THE NELLIE L. AND MICHAEL C. HEALY
LIBRARY COLLECTION IN IRISH LITERATURE

Eugene F. Healy completed formal schooling only through the ninth grade, but he continued to self-educate for the remainder of his life. An avid reader, he was especially interested in the American Civil War and all things Irish. In his early twenties, he started a business with his wife, Patricia. Healy Real Estate Company, based primarily in Connecticut, was a success, allowing Eugene to retire at the age of 55. The couple then traveled extensively and were finally able to visit their beloved Ireland.

Made possible through Eugene and Patricia’s estate, this endowment realizes their wish to combine their strong support of higher education with their love for Ireland. The collection is named in honor of Eugene’s parents, Nellie and Michael Healy.

Broad-based and accommodating, the Healy fund has allowed the Hesburgh Libraries to acquire needed resources in Irish history, literature, theater, and film — an area of interest gaining prominence among students and researchers of Irish culture. It has supported the acquisition of extensive biographical material dealing with local Irish history, Northern Ireland, antiquities, studies in Catholic and Protestant history as they relate to Ireland, Irish economic history, and Irish art and architecture. Finally, it has been instrumental in the acquisition of numerous back runs of important journals and rare books.