The Donald and Marilyn Keough Family
Irish Studies Swift Collection

The Keough Swift Collection was created in 2000 by Chairman Emeritus of the University’s Board of Trustees Donald R. Keough and his wife, Marilyn. Don retired from Coca-Cola in 1993 as president, chief operating officer, and director and remains an advisor to its board. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University at Commencement in 1985—the same day his youngest son received his baccalaureate degree. In 1993, he was awarded the Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics.

Marilyn, who is active in a variety of organizations in Atlanta, including the Junior League, Forward Arts of Atlanta, Spelman College, and the Shepherd Spinal Center, joined her husband as the recipient of a Notre Dame honorary degree during the dedication ceremonies for the Dublin center in October 1998.

Thanks to the Keough Swift Collection, the Hesburgh Libraries have acquired a collection of books that attempts to reproduce the library once owned by Jonathan Swift. With more than 200 rare editions, most of which were printed in the 17th and 18th centuries, plus many secondary works on Swift, the library was compiled by noted Swift scholar Heinz J. Vienken.

The collection enhances the libraries’ already strong holdings of early editions by Swift and complements their outstanding collections on George Berkeley and Edmund Burke. Collectively, these resources place Notre Dame among the leading libraries in the field of 18th-century Irish writers.

The Keough family supports a second collection at the Named level.