

# **Guide to the Edith Somborn Issacs Scrapbook BC15.06**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Edith Somborn Issacs Scrapbook
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1903-1906
<b>Extent</b>	1.02 Linear feet , 1 box
<b>Physical Location</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 archives@barnard.edu.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection consists of the scrapbook of Barnard College alumna, Edith Somborn Issacs. It contains personal materials and those relating to the operation of undergraduate life at Barnard College, especially Barnard Bulletin columns and theater programs.

### Preferred Citation

Edith Somborn Issacs Scrapbook, 1903-1906; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

## Biography

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Edith Somborn was born on June 18th, 1884. Somborn entered Barnard in 1902 as a zoology major. She was the associate editor of the *Barnard Bulletin* for the class of 1906, worked as a student manager of the Barnard fund, participated in theatrical productions, was secretary of the Barnard Zoological club, and helped produce and edit the *Mortarboard*. She co-wrote the comic operetta “Barnardesia” with her classmate Blanche Marks. It made the case for Barnard dormitories, and Somborn invited the Board of Directors to the performance. Soon after, an anonymous donor gave funds for the first dormitory. After her graduation in 1906, Somborn remained an extremely active member of the Barnard community, acting as the chairman of the Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee, presenting the history of the class of 1906 at the 50th reunion in 1956, and corresponding with President Martha Peterson. Somborn married Stanley M. Isaacs in 1910, taking his last name and control of his political campaigns (Isaacs served as Manhattan Borough President and as a Republican representative on the City Council.) She was a board member of the Women’s City Club of New York. Somborn died on May 7th, 1978.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Edit Somborn's scrapbook contains programs from productions, articles from the *Barnard Bulletin*, event invitations, personal correspondence detailing the planning processes of various Barnard events, dance cards, and doodles from class notebooks. Highlights of the scrapbook include a bulls-eye for handgun target practice, a draft of a 1906 plea for donations to the Barnard fund, and a draft of a Sherlock Holmes-inspired satire piece for the 1905 *Mortarboard*.

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## Collection Arrangement

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The scrapbook is arranged in chronological order.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Publication Information**

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## **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

## **Acquisition Information**

The acquisition date and source is unknown.

## **Processing History**

This collection was processed and the finding aid written by Heather Lember in January, 2014.

The finding aid was updated by Hilary Price in November, 2014.

Descriptive Rules Used: Finding aid adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Encoding: Machine readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002.

Finding aid written in English.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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**Genre(s)**

- Scrapbooks

### **Subject(s)**

- Barnard College--Alumni and alumnae
- Students--Social life and customs
- Women's colleges--New York (State)--New York