

# Guide to the Gertrude Mary Hirst Scrapbook BC35.06

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Barnard Archives and Special Collections  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Gertrude Mary Hirst Scrapbook   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | BC35.06   |
| <b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>          | /repositories/2/resources/275   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1905-1962   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 0.88 Linear Feet  |
| <b>Physical Location:</b>        | This collection is located in the Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or archives@barnard.edu. |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | This collection consists of a scrapbook and a folder of clippings documenting the career of Professor Gertrude Mary Hirst and her service to Barnard College.   |

### Preferred Citation

Gertrude Mary Hirst Scrapbook, 1905-1962; Box and Folder; Barnard College Archives, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

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## Biography

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Gertrude Mary Hirst was born January 22, 1869 in Huddersfield, England. She studied classics at Newnham College in Cambridge, and graduated in 1891. She came to the United States to teach at the Louisville, KY Female Seminary. In 1900 she started graduate work at Columbia under Edward Delavan Perry and Mortimer Lamson Earle. Upon receipt of her Ph.D. in 1901, she embarked on what would be a 40 year career at Barnard, teaching Greek and Latin. She was known for her habits of bicycling down Broadway in long skirts and straw hats, and for the table she kept in the Faculty Dining Room. During World War I, she was the Director of the Columbia Boat House Canteen where Barnard students entertained military personnel passing

through New York. Throughout her years at Barnard, Miss Hirst developed a devoted group of colleagues and students. Although she officially retired in 1943, in 1959 she celebrated her 90th birthday with her Barnard colleagues. Her memoir, *From a Yorkshire Town to Morningside Heights*, published in 1957, documents life at Barnard at the turn of the 20th century.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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The collection contains a scrapbook and a folder of clippings.

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## Collection Arrangement

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Collection is unprocessed and order is not apparent.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Acquisition Information**

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## **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

## **Processing History**

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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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- Scrapbooks
- Universities and colleges -- Faculty
- Barnard College