
Guide to the Percy H. Gregory Letters, 1906-1908

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Access Points

San Francisco--Earthquake and Fire, 1906

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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.