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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation
Biographical note

Peter Aldbury Beresford, (June 18th, 1909-May 17th, 2006) originally of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, England, worked as an assistant engineer on the S.S. Tongariro, traveling between port cities in Scotland, England, Australia, China, New Zealand, South Africa, Panama, and more. He settled in Botany, N.S.W., Australia, with wife Natalie and daughter Loretta. He was the older brother of David O. Beresford, and son of Dorothy and Frank Beresford. Peter eventually moved to Albany, New York, where he died in 2006.

David Osmond Beresford, (October 2nd, 1910-April 10th, 2004 in Philadelphia) originally of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, England, emigrated to Delanson, Schenectady County, New York. He worked as a cattle farmer, as an assistant to farmer Harold J. Gorst at ‘New Acres’. He was the younger brother of Peter A. Beresford, and son of Dorothy and Frank Beresford.

Dorothy Beresford, (January 26th, 1880-Dec 16th, 1962) maiden name Mahomed, lived in Kings Langley and in 1931 emigrated to live with David in New York. She worked as an actress. She was the mother of David O. and Peter A. Beresford and wife of Frank Beresford, formerly Francis Binstead, who also was an actor.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains letters mainly to Dorothy Beresford from her sons Peter and David, as well as letters between David and Peter, and various other correspondents tied to the Beresford family such as Peter’s wife Natalie and daughter Loretta. These letters were primarily written between 1929-1932, although they span to 1949. The Beresford family originated in England, but first David and later Dorothy emigrated to New York, while Peter traveled between various continents during his career as a ship’s assistant engineer, eventually settling in Australia. The letters touch on a wide range of topics, including simple family matters such as David’s daily life in New York, Peter’s experiences traveling between various port cities in Scotland, England, Australia, China (including mention of Sino-Japanese hostilities), New Zealand, South Africa, Panama, etc., the effects of the Great Depression, and the progress of technology.

Arrangement
The collection is organized alphabetically by correspondent.

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

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**Acquisition**

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Personal Name(s)**

- Beresford, Dorothy, (1880-1962)

**Subject(s)**

- Great Depression
- Sino-Japanese conflict, 1931-1933
- Travel -- 20th century
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