

May Sarton Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	College Archives & Special Collections / Wallace E. Mason Library / Keene State College
Creator - Donor	Robinson, Ann
Title	May Sarton Collection
Date	1971-1972
Extent	0.5 Linear feet 1 clamshell box
Language	English
Abstract	Papers and material about May Sarton, donated by Anne Robinson. Includes correspondence, clippings, and interviews with her.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

May Sarton was born May 3rd, 1912 in Wondelgem, Belgium and was an American poet, novelist, and memoirist. May Sarton is a pen name, her full name is Eleanore Marie Sarton. When Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in 1914, her family moved to Ipswich, England and then one year later to Boston, Massachusetts where her father started working at Harvard University. She published her first collection of poetry, *Encounter in April*, in 1937. In 1945 she met Judy Matlack, who would become her partner for the next 13 years. When they separated in 1956, Sarton moved to Nelson, New Hampshire. She later moved to York, Maine.

Throughout her career, she published 18 books of poetry, 20 novels, 13 books of nonfiction, and two children's books. She lived until the age of 83, passing away from breast cancer on July 16th, 1995.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Modern Poetry Collection

Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1 12/9/1971-12/16/1971

Typed submission of Sarton article for the Keene Sentinel written by Ann Robinson.

Microfilm print of the article

2 photographs of Sarton by Pat Haley

Folder 2 1971-1972

Typed letter to May Sarton from Ann Robinson November 7, 1971

Article written by Robinson about a lecture Sarton gave at Windham college. Includes handwritten notes and a news clipping announcing that Sarton will speak at Windham College ca. 1971

2 Postcards from May Sarton to Ann Robinson Novembr 9, 1971 & December [9], 1971

Typed letter to May Sarton from Ann Robinson November 29, 1971

Typed sheet by Ann Robinson that notes her discussion with Esher Fitts the Associate Editor of Yankee Magazine listing how May Sarton will be a judge for the 1972 poetry awards December 13, 1971

Typed letter from Yankee Magazine Assistant Editor Clarissa Silitch to Ann Robinson December 17, 1971

Typed letter to Ann Robinson from a Mrs. Mary Tozer January 1, 1972

Typed letter to Mary Tozer from [Ann Robinson] January 5, 1972

Typed letter to May Sarton from [Ann Robinson] January 6, 1972

Typed letter to Judson Hale, Editor of Yankee Magazine from Ann Robinson February 4, 1972

Typed letter to May Sarton from Ann Robinson February 4, 1972

Typed notes by [Ann Robinson] about a phone call with May Sarton February 5, 1972

Typed letter to Ann Robinson from [May Sarton] February 7, 1972

Folder 3 1972

Transcript of Robinsons's taped interview with Sarton 1972

Folder 4 1972

Transcript of taped interview with Sarton. Includes Sarton's edits in pencil 1972

Folder 5 1972

Unpublished article on Sarton by Robinson with Robinson's edits in pencil 1972

Folder 6 1972

Unpublished article on Sarton by Robinson with Sarton's edits in red ink 1972

Folder 7 1972

Transcript "Questions for May [Sarton]" 1972