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Guide to the

**Eleanor Mabel Sarton collection of papers**

1905-[1950]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Sarton, Eleanor Mabel, 1878-1950

**Title:** Eleanor Mabel Sarton collection of papers

**Date:** 1905-[1950]

**Size:** 3,573 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, correspondence, and a portrait photograph.

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**Language of the Material:** Some correspondence in French

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

## Creator History

Eleanor Mabel Sarton was an artist, designer, and the mother of May Sarton (b. 1912).

## Custodial History

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## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, and a portrait photograph. The manuscripts include an essay and article by her husband George Sarton with corrections in Eleanor Sarton's hand. The correspondence consists of letters, dating from 1905 to [1950], to Marie Closset, George Sarton, and May Sarton. There are letters to Eleanor Sarton from Marie Closset, Walter H. Elwes, Edith Forbes Kennedy, Judith Matlack, Muriel Rukeyser, George Sarton, and May Sarton, dating from 1906 to [1950].

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Sarton, Eleanor Mabel, 1878-1950

Closset, Marie, 1875-

Elwes, Walter H

Kennedy, Edith Forbes, d. 1942

Matlack, Judith, 1898-1982

Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980

Sarton, George, 1884-1956

Sarton, May, 1912-1995

## Container List

### Manuscripts

- Manuscript box     Sarton, George. 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
- Manuscript box     Sarton, George. 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 E. M. Sarton. Published in: Isis, 1919, v. 2, p. 315-321

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS...etc. to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 72     Apprentice theatre. ALS to the n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
With envelope
- Manuscript box     Closset, Marie. 13 ALS, 2 AL to. In French. Some letters also addressed to Blanche Rousseau and Marie Gaspar 1932 Nov. 12 - [1950 July 23 (15 letters in 3 folders) (15 letters in 3 folders)  
In Folder 3: Sarton, May. ALS to Marie Closset. Oct. 8 [1948]. 2 p.
- Manuscript box     Sarton, George. 601 ALS, 40 AL, 5 ANS, 2 AN, 31 postcards, 11 telegrams to 1905 Dec. 11 - [1950] Mar. 28 (690 letters in 143 folders) (690 letters in 143 folders)
- Manuscript box     Sarton, May. 665 ALS, 14 AL, 2 ANS, 7 postcards, 4 telegrams to 1916 June 13 - 1949 Nov. 20 (692 letters in 139 folders) (692 letters in 139 folders)
- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton,  
George. 372 ALS  
... etc. to May  
Sarton, 1916-  
1956. Folders 2,  
3, 6, 58     Sarton, May. 2 ALS, 1 ANS, 1 AN to. Dates from George Sarton's letters to which they are added as postscripts 1931 Oct. 31 - [1949 June 13 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS ... etc. to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 203     Sarton, May. Telegram (draft) to 1947? ca. May 3 (2 p) (2 p)

#### Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box  
(Sarton)     Closset, Marie. 26 ALS, 1 AL (incomplete) to E. Sarton. In French 1932 Dec. 11 - 1950 Mar. 20 (27 letters in 5 folders) (27 letters in 5 folders)  
Some letters signed Jean Dominique. Letter of Aug. 9, 1947 on verso of p. [3] of ALS by Marie Gaspar, Aug. 8, 1947
- Manuscript box  
(Sarton)     Elwes, Walter H. TLS to E. Sarton 1939 Oct. 25 (2 p) (2 p)  
Encloses summary of estate of Eleanor Cole Elwes, itemized solicitor's bills, etc., 38 p.; Came with May Sarton's papers; the deceased was her maternal grandmother
- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS ... to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 47     Kennedy, Edith Forbes. ALS to E. Sarton. Relates to May Sarton. Cf. Her "A World of Light", p. 89f [1932] Apr. 23 (5 p) (5 p)

Correspondence (cont.)  
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS ... to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 189
- Matlack, Judith. ALS to E. Sarton 1945 Apr. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS ... to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 209
- Matlack, Judith. ALS to E. Sarton and George Sarton 1948 Feb. 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS ... to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 210
- Matlack, Judith. ALS to E. Sarton 1948 Mar. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box.  
In: Sarton, May.  
638 ALS ... to  
George and  
Eleanor Mabel  
Sarton, 1928-  
1954. Folder 223
- Matlack, Judith. TLS to E. Sarton [1949] June 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box
- Rukeyser, Muriel. ALS to E. Sarton 1950? Sept. 26 (2 p) (2 p)  
Came with Rukeyser's letters to May Sarton
- Manuscript box
- Sarton, George. 736 ALS, 1 AL, 2 ANS, 1 AN, 1 TLS, 124 postcards, 3 telegrams to E. Sarton 1906 July 21 - 1950 Nov. 13 (868 letters in 181 folders) (868 letters in 181 folders)  
Accompanied by: Sarton, May. ALS to "Miutsie" [mother?]. Dated Thurs. [n.y.] 1 p. Folder 121; Photograph of [Eleanor Mabel Sarton?] Undated. 4.5 x 5.5 cm. Folder 95
- Manuscript box.  
In: Manuscript box. In: Sarton, May. 638 ALS ... to George and Eleanor Mabel Sarton, 1928-1954. Folders 20 and 82
- Sarton, George. 2 telegrams to E. Sarton. Relate to May Sarton, their daughter 1930 May 8, 1934 Sept. 12 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box
- Sarton, May. 94 ALS, 2 AL, 1 TLS, 9 postcards to E. Sarton [before 1917] - [1932] July 22 (106 letters in 21 folders) (106 letters in 21 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, 228. Partial list of enclosures and misc. pieces laid into folder 1; includes fragment of novel, The single hound, and 68 poems by May Sarton and 17 photos of her
- Portraits
- Manuscript box.  
Folder 95
- Photograph of [Eleanor Mabel Sarton?]. 5 x 6 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
736 ALS, 1 AL, 2 ANS, 1 AN, 1 TLS, 124 postcards, 3 telegrams from Sarton, George to Eleanor Mabel Sarton, July 21, 1906-Nov. 13, 1950; Sarton, May. ALS to "Miutsie", Thurs. [n.y.]