Summary

Creator: Sarton, George, 1884-1956

Title: George Sarton collection of papers

Date: 1905-1956 [bulk 1917-1956]

Size: 1,942 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, correspondence, and legal documents.

Access: Restricted access.

Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Language of the Material: Some material in French

Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History
George Sarton was a Belgian-born American writer, professor, and scholar of the history of science and the founder of the journals "Isis" and "Osiris," and the father of May Sarton (b. 1912).

Custodial History
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**Scope and Content Note**
This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, correspondence, and legal documents. The collection includes articles and essays in holograph and typescript, many of which were published in various journals including "Isis" and "Osiris." It includes correspondence, dating from 1906 to 1956, from the author to Marie Closset, Vladimir Nabokov, Muriel Rukeyser, his wife Eleanor Mabel Sarton, his daughter May Sarton, and others. There are letters to George Sarton from Marie Closset, James Bryant Conant, Walter Dumaux Edmunds, Vladimir Nabokov, Eleanor Sarton, May Sarton, and Albert Tiberghien, dating from 1905 to 1956.

**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Correspondence

**Subjects**
Science -- Historiography
Science -- History

**Names**
Sarton, George, 1884-1956
Closset, Marie, 1875-
Conant, James Bryant, 1893-1978
Edmunds, Walter Dumaux
Merton, Robert King, 1910-2003
Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, 1899-1977
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980
Sarton, Eleanor Mabel, 1878-1950
Sarton, May, 1912-1995
Tiberghien, Albert, 1915-
Guide to the
George Sarton collection of papers

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

**Manuscript box**

Aime Bonpland (1773-1858). Holograph article. At head of title: Fourth preface to volume XXXIV 1942 June 2 (82 p) (82 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1943, v. 34, p. 385-399

**Manuscript box**

Anquetil-Duperron (1731-1805). Holograph article. At head of title: Second preface to volume 26 1936 June 17 (101 p) (101 p)

**Manuscript box**

Anquetil-Duperron (1731-1805). Typescript with the author's ms. corrections 1936 June 17 (46 p) (46 p)
Published in: Osiris, 1937, v. 3, p. 193-223

**Manuscript box**

Avenir de la science, L'. Holograph essay 1942 June 23 (43 p) (43 p)
Signed. Published in: Renaissance, 1943, v. 1, p. 218-237

**Manuscript box**

Beccaria, 1738-1794. Holograph article 1942 Aug. 27 (32 p) (32 p)
Signed. Published in: Essays in the history of medicine, presented to Alfred Castiglioni...p. 283-308 (Bulletin of the history of medicine. Supplement no. 3, 1944)

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Borodin (1833-1887). Holograph article 1938 [Nov. 1 (107 p) (107 p)
Signed. Inserted between p. [83] and [84]: Tiberghien, Albert. Postcard to George Sarton, Nov. 25, 1938

**Manuscript box**

Borodin (1833-1887). Typescript, with the author's ms. corrections 1938 [Nov. 1 (59 p) (59 p)
Published in: Osiris, 1939, v. 7, p. 225-260

**Manuscript box**

Comment augmenter le rendement intellectuel de l'humanite? Holograph n.d. (157 p) (157 p)
Published in: Isis, 1913, v. 1, p. 219-242, 416-473

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Published in: Raccolta vinciana, 1919, fasc. X, p. 235-242

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Eskualherria. Holograph article 1925 Sept. (21 p) (21 p)

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Signed. Published in: Studies in the history of culture, Menasha, Wis.: G. Banta press, 1942, p. 63-83
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Evariste Galois. Holograph article. Some corrections in Eleanor Mabel Sarton's hand 1920 Jan. 6 (23 p) (23 p)

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Febris Candolliana. Holograph article. At head of title: Third preface to vol. XXXIV 1942 Jan. 23 (13 p) (13 p)
Signed. Published in: Archives internationales d'histoire des sciences, 1947, v. 27, p. 18-25

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Feminine monarchie of Charles Butler, 1609. Holograph article 1943 May 5, 1943 June 21 (11 p) (11 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1943, v. 34, p. 469-472

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Foreword [to Edward Tyson, 1650-1708, and the rise of human and comparative anatomy in England, by M. F. Ashley Montagu]. Holograph 1941 (17 p) (17 p)

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Signed. Published in: Isis, 1944, v. 35, p. 327-330

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Herbert Spencer [1820-1920]. Holograph article n.d. (20 p) (20 p)

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Signed. Published in: The Journal of unified science (Erkenntnis), 1939, v. 9, p. 90-93

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History of medicine versus the history of art, The. Typescript n.d. (23 p) (23 p)
Manuscript box

[History of science] Carnegie institution of Washington. Division of historical research. Section of the history of science. Twenty-second annual report. Typescript (original and carbon) with the author’s ms. corrections n.d. (5 p. each) (5 p. each)

Manuscript box

Hoefer and Chevreul (with an excursus on creative centenarians). Holograph article 1939 Aug. (68 p) (68 p)
Signed. Published in: Bulletin of the history of medicine, 1940, v. 8, p. 419-445

Manuscript box

Knowledge and charity. Holograph essay 1922 Sept. (23 p) (23 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1923, v. 5, p. 5-19

Manuscript box

Lagrange's personality (1736-1813). Holograph article 1944 Jan. (253 p. in 3 folders) (253 p. in 3 folders)

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Materiaux pour l'histoire de l'art asiatique [lere serie]. Introduction. Holograph article n.d. (21 p) (21 p)
Published in: Gazette des beaux arts, 1923, v. 7, p. 1-17

Manuscript box

Mendeleyev's mother. Typescript of article 1944 Apr. 4 (4 p) (4 p)
Published in: Festschrift dedicated to Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy, 1877-1947 (Art and thought, Feb., 1948) p. 158f

Manuscript box

Nouvel humanisme, Le. Earlier holograph draft of essay 1917 Aug. 31 (21 p) (21 p)
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Nouvel humanisme, Le. Later holograph draft of essay 1917 Aug. 31 (22 p) (22 p)
Signed. Published in: Scientia, 1918, v. 23, p. 161-175

Manuscript box

Old world and the new humanism. Holograph essay. “Recording made by George Sarton on Nov. 3 in the WEEI studio, Boston, to help commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Columbia University.” n.d. (17 p) (17 p)
Published in: Man’s right to knowledge, New York, Columbia university, 1954, p. 63-68

Manuscript box

Organisation scientifique du journalisme, L’. Holograph essay n.d. (90 p) (90 p)
Published in: La vie internationale, 1913, v. 5, p. 391-428

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Paul, Jules and Marie Tannery (with a note on Gregoire Wyrouboff). Holograph article 1946 July 19 (100 p) (100 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1947, v. 38, p. 33-51
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Portraits of ancient men of science. Holograph article. Subtitled "Iconographic studies, ii" 1944 Feb. 28 (21 p) (21 p)
Signed. Published in: Lychnos, 1944-1945, p. 249-256

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Signed. Published Baltimore, Williams & Wilkins for the Carnegie institution of Washington, 1930, p. xv-xix

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Preface to Men of science in America; science in the life of our country, by Bernard Jaffe. Holograph n.d. (11 p) (11 p)
Signed. Published New York, Simon and Schuster, 1944, p. xiii-xviii

Manuscript box
[Prefaces to Isis] Seventeen holograph prefaces 1926 Aug. - 1949 July (17 items in 9 folders) (17 items in 9 folders)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1927-1950, v. 9-11

Manuscript box
[Prologo] Preface [to El enigma de la luz by Cortes Pla]. Holograph. In French 1948 Dec. 6 (11 p) (11 p)
Signed. Published (in Spanish translation) Buenos Aires, Kraft, 1949, p. 11-16

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Signed. Published in: Isis, 1940, v. 31, p. 398-404

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Remarks on the theory of temperaments. Holograph article 1942 July 27 (11 p)
Published in: Isis, 1943, v. 34, p. 205-208

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Signed. Published in: Isis, 1937, v. 27, p. 242-257

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Scholar's dilemma, The. Holograph essay 1944 Feb. (10 p) (10 p)

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Signed. Published in: Scribner's magazine, 1921, v. 69, p. 755-759

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Science et tradition. Holograph essay 1948 June (44 p) (44 p)
Preface signed. Published in: Archives internationales d'histoire des sciences, 1948, v. 28, p. 10-31

Manuscript box
Signed. Author's ms. note on p. [1]: 1928 or 1929. Published in: The civilization of the Renaissance, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1929, p. 75-95
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War and civilization. Holograph essay. Some corrections in Eleanor Mabel Sarton’s hand 1919 Sept. (9 p) (9 p)

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Closset, Marie. 4 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 TL (carbon) to. Two letters addressed to Marie Gaspar. In French 1939 Oct. 23 - 1951 [Dec. 25 (6 letters) (6 letters)
Governor Auto School, Boston. TL (carbon) addressed to [−?] Davis. 1939 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)

Nabokov, Vladimir. ALS to 1952 Sept. 24 (1 p) (1 p)

Rukeyser, Muriel. 3 ALS to 1944 Apr. 9 - 1948 Jan. 17 (3 letters) (3 letters)
With 2 copies of his Bulletins prepared to simplify my correspondence, Bulletin no. 6, Nov. 8, 1947. 1 p. each

Sarton, Eleanor Mabel. 736 ALS, 1 AL, 2 ANS, 1 AN, 1 TLS, 124 postcards, 3 telegrams to 1906 July 21 - 1950 Nov. 13 (868 letters in 181 folders) (868 letters in 181 folders)
Accompanied by: Sarton, May. ALS to “Miutsie”. Thurs. [n.y.] 1 p. Folder 121; Photograph of [E. M. Sarton?] Undated. Folder 95

Sarton, Eleanor Mabel. 2 telegrams to. Relate to May Sarton, their daughter 1930 May 8, 1934 Sept. 12 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Sarton, May. 34 ALS, 2 ANS, 6 postcards, 1 telegram to 1914 July 12 - 1956
Mar. 19 (43 letters in 8 folders) (43 letters in 8 folders)

Sarton, May. 372 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 AL (incomplete), 1 telegram to. A few letters in French 1916 June 20 - [1956 Jan.] 22 (375 letters in 76 folders) (375 letters in 76 folders)
List enclosures and miscellaneous pieces laid into folder 1; includes letters by and to George Sarton, holograph codicil to his will, 2 ALS by E. M. Sarton, etc.

Incoming Correspondence

Closset, Marie. ALS to G. Sarton 1932 Aug. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
On birthday card including ALS by Marie Gaspar, 3 p.; Blanche Rousseau, 1 p.; and May Sarton, 1 p.
Conant, James Bryant. Letter (typewritten copy) to G. Sarton 1952 June 20 (1 p) (1 p)

Edmonds, Walter Dumaux. TLS to G. Sarton 1939 July 5 (1 p) (1 p)

Merton, Robert King. TLS to G. Sarton. Relates to May Sarton 1940 Dec. 6 (1 p) (1 p)


Sarton, Eleanor Mabel. 601 ALS, 40 AL, 5 ANS, 2 AN, 31 postcards, 11 telegrams to G. Sarton 1905 Dec. 11 - [1950] Mar. 28 (690 letters in 143 folders) (690 letters in 143 folders)

Sarton, May. 29 ALS, 3 AL, 8 ANS, 1 TLS, 5 postcards to G. Sarton 1915 [Dec. 25] - 1956 Mar. 20 (46 letters in 9 folders) (46 letters in 9 folders)

Sarton, May. 638 ALS (1 incomplete), 459 TLS, 9 letters, 3 ANS, 36 postcards, 11 telegrams, 1 card to her parents, George and Eleanor Sarton. Many dates supplied by George Sarton. Undated letters cataloged in order received [1928?] - 1954 Nov. 21 (1157 letters in 236 folders) (1157 letters in 236 folders) Some letters include drawings; 3 original watercolor Christmas cards in folders 44 and 228. Partial list of enclosures and misc. pieces laid into folder 1; includes fragments of novel, "The single hound" and 68 poems by M. Sarton and 17 photos of her

Sarton, May. 28 ALS, 1 AL, 4 TLS, 6 postcards to George and Eleanor Sarton 1921 June 29 - [1945] Mar. 30 (39 letters in 8 folders) (39 letters in 8 folders)

Tiberghien, Albert. Postcard to G. Sarton 1938 Nov. 25 (1 card) (1 card)

Legal Documents

Codicil to my last will. Photostat (negative) of holograph 1942 Sept. 23 (1 p) (1 p) Signed
Manuscript box.
In: Sarton, George. 372 ALS...to May Sarton, 1916-1956. Folder 24

Legal Documents (cont.)

Harvard University Press. Typewritten royalty statement to George Sarton
1937 June 11 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed "M. C. Rugg"; Sarton's ms. note at foot of page