

# **Guide to Stella Bloch Hanau Scrapbook BC15.12**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Hanau, Stella, 1890-1972
<b>Title</b>	Stella Bloch Hanau Scrapbook
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1903-1913
<b>Extent</b>	3.15 Linear feet ; 1 half document box, 2 oversize boxes
<b>Location note</b>	This collection is stored offsite and advance notice is required for access. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or <a href="mailto:archives@barnard.edu">archives@barnard.edu</a> .
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection consists of the scrapbook of Barnard alumna Stella Bloch Hanau. The scrapbook was compiled by Bloch preceding, during, and after her years as Barnard student. Most material is pertinent to Barnard College, but some is from her time at Wadleigh High School.

### Preferred Citation

Stella Bloch Hanau Scrapbook, 1903-1913; Box and Folder; Barnard College Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College

## Biography

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Stella Bloch was born July 24th, 1890 in New York City. After attending Wadleigh High School in Manhattan, she majored in English literature at Barnard College. There, she participated in the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, Deutscher Kreis, the College Settlements Association, and acted as the secretary-treasurer for the Barnard chapter of the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League of New York State. Bloch graduated in 1911. In 1914, she married Leo Hanau, a German immigrant. She was active in experimental theater productions, in the WPA where she worked as the staff editor for the “WPA Writers’ Project”, and was also an early advocate of birth control and Planned Parenthood. She was under suspicion for communist leanings in the late 1940s by the Loyalty Board of the Department of Commerce, instigated by her leftist politics and Jewish heritage. Hanau died in 1972.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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The Stella Bloch Hanau Scrapbook consists of a conserved scrapbook and separately housed physical memorabilia. The scrapbook starts in 1905 with programs, invitations to events, and photographs from her years at Wadleigh High School and continues through her attendance at Barnard and into her time as an alumna still involved in the school.

The scrapbook is notable for its hand-lettered subject headings, and for the detailed record of theatrical productions that Hanau was involved in. It contains programs, handwritten musical scores, cast lists and changes, black and white photographs of performances and rehearsals, and reminder notes for meetings of casts and crews.

The scrapbook also contains various freshman class paraphernalia (a sunflower, a green scarf) from the 1907 Mysteries; various botanical specimens; dance cards; black and white photographs of costumes, picnics, and various other events; invitations to Barnard events; information relating to the Women’s Liberation front and a broadside advertising mass meeting in honor of Emmeline Pankhurst; and a program for “What Every Barnardite Knows—A Fit in 5 Spasms from the Bulldog to the Bear” dated 1910. The scrapbook ends in 1913, two years after Hanau’s graduation.

Included in the collection are two diaries Hanau kept between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. Of note, are Hanau's experiences with being a Jewish student at Barnard and her descriptions of crushes among her and her female classmates through high school and college.

## **Collection Arrangement**

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The collection is arranged chronologically.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

### **Acquisition Information**

Donated to the Barnard Archives in 1982 by Susan L. Boone of the Sophia Smith Collection. The donation was made upon Barnard-related items being deaccessioned from Smith's acquisition of the Stella Hanau Papers.

### **Processing History**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Scrapbooks

### Subject(s)

- Barnard College--Alumni and alumnae
- Crushes (infatuation)
- Female friendship
- Jews--Identity
- Student activities
- Suffragists
- Women's colleges--New York (State)--New York

## Collection Inventory

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	<b>Box</b>
Scrapbook, 1907-1913 1.75 Linear feet ; 1 oversize box	3
Loose items removed from scrapbook and scrapbook covers, 1907-1913 1.19 Linear feet ; 1 oversize box	2
Diaries, 1903-1912 0.21 Linear feet ; 1 half document box	1