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Scope and Content
This collection consists of six ALS from Percy H. Gregory, carpenter and immigrant from Australia, to his mother in Australia. The letters give a good overall view of life in San Francisco during the period, with an exceptional eyewitness account of the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906.
3/29/06 From Percy to mother; general life in San Francisco, availability of work.
5/29/06 From Percy to mother; detailed description of earthquake and fire, extent of
damage, and casualties.
9/11/06 From Percy to mother; strike by trolley motormen and conductors.
12/10/06 Description of reconstruction of San Francisco following quake, as well as a
vignette of public transportation in San Francisco.
1/1/08 From Percy to mother: further description of reconstruction of city, including
insight on property values and availability of work; description of six-month strike by
trolley crews in 1907; possibility of U.S. going to war with Japan.
3/14/08 News about family.