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**CREATOR:** Sarton, George, 1884-1956

**TITLE:** George Sarton papers

**DATES:** 1890-1949

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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of biographical material, reprints, and correspondence of George Sarton.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980.

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## Biographical / Historical

Historian of science, George Alfred Léon Sarton was born on August 31, 1884, in Ghent, Belgium. He studied the natural sciences at the University of Ghent, and received his D.Sc. in 1911. Escaping to England before World War I, Sarton then moved to the United States in 1915. After spending some time in lecturing positions, Sarton came to Harvard University in 1920, was made a full professor there in 1940 and retired in 1951 when he was made professor emeritus. He was founder of the journals, *Isis* and *Osiris*, and author of numerous books on the history of science. He married Eleanor Mabel Elwes on June 22, 1911, and had one daughter, May, in May 1912.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Medicine

### **Names**

Sarton, George, 1884-1956