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➤ Isabel Scott Rorick, Mr. and Mrs. Cugat, Typescript ◀

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Size: .25 linear ft.

Provenance: Gift of Business and Professional Women's Club of Toledo, 1944

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Collection Summary: This collection consists of the typescripts of ten short stories written by Isabel Scott Rorick, which were then published as the book *Mr. and Mrs. Cugat: The Record of a Happy Marriage*. This novel was the basis of the radio program *My Favorite Husband*, which was later reworked into the television series *I Love Lucy*.

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Biographical Sketch

Isabel Scott Rorick was born in Toledo in 1900, a daughter of one of the city's most prominent families. She was married to Ceilan Rorick, a banker in the Spitzer-Rorick Trust and Savings Bank of Toledo.

In addition to *Mr. and Mrs. Cugat*, Rorick wrote another collection of short stories called *Outside Eden*. Both books focused on married life, and the former was turned into a film titled *Are Husbands Necessary?* The book later became a successful radio serial called *My Favorite Husband*, starring Lucille Ball and Richard Denning. In order to take advantage of the new medium of television, CBS decided to create a show based on the serial and starring the same actors. However, Ball wanted her husband, Desi Arnaz, added to the cast. Because Arnaz would not have been believable as the Midwestern banker featured in the radio show, the story's premise was changed, and *I Love Lucy* was born. Thus, Rorick's work became a footnote in the history of one of television's most popular sitcoms.

Isabel Scott Rorick died in 1967.

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Scope and Content Note

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Box and Folder Inventory

Box	Folder	Arrangement
1	1	"Forsaking All Others"
1	2	"For Better, for Worse"
1	3	"In Sickness and in Health"
1	4	"For Richer, for Poorer"
1	5	"And to Obey?"
1	6	"Let no Man Put Asunder"
1	7	"Worldly Goods"
1	8	"By Joining Hands"
1	9	"Just Cause"
1	10	"To Have and to Hold"