochran's Gubernatorial terms and private affairs.


Governor Cochran's filing system was retained whenever possible although minor alterations were made as needed for the sake of clarity. The personal files were arranged by subject matter whenever possible.

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World Herald's articles on Reclamation Projects,
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23 Speech "A lesson in deception", April 18, 1960
24 Travel Pamphlets--Greece Trip 1947
25 Ft. McPherson Centennial i.e. official booklet, postcards, clipping, brochures
26 Official Appointments received 1930 & 1959
27 Christmas List, 1937
28 Honorary Doctor of Laws--Midland College, Fremont, Nebr. 1938
29 Booklet-"Sod House Memories", Vol. 1, edited by Frances J. Alberts, 1963 (master copy)
30 Speech--Opposition to the Proposed Ainsworth Irrigation Unit

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Items 87-91 13 Scrapbooks of newsclippings

Loose material: Campaign film, woodcuts, stamps, campaign posters, & miscellaneous artifacts
Miscellaneous files, 1948