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George Sarton collection of papers

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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.

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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-

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

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| 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) |
| Manuscript box | Bicentennial conference of the U[niversity] of P[ennsylvania]. Round table on the history of science. Monday afternoon, Sept. 16 [1940]. Introductory remarks of the chairman. Holograph n.d. (10 p) (10 p) |
| Manuscript box | 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 |
| Manuscript box | [Deux centenaires: Servet et Chateillon] Les quatriemes centenaires de Servet et de Chateillon. Holograph article n.d. (136 p. in 2 folders) (136 p. in 2 folders) |
| Manuscript box | [Deux centenaires: Servet et Chateillon] Les quatriemes centenaires de Servet et de Chateillon. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (72 p) (72 p)
Author's ms. note on p. [1]: "Mailed to Moraze 5404.17 [ie. April 17, 1954]"; Published in: Cahiers d'histoire mondiale, 1954, v. 2, p. 139-169 |
| Manuscript box | [Encyclopedie Leonardesque] Un' enciclopedia vinciana. Holograph. In French n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Published in: Raccolta vinciana, 1919, fasc. X, p. 235-242 |
| Manuscript box | Eskualherria. Holograph article 1925 Sept. (21 p) (21 p) |
| Manuscript box | Eskualherria. Basques. Typescript 1925 Sept. (15 p) (15 p)
Signed. Published in: Studies in the history of culture, Menasha, Wis.: G. Banta press, 1942, p. 63-83 |
| Manuscript box | Ethical implications of science. Holograph address (?). At head of title: "A[merican] A[ssociation for the] A[dvancement of] S[cience]" 1940 Dec. 30 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Manuscript box | Evariste Galois. Holograph article. Some corrections in Eleanor Mabel Sarton's hand 1920 Jan. 6 (23 p) (23 p)
Signed. Published in: Scientific monthly, 1921, v. 13, p. 363-375; reprinted in The life of science, New York: H. Schuman, 1948 |

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

- Manuscript box Faith of a humanist, The. Holograph essay n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Published in: Isis, 1920, v. 3, p. 3-6; reprinted in The history of science and the new humanism, 2d ed., Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1937, p. xi-xx
- Manuscript box 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
- Manuscript box 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
- Manuscript box 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)
Signed. Published in: Philadelphia, American philosophical society, 1943, p. xv-xx (Its Memoirs, v. 20)
- Manuscript box Grassman, 1844. Holograph article. At head of title: Preface to volume XXXV 1944 Apr. 12 (19 p) (19 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1944, v. 35, p. 327-330
- Manuscript box Herbert Spencer [1820-1920]. Holograph article n.d. (20 p) (20 p)
Published in: Isis, 1920, v. 3, p. 375-390, and in Scribner's magazine, 1920, v. 67, p. 695-702
- Manuscript box Historical basis of philosophical unification, The. Holograph essay. At head of title: Summary of a talk delivered before the Fifth Congress of the Unity of Science, Cambridge, Mass., Sept. x, 1939 1939 May 16 (8 p) (8 p)
Signed. Published in: The Journal of unified science (Erkenntnis), 1939, v. 9, p. 90-93
- Manuscript box History of medicine versus the history of art, The. Holograph essay. "Second Fielding H. Garrison lecture delivered at the annual meeting of the American Assoc. of the History of Medicine. Atlantic City, N. J., May 5, 1941" n.d. (31 p) (31 p)
Signed
- Manuscript box History of medicine versus the history of art, The. Typescript n.d. (23 p) (23 p)
Published in: Bulletin of the history of medicine, 1941, v. 10, p. 123-135; reprinted in Sarton's The life of science, New York, H. Schuman, 1948
- 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)
With typescript and carbon of contributions to accompanying bibliography, 3 p. each. Published in: Yearbook of the Carnegie institution of Washington, no. 39, 1939-1940, Washington, D. C., 1940, p. 282f
- 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)
Signed. Published in: Proceedings of the American philosophical society, 1944, v. 88, p. 457-496
- Manuscript box [Leonard de Vinci, ingenieur et savant] Leonard de Vinci, inventeur et savant. Holograph article n.d. (46 p) (46 p)
Published in: France. Centre national de la recherche scientifique. Leonard de Vinci et l'experience scientifique au seizieme siecle, Paris, Presses universitaires de France, 1953, p. 11-22

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

- Manuscript box **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)
Signed
- Manuscript box **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
- Manuscript box **Paul, Jules and Marie Tannery (with a note on Gregoire Wyruboff).**
Holograph article 1946 July 19 (100 p) (100 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1947, v. 38, p. 33-51
- Manuscript box **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
- Manuscript box **Preface [to Leonardo da Vinci the anatomist (1452-1519) by J. Playfair McMurrich]. Holograph** 1929 Aug. (14 p) (14 p)
Signed. Published Baltimore, Williams & Wilkins for the Carnegie institution of Washington, 1930, p. xv-xix
- Manuscript box **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
- Manuscript box **Remarks on the study of Babylonian mathematics. Holograph article** 1938 Dec. 26, 1939 Jan. 4 (16 p) (16 p)
Signed
- Manuscript box **Remarks on the study of Babylonian mathematics. Typescript** 1938 Dec. 26, 1939 Jan. 4 (11 p) (11 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1940, v. 31, p. 398-404
- Manuscript box **Remarks on the theory of temperaments. Holograph article** 1942 July 27 (11 p) (11 p)
Published in: Isis, 1943, v. 34, p. 205-208
- Manuscript box **Rumphius, Plinius indicus (1628-1702). Holograph article. At head of title: Preface to Volume XXVI** 1936 June 13 (25 p) (25 p)
Signed

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

- Manuscript box Rumphius, Plinius indicus (1628-1702). Typescript. At head of title: Second preface to Volume XXVII 1936 June 13 (17 p) (17 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1937, v. 27, p. 242-257
- Manuscript box Scholar's dilemma, The. Holograph essay 1944 Feb. (10 p) (10 p)
Signed. Published in: The Albert Schweitzer jubilee book, edited by A. A. Roback et al., Cambridge, Mass., Sci-Art publishers, 1946, p. 459-465
- Manuscript box Science and style. Holograph essay 1920 [Dec. 24 (14 p) (14 p)
Signed. Published in: Scribner's magazine, 1921, v. 69, p. 755-759
- Manuscript box 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 Science in the Renaissance. Holograph essay n.d. (24 p) (24 p)
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
- Manuscript box [Sciences et les humanites, Les. L'histoire des sciences] Conference faite a l'ouverture du VIIe Congres international d'histoire des sciences...
Holograph essay 1953 [Apr. 5 (52 p) (52 p)
Signed. Published in: Actes du VIIe Congres international d'histoire des sciences, Jerusalem, 1953, p. 97-111
- Manuscript box Scientific basis of the history of science, The. Holograph essay 1938 July (37 p) (37 p)
Signed. Published in: Cooperation in research, Washington Carnegie institution, 1938, p. 465-481
- Manuscript box Scripta manent. Holograph essay 1944 [Apr. 23 (18 p) (18 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1944, v. 35, p. 201-205
- Manuscript box Secret history. Holograph essay 1919 July (18 p) (18 p)
Signed. Published in: Scribner's magazine, 1919, v. 67, p. 187-192; reprinted in The life of science, New York, H. Schuman, 1948
- Manuscript box Sentiment du passe, Le. Holograph essay 1925 Aug. 12 (29 p) (29 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1926, v. 8, p. 391-402
- Manuscript box Sur la tolerance intellectuelle. Earlier holograph draft of essay n.d. (24 p) (24 p)
Signed
- Manuscript box Sur la tolerance intellectuelle. Later holograph draft of essay 1925 July (38 p) (38 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1926, v. 8, p. 241-253
- Manuscript box Synthese geologique de 1775 a 1918, La. Holograph article n.d. (27 p) (27 p)
Published in: Isis, 1919, v. 2, p. 357-394
- Manuscript box Teaching of the history of science, The. Holograph article n.d. (37 p) (37 p)
Signed. Published in: Scientific monthly, Sept. 1918, p. 193-211
- Manuscript box Teaching of the history of science (3), The. Earlier holograph draft of essay n.d. (44 p) (44 p)
- Manuscript box Teaching of the history of science (3), The. Later holograph draft of essay 1929 Sept. (48 p) (48 p)
Signed. Published in: Isis, 1930, v. 13, p. 272-297
- Manuscript box Tentative note on the translation of Turkish. Holograph n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
- Manuscript box Transparency: [a way of looking at people]. Holograph essay 1922 Jan. 19 (17 p) (17 p)
Signed Dominique de Bray. Published in: Scribner's magazine, March, 1925, p. 308-313

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

- Manuscript box Vindication of Father Hell. Holograph article. At head of title: preface to Volume XXXV 1942 Sept. 17 (46 p) (46 p)
Signed. With earlier draft, incomplete, 19 p.; Vindication of Father Hell. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections
- Manuscript box Vindication of Father Hell. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections. At head of title: Second preface to volume XXXV 1942 Sept. 17 (30 p) (30 p)
With: Vindication of Father Hell. Holograph article. At head of title: preface to Volume XXXV. Published in: Isis, 1944, v. 35, p. 97-105
- Manuscript box War and civilization. Holograph essay. Some corrections in Eleanor Mabel Sarton's hand 1919 Sept. (9 p) (9 p)
Signed. On p. 1: the writer's ANS to her. Published in: Isis, 1919, v. 2, p. 315-321

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box 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)
- Manuscript box. In his: 372 ALS...to May Sarton, 1916-1956. Folder 29. Enclosed in letter of June 25, 1939 Governor Auto School, Boston. TL (carbon) addressed to [--?] Davis. 1939 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box. In: Nabokov, Vladimir. TL (carbon) to George Sarton, Oct. 1, 1952. 1 p. Nabokov, Vladimir. ALS to 1952 Sept. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box 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
- Manuscript box 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
- Manuscript box. In: Sarton, May. 638 ALS...to George and Eleanor Mabel Sarton, 1928-1954. Folders 20, 82 Sarton, Eleanor Mabel. 2 telegrams to. Relate to May Sarton, their daughter 1930 May 8, 1934 Sept. 12 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box 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)
- Manuscript box 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

Correspondence (cont.)
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- Manuscript box.
In: Sarton, May.
638 ALS ... to
George and
Eleanor Mabel
Sarton, 1928-
1954. Folder 116
- 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.
- Manuscript box
(Sarton)
- Closset, Marie. 4 AL to G. Sarton. In French 1946 Jan. 14 - 1949 Aug. 6 (4 letters)
(4 letters)
3 signed Jean Dominique. Letter of June 15, 1949 encloses ALS of same date by Marie Gaspar, 2 p. and clipping
- Manuscript box.
In: Sarton,
George. 372 ALS
... to May Sarton,
191601956.
Folder 63.
Enclosed in letter
of June 22, 1952
- Conant, James Bryant. Letter (typewritten copy) to G. Sarton 1952 June 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box.
In: Sarton,
George. 372 ALS
... to May Sarton,
191601956.
Folder 63.
Enclosed in letter
of July 9, 1939
- Edmonds, Walter Dumaux. TLS to G. Sarton 1939 July 5 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box.
In: Sarton,
George. 372 ALS
... to May Sarton,
191601956.
Folder 63.
Enclosed in letter
of Dec. 14, 1940
- Merton, Robert King. TLS to G. Sarton. Relates to May Sarton 1940 Dec. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box
- Nabokov, Vladimir. TL (carbon) to G. Sarton 1952 Oct. 1 (1 p) (1 p)
Accompanied by: Sarton, George. ALS to Vladimir Nabokov. Sept. 24, 1952. 1 p.
- Manuscript box
- 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)
- Manuscript box
- 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)
- Manuscript box
- 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
- Manuscript box
- 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)
- Manuscript box.
In: Sarton,
George. Borodin
(1833-1887).
Holograph article.
- Tiberghien, Albert. Postcard to G. Sarton 1938 Nov. 25 (1 card) (1 card)

Legal Documents

Legal Documents (cont.)

Manuscript box. In
his: 372 ALS ... to
May Sarton, 1916-
1956. Folder 37.
Enclosed in letter
of Dec. 5, 1942

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

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