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**Bleriot Lamarre Collection
1931-1986**

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Bleriot Lamarre Collection
Creator: Bleriot Lamarre
Dates: 1931-1986
Media: Manuscripts, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, photographs
Quantity: 3.5 cubic feet

COLLECTION SUMMARY

This collection includes letters written by Bleriot Lamarre to Mildred Readnowar during their courtship and his senior year at Miami University; letters written between the couple from March to June 1939; newspaper articles and manuscript items related to the Lamarres' involvement in the trial concerning Bennett E. Meyers' income tax evasion; diaries kept by Bleriot Lamarre from 1964 through 1975; and scrapbooks documenting Readnowar's trip to the 20th biennial convention of Beta Sigma Omicron in Pasadena, California, July 1-4, 1931 and the Lamarres' activities in California, June-December 1939 and their trip back to Dayton in January 1940.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Bleriot Lamarre (January 14, 1912 - December 3, 1993) graduated from Miami University in 1934. While at Miami, he was a member of Gamma Phi, which was founded by the geology department to promote scientific development in geology. He also belonged to the national biological fraternity Phi Sigma, the professional business fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

After graduating from Miami, Lamarre worked for the Delco brake division of General Motors in Dayton, Ohio for approximately six months. Later, he worked for the Goodyear Service Company until January 1939; in March 1939, he went to California to work for Douglas Aircraft. In January 1940, he returned to Dayton to work for Aviation Electric Company; later in his career, he worked for and retired from the Standard Oil of Ohio Company (SOHIO).

A native of Covington, Kentucky, Mildred Readnower Lamarre graduated from Miami University in 1933. While at Miami, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron and the Women's Inter-Fraternity Council. She was listed in the 1933 Miami Recensio as one of the twelve most beautiful girls on campus that year. She also was active in sorority circles and served as president of the Senior Women. During the first six years after her graduation, she held three office jobs in Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, including one for the United States Army at Wright Field. She died in 1996.

The couple married March 1, 1935 and spent much of their life together living in Dayton, Ohio.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection begins with letters that Bleriot wrote to Mildred during his senior year at Miami University, from September 1933 through June 1934. The letters provide information about his coursework, Miami athletic events, social events on campus, the couple's plans for Thanksgiving and other school vacations, topics discussed during student assemblies, Mildred's relationship with her parents and obtaining her first apartment, and job interviews. Lamarre also shares the titles of books he read during the time, such as Galsworthy's Skin Game, The Mob and The Forsyte Saga; Andreyev's The Life of Man, Oswald Spengler's The Decline of the West and Edgar Lee Masters' Spoon River Anthology. He also saw several movies, including "Ann Vickers," "As Husbands Go" and "Design for Living." Details of the couple's relationship and future plans also figure prominently in this correspondence.

Letters between the couple continue four years after their marriage. Two months after losing his job at the Goodyear Service Company, Bleriot accepted a job with Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, California in order to strengthen the couple's finances. Mildred remained behind in Dayton, working at her government job at Wright Field until she could successfully obtain a transfer to the California office. The letters document a very painful three months in which the couple are separated, and are written almost daily. Paying their bills, reducing their debt, selling one of their cars and their need to purchase new clothes are frequent themes of these letters. A handful of letters recount Charles Lindbergh's visit to Douglas, his inspections of aircraft companies in California, and his sudden drafting into the service.

In addition to describing his work in the cost accounting department at Douglas, Bleriot's letters provide interesting insights into living in California. He writes of going to double features of "Dramatic School" and "Zaza," "Midnight" and "Ice Follies of 1939," and "Union Pacific" and

“Twelve Crowded Hours.”

He also describes going to the Warner Brothers premier of “The Confessions of a Nazi Spy,” seeing a polo match outside Santa Monica, and seeing Norma Shearer as she is filmed for her role in a movie.

The letters also offer details of 1939 popular culture, such hearing the Tone Poem on the radio that was to be given at the New York World’s Fair, with H.V. Kaltenborn’s voice describing the city of tomorrow; the Joe Louis-Jack Roper fight on April 17, 1939; reading Lowell Thomas’s stories in Reader’s Digest; and the dedication of Los Angeles’s new \$11 million railroad terminal on May 9, 1939.

The first two letters of Mildred’s that can be found in the collection hint of a difficult period in her relationship with Bleriot. A November 14, 1934 letter asserts her love for Bleriot, but her realization that Bob Goacher could make her happy in a different way; on December 25, 1934, she informs Bleriot that she accepted Bob’s diamond and is to have a church wedding in Elyria, Ohio in February.

Mildred’s letters continue during Bleriot’s absence from March until June 1939. Most significant about the letters is the overwhelming longing they feel for one another, their concern for the future, and how difficult being apart is for the couple.

In these letters, Mildred also describes seeing several well-known movies of the day, including “Stagecoach,” “There’s That Woman Again,” “Trade Winds,” “Yes, My Darling Daughter,” “Dodge City,” “Topper Takes a Trip,” “Wuthering Heights,” “Dark Victory,” “The Story of Vernon & Irene Castle,” “Juarez,” and “Calling Dr. Kildare.” She also attends lectures, hears Bertrand Russell speak on “War and Propaganda,” sees John Barrymore perform in “My Dear Children,” and reads books such as Lloyd Douglas’s Disputed Passage, The Grapes of Wrath, The Yearling, and Dorothy Parker stories, including “Little Hours.” She learns how to play contract bridge and admires the latest fashions in Mademoiselle. She also writes about her work, including the activities of her boss, Bennett Meyers.

Enclosed newspaper clippings provide details about current events at Miami University, such as the death of instructor J. Maynard Griffith and Senator Robert A. Taft and Charles P. Taft receiving honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at the June commencement exercises.

On March 12, 1939, Bleriot writes Bennett Meyers, thanking him for securing a position for him with Douglas and describing his assignment in the cost accounting department of the company.

The collection continues with manuscript items that document legal proceedings in which the Lamarres found themselves in 1948, as a result of their dealings with Bennett Meyers. The collection contains an invoice sent by the Aviation Electric Corporation in Dayton, Ohio to Unidev Corporation, Vandalia, Ohio, dated March 29, 1946. Bleriot Lamarre’s February 4, 1948 testimony regarding the income and excess profit tax liability of the Aviation Electric

Corporation, Bennett E. Meyers, Thomas E. Readnower, Ray A. Curnutt, and his own income tax liability can also be found here. In the document, Bleriot testifies that Meyers gave him instructions to put salary kick-backs on the books of the Aviation Electric Corporation. He also provides information about the corporation's tax returns from 1941 to 1946, use of an executive salary account and his own salary account, and stock certificates in the Aviation Electric Corporation. Bleriot ends his testimony by emphasizing that General Meyers had requested that Bleriot give him a letter stating that he owed Meyers approximately \$18,000; Bleriot never borrowed or owed money from him personally.

In another transcript of testimony before the Senate War Investigating Committee regarding an income tax evasion case against Meyers, Bleriot states that he met Bennett E. Meyers in 1937 when Meyers was a major stationed at Wright Field in Dayton. Mildred Lamarre was assigned to work as Meyers' secretary. The documents reveal that Bleriot stayed with Douglas Aircraft until January 1940, when he came back to Dayton. In November 1939, Bleriot stated that he had received a letter from General Meyers requesting him to come back to Dayton for a better working opportunity at a small company. Bleriot responded, saying he and his wife did not want to leave Santa Monica. Meyers then came to Santa Monica and told him about Aviation Electric Corporation; the job was to be an officer in the company and to protect Meyers' financial interest in the company. The couple decided to return to Dayton because it was a good opportunity. Meyers had told Bleriot that the company had \$20,000 worth of contracts and that by the time those were completed, the company would be able to stand on its own feet. Mildred was to have her old job back in his office if they returned to Dayton. Meyers sent them some money to continue their trip home.

The testimony provides other details about Bleriot's removing Meyers' name from all entries in the company's books at Meyers' request because Meyers did not want to have any evidence of connection with the company. Other questions reveal other instructions Meyers gave Bleriot to spend the company's profits, such as drawing checks to decorate and air-condition Meyers' Washington apartment, purchasing a \$700 radio, and obtaining a \$3,000 Cadillac. The document also indicates that Bleriot employed Thomas Eugene Readnower, his brother-in-law, and Ray Curnutt, Meyers' future father-in-law, to work for the company as well. Curnutt was titled vice president in charge of production, but there was nothing for him to do. Bleriot also testified that he wrote several letters to bear out the story that Meyers built up about the company. He also states that he gradually learned not to put so much dependence on Meyers' promises.

Bleriot later testified that Meyers had visited the couple at their Dayton home, concocting a story to tell investigators. The theme of the story was that Bleriot had taken large sums of money from the company and wasted it on gambling and other reckless activities. Bleriot admitted that he had twice perjured himself by telling this story before the subcommittee's hearings.

Newspaper coverage of the case reported that Meyers testified before the Senate committee that he formed the Aviation Electric Corporation and made Bleriot president because Mildred

had been his girlfriend from 1936 to 1940, with her husband's "knowledge, approval and acquiescence." After the proceedings, Mildred Lamarre sued Meyers for slander.

On December 19, 1947, Meyers and Bleriot were indicted by federal grand jury in Washington on charges of giving false testimony at Senate inquiry. Meyers was stripped of his decorations and court-martialed. Bleriot received two years' probation.

The collection continues with the diary Bleriot kept between 1964 and 1975. In addition to recording daily activities and local, national and international news events, he also provides information on his work with Sohio in the Dayton area. On April 19, 1965, Bleriot records suffering a heart attack, with three weeks in Kettering Memorial Hospital and two months of bed rest at home prescribed, returning to work on July 6. He also records his mother's death on October 9, 1965. In June 1968, he writes of a vacation the couple took to Monterey, Carmel, Yosemite, Fresno, San Francisco, and Muir Woods; he also mentions the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy that occurred during the vacation. In December of that year, he writes of their going to Detroit to see the Dearborn Inn, the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

In June 1969, he writes of seeing the Kenley production, "Cactus Flower"; by April 1970, the couple are on the road again, vacationing in Charleston, South Carolina; Cypress Gardens; Nags Head, North Carolina; Virginia Beach, Cape Henry, Colonial Williamsburg; and Charleston, West Virginia. He records Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's landing on the moon on July 20, 1969.

In December 1969, Bleriot writes about growing awareness of the dangers of environmental pollution; the Montgomery County Grand Jury investigation of the Dayton State Hospital; lunar geography; and water pollution. In January 1971, Bleriot records details of suffering from a ruptured disc, which later required surgery in January 1972. April 1971 brought the death of Mildred's mother, Anna Mae Readnow. President Nixon's trip to China and re-election in 1972, together with President Johnson's 1973 death, are also recorded in the diary.

In July 1973 the Lamarres traveled to Hawaii; shortly afterward, Bleriot retired. Reflecting in his diary on December 31, 1973, he writes, "The last five months of 1973 were rather pleasant. Not going to work daily took some getting used to, but the aggravations of the irritating personalities and the trivial details of the job make retirement a distinct pleasure. The nice people are missed very much, and the satisfaction of solving some of their problems leaves a kind of blank spot. The big consolation is that the nice and the aggravating customers have bigger problems of price and supply which I would have been unable to alleviate. It is better to be out. So much for 1973 – at least no hospital stays were necessary, and I was free of physical pain."

In April 1974, recording details of President Nixon's visit to Xenia, Ohio to see the tornado damage, Bleriot writes, "He is trying to improve his image, but his attempts at appearing genuinely and sincerely concerned were inept....Lyndon Johnson would have come across with greater sincerity and concern in the circumstance." On July 29, 1974, he makes the final payment on their house; ten days later, he records details about Nixon's resignation and

President Ford's address to Congress on August 13. "He appealed for the help of everyone, and he came across as an honest, straightforward, down-to-earth individual who sincerely wants to do a good job. May his efforts be rewarded with outstanding success. The people are entitled to a credible, honest and hard-working administration – and this president wasn't even duly elected to his high office." Throughout the rest of the year, Bleriot records his thoughts about Ford's efforts to remedy the economy.

1975 begins with more discussions of current events. After hearing the president's State of the Union address, Bleriot writes on January 16, 1975, "The shortsightedness of this administration is approaching the ridiculous." On February 24, 1975, Bleriot enthusiastically writes about Amtrak's plans to provide dependable passenger rail service in the northeastern section of the country, and how it would invigorate the rapidly failing, but much-needed transportation system. March 1, 1975 finds the Lamarres celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary with lunch at the Golden Lamb Inn in Lebanon, Ohio. In September, Mildred leaves for her long-awaited, much-desired trip to Europe, after cooking a large supply of meals for him to have while she is gone. The diary concludes on December 31, 1975, with Bleriot reflecting on international events that have occurred during the year.

The collection also includes the engraving plate for the invitation to the wedding of Mildred Readnower to Robert H. Goacher, to be held in Elyria, Ohio on February 9, 1935. Negatives of photographs of the couple, presumably taken at Miami University, can be found in the collection. A formal photograph of the couple commemorates their wedding on March 1, 1935.

Two scrapbooks can also be found in the collection. One was created by Mildred to commemorate her attendance at the 20th biennial convention of Beta Sigma Omicron in Pasadena California, July 1-4, 1931. The scrapbook includes picture postcards of Kansas City, Salt Lake City, and Pasadena. Another scrapbook includes souvenirs like postcards, programs, matchbooks, and even a bar of Palmolive soap, commemorating the Lamarres' activities in California from June to December 1939 and their trip back to Dayton, Ohio in January 1940. Ephemera in the scrapbook documents the Golden Gate International Exposition; sightseeing in San Francisco; seeing "The World's Fairest" at the Earl Carroll Theatre-Restaurant in Los Angeles; "Symphonies Under the Stars" at the Hollywood Bowl, August 15-18, 1939; a New Year's Eve 1939 performance of "I Married An Angel" at the Biltmore Theatre; Arizona; San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana. The scrapbook also includes a road map showing the route the couple travelled from Los Angeles to Dayton, Ohio in January 1940, together with guidebooks to Los Angeles and California.

The collection concludes with a notebook of information that Bleriot prepared about Algeria, Angola, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Bioko-Rio Muni, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Iran, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Madeira Islands, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Réunion, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan,

Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe, military expenditures of NATO countries, lists of members of NATO, Warsaw Pact, Western type neutrals, and communist-type neutrals.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries I: Correspondence from Bleriot Lamarre to Mildred Readnower Lamarre

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Subseries III: Correspondence from Bleriot Lamarre to Bennett Meyers

Series II: Manuscripts

Series III: Newspaper Articles Regarding Bennett E. Meyers Trial

Series IV: Photographs

Series V: Objects

Series VI: Scrapbooks

RELATED MATERIALS

The following items of Mildred and Bleriot Lamarre are housed in the Miami University Archives:

- Scrapbook- Mildred Readnower
- Bachelor of Arts Degree, Mildred Readnower, 1933
- Bachelor of Arts Degree, Bleriot Henry Lamarre, 1934
- Delta Sigma Pi, Certificate of Demit for Bleriot Henry Lamarre (June 11, 1934)
- Commencement Program, Miami University (June 11, 1934)

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the box and folder numbers shown below.

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries I: Correspondence from Bleriot Lamarre to Mildred Readnower Lamarre

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
1	1	Job in Ogden; received extension from Roudebush; news of friends; registration and first classes; 10-cent Cokes; looking forward to seeing her on October 7	September 22, 1933
1	2	Promises to correspond; why he was not able to bring her to Oxford; looking forward to seeing her in 12 days	September 25, 1933
1	3	Being careful about injuring herself; suffering from a cold; news of friends; Ross's course; her hesitating to coming to see him in Oxford and his depending on her company; dating other people until they can make things permanent	September 27, 1933
1	4	Their weekend plans; bringing her English notes; Delta Sigma Pi; news of friends; recovering from his cold; Miami's coverage in the Post sport section; Miami-Indiana game	October 2, 1933
1	5	Finished problem for Shearman; wished she had written longer resumes of plays so he wouldn't have to read them; his pictures	October 9, 1933
1	6	Knew she would not like letter; their feelings about each other; chance of her coming to Oxford for initiation or before Homecoming; thoughts about her getting a job; wishes he could talk to her instead of having to write	October 11, 1933
1	7	Reasons for delay in writing; visit from Schoolmasters' Club of Cincinnati; that day's football game; autumn weather; Delta Kappa Epsilon initiation; his need to write so he can talk to her	October 14, 1933
1	8	Inviting her to visit that weekend; school work;	October 18, 1933

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
		news of friends; finished Echegaray's "The Great Galeoto"	
1	9	Thoughts about last weekend; talk about economic status of the fish business in southwestern Wales with Johnny Winget; whether she heard about the job	October 23, 1933
1	10	Wish to meet her brother and his family; getting coat for Homecoming; news of friends and Homecoming; upcoming event at Withrow Court; need for her company; Ross's quiz	October 26, 1933
1	11	Wittenberg game; double date; how the job interview went; plans for getting together before Thanksgiving; hopes to get a job at Procter & Gamble; difficult school work	October 29, 1933
1	12	When they can get together next; friends' Thanksgiving plans; news of friends; memories of last year when they were together at school; wishes she would see a doctor about her headaches	November 6, 1933
1	13	First snow; her getting a Civil Service job; Ogden Hall dance the next weekend; friend's new job as secretary to one of the vice presidents of the A. Rolling Mill	November 8, 1933
1	14	Glad she got the job; news of friends; Faculty Follies that evening; student assembly news; read Andreyev's <u>The Life of Man</u> ; school work	November 10, 1933
1	15	Where she is working; news of friends; Faculty Follies; making her happy; plans for a job; plans for next visit; her thoughts about Miami-Wesleyan, Ohio University-Marshall, and Cincinnati-Wittenberg games	November 12, 1933
1	16	Upcoming exams; windstorm; how her job is going; thoughts about her father's attitude; dance; when they will see each other again	November 13, 1933
1	17	Upcoming visit; finding a house to suit every member of her family	November 14, 1933
1	18	Their time together; Thanksgiving plans; how well she is doing with her job; news of friends	November 17, 1933
1	19	Ran out of gas on way back to Oxford; law exam; visits	November 17, 1933
1	20	Difficulty leaving her; plans for dance Wednesday night	November 20, 1933

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
1	21	Arrival of the "Criterion;" weather; times together on campus; literature exam; Thanksgiving plans	November 21, 1933
1	22	Reading Galsworthy's <u>Skin Game</u> ; A in Industrial Organization, B's in Personnel, Literature, Policy and Law; eligibility for Delta Epsilon Pi; Thanksgiving dance plans; pride in her	November 23, 1933
1	23	Thoughts about her; saw "Beauty for Sale" at the local theatre; Thanksgiving dance plans	November 24, 1933
1	24	Thanksgiving dance plans; bicycle ride to McGonigle with friend; read "Strange Interlude"	November 26, 1933
1	25	Making Delta Epsilon Pi; Thanksgiving plans; Eva LeGallienne playing "Hedda Gabler" during the week of December 11; plays he has read	November 27, 1933
1	26	Read Galsworthy's "The Mob"; sleepiness; thoughts about such a perfect Thanksgiving	December 1, 1933
1	27	Responses to her recent letter; payment for her work in her job; news of friends; reading Halbe's "Youth"; whether he can trust his self-control with her; coming to an agreement with her	December 3, 1933
1	28	Plans for next visit; Oxford Forum banquet; news of friends; future plans	December 5, 1933
1	29	Thoughts about their relationship; futility of prayer; upcoming quiz on plays	December 6, 1933
1	30	Plans for next visit; Professor and Mrs. Russell's program of Spanish songs at assembly; news of friends	December 7, 1933
1	31	Weekend visit; course on labor problems; schoolwork	December 12, 1933
1	32	Their relationship and controlling his emotions; schoolwork; marking time in the present until he can be with her; making her happy; graduation; marriage	December 12, 1933
1	33	Thoughts about her; her home situation; list of novels to read; news of friends	December 13, 1933
1	34	Thoughts about their relationship	December 14, 1933
1	35	Her \$65 salary; schoolwork; news of friends; books to read	December 15, 1933
1	36	Need for a vacation; formals on campus; Miami-Georgetown basketball game; Ogden Hall Christmas party	December 17, 1933
1	37	Ross's lecture on modern drama and plans to study poetry next year; schoolwork; news of friends;	December 18, 1933

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
		reading <u>The Forsyte Saga</u>	
1	38	Upcoming visit; Christmas banquet and party	December 19, 1933
1	39	Christmas vacation; when their next visit will be; news of friends; read "Spoon River Anthology"	January 3, 1934
1	40	His upcoming birthday; their relationship	January 4, 1934
1	41	News of friends; assembly speech on students and liquor being replaced with one on "Why We Behave Like Americans"	January 5, 1934
1	42	News of friends; seeing "Ann Vickers"; Wittenberg-Princeton and Miami-Wittenberg games; inability to take her for granted	January 7, 1934
1	43	Schoolwork; defense of solution of industrial organization class case; getting wisdom teeth; work as a waiter; news of friends	January 8, 1934
1	44	Saw "Ann Vickers;" whether his cousin is coming; coming home between semesters; how family gets along; their relationship	January 9, 1934
1	45	Schoolwork; exam schedule' news of friends	January 10, 1934
1	46	How much time they can spend together between semesters; news of friends; Miami Student announcement about Sandage and Van Tassel discussing the relative merits of the Business and Liberal Arts schools; joining Delta Epsilon Pi	January 11, 1934
1	47	Visit between semesters; schoolwork; news of friends	January 12, 1934
1	48	His birthday; end of semester; their relationship; banquet that evening	January 15, 1934
1	49	Banquet; news of friends; thoughts on a church wedding; schoolwork; Delta Epsilon Pi; plans for next visit	January 16, 1934
1	50	Schoolwork; having happiness tied up with money	January 17, 1934
1	51	Not able to visit her; Miami-Wesleyan game; news of friends; schoolwork; reading Bernard's <u>Introduction to Social Psychology</u> ; getting a job; finding a place to live like Oxford	January 18, 1934
1	52	Apology for not being able to visit her; asks for her forgiveness	January 19, 1934
1	53	Plans for next visit; living arrangements	January 22, 1934
1	54	How much she means to him; sorry for hurting her	January 27, 1934
1	55	How much she means to him; sorry for hurting her; their relationship	January 29, 1934
1	56	100 on exam; schoolwork; news of friends;	January 30, 1934

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
		"History of Economic Thought" course; meeting with Roudebush; invitation to prom on February 21	
1	57	Prom visit plans; schoolwork; news of friends	January 31, 1934
1	58	Reading economic theory; news of friends; schoolwork; missing school next year; grades	February 1, 1934
1	59	Schoolwork; grades; news of friends; their relationship; inviting people to their homes	February 2, 1934
1	60	News of friends; schoolwork; money from aunt and her letting him borrow her car; sitting on the steps of the poet's shack at Miami	February 5, 1934
1	61	News of friends; their relationship	February 6, 1934
1	62	Sore feet; economic course; his feelings for her	February 7, 1934
1	63	Monotony of Oxford; reading <u>The Power of a Lie</u> and <u>Esther Waters</u> ; schoolwork; future plans; request for fiction titles to read; news of friends	February 8, 1934
1	64	Weather; borrowing aunt's car; sore feet; future plans	February 9, 1934
1	65	Miami-Ohio University basketball game; her ways of eating; travelling; how her letters aren't the way they used to be; aunt's refusal to let him borrow her car; fears about the future	February 10, 1934
1	66	Love for her; expressing feelings in writing; healed foot; handball; schoolwork	February 12, 1934
1	67	Being separated; feelings for each other; future plans; schoolwork	February 13, 1934
1	68	Schoolwork; secretarial job; her not smoking in public	February 14, 1934
1	69	Job interview; news of friends; plans for prom; upcoming sporting events; candidates for prom queen	February 15, 1934
1	70	Her plans to visit Oxford for the prom; schoolwork; reading	February 16, 1934
1	71	Fire in house opposite Ogden Hall; reading; Miami-Marshall basketball game; news of friends; going to church	February 18, 1934
1	72	Saw "As Husbands Go;" thoughts about Ramon Novarro; news of friends; future plans; schoolwork	February 19, 1934
1	73	Plans for next visit; their relationship	February 23, 1934
1	74	Discussion on "Looking Toward Marriage;" lecture on "The Russian Experiment"; recent visit; schoolwork; reading on psychoanalysis	February 25, 1934

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
1	75	Her being afraid of marriage; schoolwork	February 26, 1934
1	76	The proper way to spend Sundays; his improving cold; news of friends; received Delta Sigma Pi bid	February 27, 1934
1	77	Why she is afraid of marriage; children and their effect on her attractiveness; birth control	February 28, 1934
2	1	Weather; hopes for a visit; her having an unpleasant time at home; schoolwork; asking his aunt for money	March 3, 1934
2	2	Schoolwork; coming to Oxford for vacation if she doesn't go to the convention	March 5, 1934
2	3	Controlling his emotions; wrote his aunt for money; schoolwork; coming to Oxford	March 6, 1934
2	4	Mildred's mother becoming suspicious if she pressed her clothes; Zola's "Nana;" schoolwork; Miami Union speech on "Campus Morals"	March 7, 1934
2	5	Sharing things and making plans with her; how she feels about what he wrote recently; using her English notes in class; having foot fixed at hospital	March 9, 1934
2	6	Thinking the same way; no Beta Sigma Omicron booth at carnival	March 11, 1934
2	7	Dentist visit; her taste in clothes; news of friends; believing in fairy stories; Reverend Martin of Memorial Presbyterian Church suffering from tuberculosis	March 12, 1934
2	8	Seeing "Nana" and "Design for Living"; tax for Delta Sigma Pi; his honorary activities; her thoughts about leaving home	March 13, 1934
2	9	Fountain episode in the Miami Student; seeing "Design for Living"; her mother's curiosity about them	March 14, 1934
2	10	Hopes for a visit; how the possibility of her moving will affect visits; Delts' minstrel show at assembly; fountain episode; preparations for carnival	March 15, 1934
2	11	Fountain episode; tearing down of the Poet's Shack; news of friends; topics for term papers; "Nana"; whether she has decided to leave home	March 16, 1934
2	12	Glee club concert; schoolwork; loss of the Poet's Shack	March 17, 1934
2	13	Schoolwork; her leaving home; her relationship with her father; not knowing each other's parents	March 19, 1934
2	14	Social committee for Ogden Hall; news of friends; schoolwork; family quarrels; money	March 20, 1934

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
2	15	Picture-taking for Miami Student; receiving pledge pin for Delta Sigma Pi; exams; reading the Miami Student; dentist	March 21, 1934
2	16	21 st birthday card	March 22, 1934
2	17	Relationships with their parents; advice to take interview with Procter & Gamble; news of friends; appropriateness of verse on birthday card	March 22, 1934
2	18	Exams; interview with Procter & Gamble; thoughts on her birthday	March 23, 1934
2	19	Mistake in thinking that her birthday was in March when it is in May; exams; her drinking cocktails	March 24, 1934
2	20	Whether he likes her hair parted in the middle; how she liked "Nana"; Gamma Phi petitioning Sigma Gamma Epsilon; her interview with Procter & Gamble	March 26, 1934
2	21	Interview with Procter & Gamble; working to get ahead after he graduates; how much she expects of him; taking care of her and children; meeting about waiters' conduct	March 27, 1934
2	22	How well she did on test; wishes he wouldn't be so sentimental; reading Oswald Spengler's <u>Decline of the West</u> ; schoolwork	March 28, 1934
2	23	Children; no offer from Procter & Gamble; received official notice from Disciplinary Board; schoolwork	March 29, 1934
2	24	How nice vacation was; springtime in Oxford; news of friends; Independent dance; working on carnival booths	April 10, 1934
2	25	Post office schedule; spring formal; grades; carnival booths	April 11, 1934
2	26	Carnival booths; cockroach races in Independents' booth; her being afraid to stay alone	April 12, 1934
2	27	Classes; how her absence disturbs his peace of mind	April 16, 1934
2	28	News of friends; schoolwork; what her mother would think if she read his letters; her sore throat	April 17, 1934
2	29	Thoughts about her being away from home; her mother's thoughts about them; news of friends; "Wimpy" hamburger contest; letters about the Senior Ball in the Miami Student; Ogden Hall serenade	April 18, 1934
2	30	Truce with her parents; when he goes to	April 19, 1934

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		Indianapolis; Ogden Hall serenade	
2	31	How the first day of her new job went; dream about her	April 23, 1934
2	32	How her new job is going; making sure she is getting enough sleep; schoolwork; psychology trip on May 19	April 24, 1934
2	33	Whether she could live in Price Hill; her new job; money from aunt; schoolwork; election results	April 25, 1934
2	34	OK for her to go to Indianapolis; schoolwork; got Ball ticket	April 26, 1934
2	35	Her improving cold; will miss her that weekend; how nice it will be together without being disturbed; place for her to live; birth control; responsibility of children	April 27, 1934
2	36	Her health; fire at Delta Upsilon house; activities on campus; schoolwork	April 28, 1934
2	37	Her father's actions; their relationship; campus activities	April 30, 1934
2	38	Recovering from cold; trip to Indianapolis; news of friends; working where you can get fresh air than being downtown; being on probation; unpaid bills; commencement plans; schoolwork and exams	May 1, 1934
2	39	Oxford activities; worrying about her; commencement plans; not working with Pure Oil if they won't let him smoke; exams	May 2, 1934
2	40	Schoolwork; interview with Goodyear Rubber Co.; weekend visit; her new home	May 7, 1934
2	41	Weather; her cold; fraternity and sorority sings; interview with Goodyear Rubber Co.; chance of working for Procter & Gamble; exams	May 8, 1934
2	42	Letting her feelings get away with her; whether she will be afraid to be alone in her new apartment; schoolwork; commencement plans	May 9, 1934
2	43	Demonstration of hypnosis in class; whether she is changing her feelings about him; getting a job in Akron; gangsters in Oxford	May 10, 1934
2	44	Last date at 1923 Greenup in Covington; whether there was a dust storm in Cincinnati; coming to Oxford for pageant; transportation to Indianapolis	May 11, 1934
2	45	Waiting on track men; thoughts about their relationship and strained feelings; her making advances towards him	May 12, 1934

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2	46	Two pictures of him in the senior section of the Miami Recensio with incorrect information	May 21, 1934
2	47	21 st birthday; living at the Y; Recensio pictures	May 22, 1934
2	48	Living at the Y; how he has helped her; commencement plans; plans for next visit	May 24, 1934
2	49	Relationship with her father; her plans to visit; pageant postponed	May 25, 1934
2	50	Recent visit; cost of Indianapolis trip; schoolwork; exams	May 29, 1934
2	51	Oxford activities	May 30, 1934
2	52	Exams; news of friends	May 31, 1934
2	53	Swimming; exams; commencement	June 3, 1934
2	54	Her appearance; fire in Minnis Bros. store; schoolwork; exams; plans to read Polvaag's "Granite in the Earth"	June 4, 1934
2	55	His response to her comment that their future together was hopeless; her relationship with Bob; his feelings for her	November 12, 1934
2	56	End of their relationship; wishes for future happiness	January 2, 1935
2	57	Travel from Kentucky and Cincinnati to West Frankfort, Illinois; passed through a small oil field near Flora, Illinois with Pure Oil tanks; descriptions of small towns and countryside; Sinclair Lewis' apt description of "Main Street"; how civilized the U.S. east of the Ohio-Indiana line is	March 2, 1939
2	58	Description of tourist cabin in Emmett, Arkansas; distance to Los Angeles; description of Mississippi River country; weather; meals	March 3, 1939
2	59	Written from Sweetwater, Texas; description of surrounding countryside, including weather, towns, and Dallas	March 4, 1939
2	60	Written from Lordsburg, New Mexico; description of the day's journey, including seeing oil wells, grasslands, desert, adobe huts, and a U.S. detention farm	March 5, 1939
2	61	Written from Blythe, California; description of day's travels, including having car registered and inspected upon entering Arizona; business places catering to tourists; tourist cabins; filling station robbery; diesel-powered tractors and trailers which haul freight over the mountains; description	March 6, 1939

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		of countryside, including palm trees and fruit crops; thoughts about meeting Lewis at the Douglas Aircraft Co.	
2	62	Written from Santa Monica, California; how much he enjoyed her letter; plans to get established there so she can come out too; thoughts about why they did not get along so well in the last year; effect of Goodyear job; personnel department procedure at Douglas; finding a place to live in a private home for \$3.00 a week; cheaper living conditions; carrying one of her hose as a good luck piece	March 8, 1939
2	63	How much he misses her; weather; using small gas heaters to heat homes; description of his room; first day at the office; security measures at Douglas similar to those at Wright Field	March 9, 1939
2	64	Weekend plans; how he was able to leave her; what she is doing with her spare time; religious beliefs; women wearing slacks there; his mother's request for Mildred to write to her	March 10, 1939
2	65	Drive to see the Pacific Ocean and Los Angeles; description of Wilshire Boulevard; having a "heavy heart"; money's influence on their plans; description of meals at the Wing's Café	March 12, 1939
2	66	Hopes that her having tumor removed and taking treatments will clear up the pain in her side; wrote to her parents; description of Inglewood; request to refinance car; financial matters	March 13, 1939
2	67	Description of food and how it does not compare with her cooking; letter from his parents; monotony of job	March 14, 1939
2	68	Thoughts about her; plans for her to come out; difficulties with the financial records at work	March 15, 1939
2	69	Car payment; plans for her to come out; possibility of her being transferred to Inglewood; interest in buying stock in Douglas	March 16, 1939
2	70	Air mail service; financial matters; plans for her to come out; importance of enjoying the present rather than living for the future and the good that will come out of their loneliness while they are apart; location of Santa Monica, Los Angeles and Inglewood	March 17, 1939

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2	71	Takeoff of a Douglas bomber; how he spends his afternoons and weekends; description of surroundings; work projects; rumor at Wright Field that they have separated	March 18, 1939
2	72	How much he misses her; description of Santa Monica and surroundings; working hard for them to be together	March 19, 1939
2	73	Weather; description of his room; Boeing crash; tests on 42-passenger Douglas-built transport (DC-4); Hitler's campaign of acquisition and role of bombers; learning about accurate and efficient business management at work	March 20, 1939
2	74	Financial matters; repaying debt so they can provide for a child; physical attraction to her	March 21, 1939
2	75	Crash of the Seversky pursuit ship; completion of the Douglas DC-5 two-motored transport; what women wear there; wish to have her there and to make her happy; instability of the aircraft industry	March 22, 1939
2	76	How financial difficulties and being out of work caused problems in their marriage before he left	March 23, 1939
2	77	First pay day with Douglas; description of Santa Monica	March 24, 1939
2	78	How futile things seem since they want to be with each other so much; afraid of what an unsettled financial situation might do to them; the phantom burglar looking homes of movie stars and wealthy people	March 25, 1939
2	79	Went to his first double-feature movie – "Made for Each Other" and "The Duke of West Point"; article in Reader's Digest about seeking new experiences to make life broader and more enjoyable; description of drive along the coast; watching a polo match; the phantom burglar; description of homes in the area; her coming out there	March 26, 1939
2	80	How difficult their situation is; whether they could drift apart	March 27, 1939
3	1	Financial matters; discovered an \$80,000 error in the 1938 Douglas cost of sales on ships sold to the U.S. Army	March 28, 1939
3	2	Possibility of her being transferred to Los Angeles; financial matters	March 28, 1939
3	3	Western District Inspection Office at Mines Field to	March 30, 1939

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		be moved to Santa Monica; enlarging Clover Field; advice on how to get located in the army office at Douglas; possibility of getting located at North American	
3	4	Getting California license plates for the car; going on a tour of the plant	March 31, 1939
3	5	Having her come out; license plates for car; financial matters; Los Angeles department stores; double features	April 1, 1939
3	6	When she should come out; how sparingly he is living; getting out of debt and how much she can give up to be here	April 2, 1939
3	7	How Douglas airplanes are made; description of plant; how much he misses her	April 3, 1939
3	8	Description of women at work; foreign affairs	April 4, 1939
3	9	Moving of Western District Inspection Office; Joe Louis and royalty in Los Angeles	April 5, 1939
3	10	Decision not to ride with her father if he drives there; tired of financial difficulties	April 6, 1939
3	11	Article about General Arnold's advocating a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$6,000,000 for aeronautical research in America; how much he misses her	April 7, 1939
3	12	Drive through the San Fernando Valley; Easter present; accounting error that he discovered; financial difficulties; "Dramatic School" and "Zaza" double feature	April 9, 1939
3	13	Financial matters; possibilities for transfer; interest in details about the construction and performance of the new Bell ship	April 10, 1939
3	14	Easter gift; crash of the North America attack bomber	April 11, 1939
3	15	Cousin's suicide; extensive description of his job	April 12, 1939
3	16	Encloses newspaper clipping about the Douglas DC-5; hearing Tone Poem on radio that is to be given at the New York World's Fair, with music and H.V. Kaltenborn's voice describing the city of tomorrow	April 14, 1939
3	17	Description of letter received from family	April 14, 1939
3	18	Got California license plates for the car; Douglas ships in the last issue of Life magazine	April 15, 1939
3	19	How much he misses her; drive to San Diego; how	April 16, 1939

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		long it will take to get her transfer after she applies for it	
3	20	Hates to sell the car; when she can come out; Joe Louis-Jack Roper fight; DC-4 back at the plant	April 17, 1939
3	21	Stock market; Lindbergh in Arnold's office as an adviser; homesickness; taking a written examination and a driving test to get a driver's license	April 18, 1939
3	22	Lindbergh's role as an Army colonel; how interesting his job is	April 19, 1939
3	23	Commute to Inglewood if she is transferred there; when he can get another car; army has accepted Bell's new ship; Lewis's election to the Douglas board of directors; financial institutions preparing for war; whether she has started negotiations for transfer	April 20, 1939
3	24	Plans for her coming; wish to find out what kind of ship is being built in such secrecy in the plant	April 21, 1939
3	25	Selling the car; how much he misses her	April 22, 1939
3	26	How much he misses her	April 23, 1939
3	27	Plans to transfer inspection office to Santa Monica	April 24, 1939
3	28	Plans for her arrival; financial matters; sending classified rental section of the Santa Monica newspaper; "Midnight" and "Ice Follies of 1939"	April 25, 1939
3	29	Los Angeles Times article about the Army's release of \$50,000,000 worth of contracts to five major aircraft companies; information about transfer; advice he received to learn all he can about the aircraft business; received two interviews; interesting work	April 26, 1939
3	30	Preparing annual stockholders report for mailing; reviewing El Segundo records to gather data on the California Use Tax paid by the company	April 26, 1939
3	31	Plans for her arrival; Hitler's declaring his future policy	April 28, 1939
3	32	Warner Brothers' premier of "The Confessions of a Nazi Spy"; seeing "Theodora Goes Wild"; saw first polo game outside Santa Monica	April 29, 1939
3	33	Disposing of car; Latigo Canyon; description of surroundings	April 30, 1939
3	34	Change in plans regarding car; reading Lowell Thomas's stories in Reader's Digest	May 1, 1939

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3	35	Driver's license arrived; keeping car another day; plans to be in Los Angeles their first weekend together	May 2, 1939
3	36	Plans to receive money for car	May 3, 1939
3	37	Not thinking too much about financial matters; dealer took over car	May 4, 1939
3	38	Car deal complete; seeing "Huck Finn"; possibility of being able to buy clothes now that he doesn't have a car expense	May 5, 1939
3	39	Walking along Palisades to municipal pier; description of surroundings there; financial matters	May 7, 1939
3	40	Need for another car; wish to see her	May 7, 1939
3	41	Lindbergh's arrival to visit North American, El Segundo and Santa Monica divisions of Douglas; inspection of Lockheed, Vultee and Guggenheim Lab the next day; publication of top salaries of some of the coast corporation executives	May 8, 1939
3	42	Distance to San Francisco to see the fair; dedication of Los Angeles's new \$11 million railroad terminal; weather; instructions on cashing check; hopes to purchase another car	May 9, 1939
3	43	Plans for her arrival and a second honeymoon	May 10, 1939
3	44	Dealer sold car; streamlined trains leaving Chicago for the coast	May 11, 1939
3	45	Slow time at work	May 12, 1939
3	46	Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard; activities around the house	May 13, 1939
3	47	Her coming as soon as she can; not changing her application for transfer from July 1 to September 1	May 14, 1939
3	48	Father in Oxford looking over a prospective job; new dormitory being built opposite the stadium and other additions being made; news of family; wish to know French because El Segundo division is building 100 planes for the French government; Lindbergh's inspections of aircraft companies in California and his sudden drafting into the service	May 15, 1939
3	49	Mother's telephoning her when she is in California; tired of manufacturing work	May 16, 1939
3	50	Thoughts about his value to the Douglas Aircraft Co. ; update on financial situation; not postponing trip because of letter	May 17, 1939

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3	51	Her buying a trunk	May 18, 1939
3	52	Plans to get room at the Biltmore in Los Angeles; recommendations for car dealer in Hollywood; factory shut down May 26-31 for a four-day vacation for employees; similar plans for July 4 holiday; plans to visit San Francisco; results of Major Meyers taking over the general managership of Douglas Aircraft; company management practices;	May 19, 1939
3	53	Celebrating her birthday; seeing filming of Norma Shearer on Ocean Boulevard	May 20, 1939
3	54	Not getting ahead faster, but not depriving themselves either; impending new start for them; understands her discontent; need for a car	May 21, 1939
3	55	Clothes; plans to visit a riding stable and ride through the hills	May 22, 1939
3	56	Plans for her arrival; Army's \$15 million contract with Douglas; her wisdom tooth extraction; description of mountains in the area	May 23, 1939
3	57	Not wanting to have her arrival or transfer be postponed	May 24, 1939
3	58	Douglas stock; DC-5 completed ahead of schedule	May 25, 1939
3	59	Wisdom tooth extraction; novelty not going to wear off	May 26, 1939
3	60	Trip to the beach on first day of vacation	May 27, 1939
3	61	Her imminent arrival; weather	May 28, 1939
3	62	Weather; plans to stay in his room for a while after her arrival; what she means to him	May 30, 1939
3	63	Two Wright Field ships on the field; B-23 bomber out of the jig; work begun on second one; many Douglas employees spending holiday in Yosemite National Park; how long they will stay in his room at the Hamiltons' house; analyzing expense accounts at work	May 31, 1939
3	64	Has not bought any clothes yet; celebration for the DC-3; the Baer-Nova fight	June 1, 1939
3	65	Financial matters; discrepancy in how he will be paid for the recent and upcoming holidays	June 2, 1939
3	66	Difficulty of working on Saturday; increased amount of work to be done	June 3, 1939
3	67	Saw "The Hardys Ride High," "Society Lawyer," a Donald Duck short and a newsreel; combat planes	June 4, 1939

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		taking off from Clover Field; who is the finance officer at Wright-Patterson; financial matters; markets, liquor stores and bars open on Sundays there	
3	68	Having a fresh start; what Major Meyers will do without his secretary	June 5, 1939
3	69	Practicing packing her trunk; plans for weekend in Covington; request to call his mother while she is there; plans to remodel office	June 6, 1939
3	70	Repulling wisdom tooth; weather; news of friends; plans to buy shoes and clothes	June 7, 1939
3	71	Mines Field problem eliminated; what buses served the field; places to eat lunch; saw English movie star but can't remember his name; weather; interesting work; increase in payroll in El Segundo division	June 8, 1939
3	72	Why she isn't flying; transfer has all necessary approvals	June 9, 1939
3	73	Plans for her arrival; news of friends; trip to Los Angeles to see what men are wearing; appreciating the size of the DC-4	June 10, 1939
3	74	Preparations for her trip; description of the Pacific Building, where she will work; Douglas planes used by Major Smith; B18A Army bombers taking off for test flights; consequences of an attack on Santa Monica; appearance of the DC-4	June 11, 1939
3	75	Plans for her arrival; saw "Union Pacific" and "Twelve Crowded Hours"	June 12, 1939
3	76	Her reluctance to leave Dayton; matters with her family	June 13, 1939
3	77	Their impending reunion; looking for work to keep busy; orders for DC-5s; office remodeling and rearrangement not started	June 14, 1939
3	78	Her mother's attitude about her leaving for California; letter from his parents; news of family; plans to go to night ball game	June 15, 1939
3	79	Plans for her departure; Hollywood-San Diego ball game; significance of June 1933 and February 9, 1935 to their relationship	June 16, 1939
3	80	Purchased clothes; plans for her arrival	June 17, 1939
3	81	Practicing drinking again; news of friends; plans for her arrival	June 18, 1939

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Subseries II: Correspondence from Mildred Readnower Lamarre to Bleriot Lamarre

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4	1	Loves him, but respects and admires Bob; realizes Bob could make her happy in a different way; would regret having her love for him killed by financial worries; doesn't want to say goodbye to him, but doesn't want to give up niceties and good times; after a while, will decide between him and Bob; whether he is willing to continue knowing this	November 14, 1934
4	2	Accepted Bob's diamond and is to have a church wedding in Elyria in February	December 25, 1934
4	3	Difficulties of the last year; wants them both to live full, not humdrum, lives; saw "Stagecoach"; financial matters; newspaper clipping about death of J. Maynard Griffith, Miami University instructor	March 5, 1939
4	4	Saw double feature of "There's That Woman Again" and another picture; went to lecture on Tibet; plans to see "Susan & God"; whether he is going to sell the car; financial matters; removal of tumor; considered for job as secretary to Col. Kennedy; Meyers' being made an advisor to Gen. Brett; enclosing newspaper clipping of Joseph W. Smith (Miami junior and son of Miami professor W.E. Smith) and a \$300 check as prize for essay connected with the Northwest Territory celebration	March 10, 1939
4	5	Saw "Beachcomber"; shopping in Covington	March 12, 1939
4	6	Their separation is proving that they want to be together; impatient to be with him; lipstick imprint at close of letter	March 12, 1939
4	7	Realizes her disposition isn't the best after working all day and also due to feelings of insecurity; how long he thinks she should work before she comes to California; Meyers to be relieved of budget job and made special advisor to Gen. Brett; lipstick imprint at close of letter	March 14, 1939
4	8	Enclosing Dayton Power & Light check and airmail stamps; doing whatever he thinks best about the car; Western District Office at Los Angeles Municipal Airport, with postal address at	March 15, 1939

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		Inglewood; Maj. Meyers appreciated his letter; financial matters; Meyers offering to help her get a job in California; news of friends	
4	9	Saw "Susan & God" and "You Can't Take It With You"; how she spends her evenings; activities at work; tear mark at close of letter	March 16, 1939
4	10	When she should come to California, and whether it should be for a visit or for good; activities at work	March 17, 1939
4	11	Shopping trip; saw "Trade Winds"; thoughts about Joan Bennett and Hedy Lamarr; European crisis's effect on stock market; work activities; owning stock in Douglas; thoughts about her not living up to the physical side of their relationship; new card game called "piddle-fuddle" being played at the office	March 18, 1939
4	12	Financial matters; needs dental work done; coming to California; sick of talking about money	March 19, 1939
4	13	Rumor of their separation; invitation to go to Covington for Easter weekend; news of friends; crash of Boeing stratosphere ship; doesn't think they will ever live together in California	March 20, 1939
4	14	Activities at work; evening activities; crash of Seversky's new pursuit plane; received a request for reference from Douglas; side improving	March 22, 1939
4	15	Separation was good, but is cutting days off their lives together; understands the position he is in; activities at work; feels she does not measure up to the physical side of their relationship; how she feels about him	March 23, 1939
4	16	Attended lecture on Finland and Denmark; Nelson Eddy, Bertrand Russell and John Barrymore to be in Dayton in April; suggests he get glasses because he is doing such detailed work; will wait to come to California until he thinks it's right; new liaison office to be opened at Langley Field with Major Greene from Wright Field at its head; Major Meyers says intentions are to open up another office in Los Angeles in connection with expansion	March 24, 1939
4	17	Not a good idea to go on a binge; saw "Yes, My Darling Daughter"; news of friends; putting the last few months behind them; afraid if they stay apart	March 25, 1939

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		too long they will drift away from each other despite neither one wanting to do that and both wanting to be together	
4	18	Visit from parents; when he can get a vacation; whether or not she should try to be included in the office planned to be set up in Los Angeles; mother upset with the prospect of her leaving	March 26, 1939
4	19	Eating at the Blue Moon; activities at work; phantom burglar; how soon she can join him	March 28, 1939
4	20	Dayton-Miami alumni dinner and dance on April 6; celebrating Major Meyers' birthday	March 30, 1939
4	21	Father's automobile accident and his drinking habits; not wanting to drive with him to California; General Motors sponsoring a trip to the Fair over Memorial Day for employees; branches expanding at Wright Field; whether taking accounting courses would help with work	March 30, 1939
4	22	Saw "Judgment Day"; being more definite about his plans for her to join him; whether she should arrange for a transfer; has made too many decisions for them	March 31, 1939
4	23	Possibilities for transfers; collapse of stock market; reading <u>Disputed Passage</u> by Lloyd Douglas; activities at work	April 1, 1939
4	24	Encloses newspaper clipping about Ralph Graham, the Bel-Air burglar; <u>Disputed Passage</u> ; seeing about her wisdom tooth; Douglas plant inspection; news of coworkers	April 2, 1939
4	25	General Motors employee trip to the New York Fair; "Fast and Loose"; bills; thoughts about selling the car; whether they will ever pay their debts	April 3, 1939
4	26	Considers herself selfish and unreasonable; afraid they will grow apart; thoughts about selling the car	April 4, 1939
4	27	Army Day celebrations at Wright Field; news of friends; smoking more; going to Cincinnati to see family; spoiled by not having to do any housework	April 6, 1939
4	28	Wants answers to her questions in recent letters; news of coworkers	April 8, 1939
4	29	Thanks for Easter gift; reprimands him that "the little things count"; visit with family	April 9, 1939
4	30	Heard Bertrand Russell speak on "War and Propaganda"; difficult visit with family; wants to	April 11, 1939

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		know more about his job to tell other people about it; thoughts about whether war will break out soon; possibility of office transfer	
4	31	Saw "Dodge City"; North American bomber burned at Wright Field	April 11, 1939
4	32	Learning contract bridge; John Bales appearing at the Colonial and staying at the Biltmore Hotel; going to see John Barrymore in "My Dear Children"; watch band arrived; how much they are spending on postage	April 12, 1939
4	33	Problems with having watch band put on; getting a transfer; thoughts about selling the car	April 13, 1939
4	34	Saw "Topper Takes a Trip" and John Barrymore's "My Dear Children;" injuries sustained by people in North American bomber crash at Wright Field; work activities	April 14, 1939
4	35	Plans to go to friends for dinner the next day	April 15, 1939
4	36	Mother's getting upset every time she thinks about her going to California; work activities	April 16, 1939
4	37	Car situation; work activities; relationship with his aunt; financial matters	April 17, 1939
4	38	Work activities; how long it will take to get a transfer; whether there is transportation between Inglewood and Santa Monica	April 18, 1939
4	39	Began instruction course in contract bridge; how much it will cost for her to travel to California; how they will live; when he will be entitled to a vacation; advice on interaction with Lewis	April 20, 1939
4	40	News of friends; doesn't want to become an overweight housewife; inquiry about transfer; going to a play and a bridge party; how long she stays at jobs	April 21, 1939
4	41	News of friends; her bad mood	April 21, 1939
4	42	Won prize at bridge party; thoughts about whether Hitler and Mussolini want war; work activities	April 22, 1939
4	43	Staying in his room at the Hamiltons' for a while; hasn't done anything definite about the transfer; saw "Midnight"	April 23, 1939
4	44	Whether he would take a job in Dayton at NCR, Frigidaire or Delco; news of friends; encloses letter from NCR to Bleriot inviting him for an interview	April 24, 1939
4	45	Monotony of the last two weeks; planning a	April 25, 1939

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		celebration when she arrives in California	
4	46	Saw "Wuthering Heights"; wishes they could have a definite time to count toward for being together again; whether they could have a second honeymoon when she gets there	April 26, 1939
4	47	How the room at the Hamiltons could be arranged for her; finding another place to live there; letter from his mother in which she said she knew how difficult it was to be separated from one's husband	April 27, 1939
4	48	Fashions in "Mademoiselle"; need to be patient until everything works out; glad he got to talk to Lewis; whether he has read that month's "Reader's Digest"	April 28, 1939
4	49	Plans to arrive on a Friday; saw "Let Freedom Ring"; reading <u>Grapes of Wrath</u>	April 29, 1939
4	50	Encloses newspaper article about Beta Theta Pi presenting bells to Miami University; financial matters; smoking Pall Malls to save money; place to live; news of family; opening of the New York Fair	April 30, 1939
4	51	Financial matters; request for him to sell the car and pay the bills; expects him to pay for her far to California, rather than having to pay it herself	May 1, 1939
4	52	Apologizes for writing the way she did; will get a transfer as soon as it can be arranged	May 2, 1939
4	53	Whether he has forgiven her for the letter; how miserable she is; news of family; Major Meyers' trip to Washington; finished <u>Grapes of Wrath</u> and is now starting <u>The Yearling</u> and a collection of Dorothy Parker stories; transfer; living at the Hamiltons; news of work	May 2, 1939
4	54	Adventures during cocktail hour; saw "Dark Victory"; work activities; "Little Hours" and other Dorothy Parker stories	May 3, 1939
4	55	Financial matters; hopes that they can manage a car by July; where they would go to celebrate	May 4, 1939
4	56	Day's activities; news of friends	May 5, 1939
4	57	Saw "The Story of Vernon & Irene Castle"; news of friends and family	May 6, 1939
4	58	News of friends; day's activities; buying clothes; distance from Los Angeles to San Francisco	May 7, 1939
4	59	Reading <u>The Yearling</u> ; whether she made a mistake	May 8, 1939

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		planning to come in June	
4	60	Getting exercise; plans to take train from Chicago to Los Angeles	May 9, 1939
4	61	Lonesome after looking at her wedding veil; train to California	May 10, 1939
4	62	Day's activities; stopping at the Fair	May 11, 1939
4	63	Making up his mind about when she should come; wants a definite response	May 12, 1939
4	64	Mother upset about not getting a letter from her; not letting him get talked into buying a boat; when he wants her to come	May 13, 1939
4	65	Not feeling like "old married people"; will try to be in Los Angeles on Friday the 23rd; reading "Grandma Called It Carnal"; doesn't like the idea of starting a new job	May 14, 1939
4	66	Mother's Day gift; told mother she was broke; news of family; how he is getting along in his work; making dental appointment; wants to have a really good time after she gets there, making every minute count, living in the present	May 15, 1939
4	67	Preparing for trip; bought a trunk; rumor about someone seeing their divorce in the Springfield paper	May 16, 1939
4	68	Preparing for trip; news of friends	May 17, 1939
4	69	Bought a pair of "Dundee" shoes and hose; request for him to buy himself a new straw hat; plans for coming on the 23 rd	May 18, 1939
4	70	The car; buying clothes; financial matters	May 19, 1939
4	71	Visit to dentist; Major Meyers going to Washington, so a slow week for her; plans to go home for a visit	May 20, 1939
4	72	Saw "The Hardys Ride High"; seeing the Fair; work activities; plans for their reunion	May 21, 1939
4	73	Thanks for birthday gift; work activities	May 22, 1939
4	74	Financial matters; getting clothes; how much it costs to play golf there	May 24, 1939
4	75	News of friends; likes his list of things to do; request to approve her transfer; encloses clipping of Miami students at the Oxford municipal swimming pool	May 24, 1939
4	76	Visit to dentist; air conditioning for the room; news of friends	May 25, 1939

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4	77	Transfer approved; visit to dentist	May 26, 1939
4	78	Last wisdom tooth gone; notice from insurance company; whether they have mosquitoes in California; plans for packing	May 27, 1939
4	79	Whether they will be at the Hamiltons' for very long; Douglas receiving good write-ups by the investment forecasters and advisors	May 28, 1939
4	80	Tooth problems; took the day off work; mother wants her to come home for a visit	May 29, 1939
4	81	Day's activities; news of family; parades in Dayton	May 30, 1939
4	82	Plans for trip; visit to dentist; saw "Calling Dr. Kildare"	May 31, 1939
4	83	Saw "Juarez"; how much she misses him	June 1, 1939
4	84	Visit to the dentist; news of friends; shipping her trunk to the Hamiltons	June 2, 1939
4	85	Buying clothes; news of friends; got cigarette lighter and case	June 3, 1939
5	1	Includes newspaper clipping about Miami University's new buildings; day's activities; news of friends; packing trunk	June 4, 1939
5	2	News of friends; work activities	June 5, 1939
5	3	District office is to move by July 1 into the Pacific Bank Building; what they were doing two years ago, working weekends; work activities	June 6, 1939
5	4	Hot summers; tap dancing outside the Van Cleve; family news; appropriate statement in <u>Goodbye, Mr. Chips</u> about them	June 7, 1939
5	5	What train she will be on from Chicago; news of friends; Douglas ship arrived in Dayton	June 8, 1939
5	6	Seeing the DC-4 at Wright Field; news of friends	June 9, 1939
5	7	Six years since graduation; wishes it was paid for; news of family	June 11, 1939
5	8	News of family and friends	June 12, 1939
5	9	Encloses newspaper article about Miami University graduation, picturing Senator Robert A. Taft and Charles P. Taft receiving honorary Doctor of Laws degrees; family news; thoughts about her arrival	June 13, 1939
5	10	Thoughts about her arrival; packing; two imprints of lips at the bottom of letter	June 15, 1939
5	11	News of family; little work to do because of Major Meyers being on leave; details of arrival	June 14, 1939
5	12	News of friends; thoughts about their future	June 16, 1939

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		happiness	
5	13	Packing trunk; Major Meyers not seeing her before she leaves; news of family; name of train on which she will be arriving	June 18, 1939

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries III: Correspondence from Bleriot Lamarre to Bennett Meyers

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
5	14	Appreciation for securing a position for him with Douglas; details of assignment in the cost accounting department, working on the Work in Progress ledgers of the El Segundo Division of Douglas; opportunity to learn accounting in the aircraft business from a coworker; thanks for job and its future prospects	March 12, 1939

Series II: Manuscripts

Box	Folder	Title	Date
5	15	Aviation Electric Corporation invoice to Unidev Corporation, Vandalia, Ohio	March 29, 1946
5	16	Receipt for five Aviation Electric Corporation documents: stockholders ledger; records of proceedings and minutes; copy of October 30, 1942 letter from Lamarre to Curnutt concerning employment contract and employment agreement; stock certificates; and journal entries	August 19, 1947
5	17	Mildred Lamarre's diary	January 1-February 10, 1948
5	18	Photocopies of Lamarre-Meyers documents, including stenographic notes of the dictation Mildred Lamarre took from Bennett Meyers; July 19, 1947 letter from Meyers to Bleriot Lamarre; and copy of letter from Mildred Lamarre to Meyers regarding exchange of promissory notes, together with United States Government office memorandum acknowledging receipt of same	January 19, 1948
5	19	Testimony of Bleriot Lamarre regarding the income and excess profit tax liability of the Aviation Electric Corporation, Bennett E. Meyers, Thomas E. Readnower, Ray A. Curnutt, and Bleriot Lamarre	February 4, 1948

Box	Folder	Title	Date
5	20	Mildred Lamarre's summons to testify in district court on February 24, 1948 regarding the Bennett Meyers case	February 16, 1948
5	21	Telegram to the Lamarres regarding Bennett Meyers case	February 27, 1948
5	22	Testimony of Bleriot Lamarre before the Senate War Investigating Committee	ca. 1948
5	23	Bleriot Lamarre's diary entries	1964-1973
5	24	Bleriot Lamarre's diary entries	1974-1975

Series III: Newspaper Articles Regarding Bennett E. Meyers Trial

Box	Folder	Date
5	25	November 8, 1948
5	26	November 9, 1948
5	27	November 17, 1947
5	28	November 18, 1947
5	29	November 19, 1947
5	30	November 20, 1947
6	1	November 21, 1947
6	2	November 22, 1947
6	3	November 24, 1947
6	4	November 25, 1947
6	5	November 26, 1947
6	6	November 29, 1947
6	7	December 1, 1947
6	8	December 2, 1947
6	9	December 3, 1947
6	10	December 23, 1947
6	11	February 15, 1948
6	12	February 19, 1948
6	13	February 24, 1948
6	14	February 25, 1948
6	15	February 26, 1948
6	16	February 27, 1948
6	17	February 28, 1948
6	18	March 1, 1948
6	19	March 2, 1948
6	20	March 3, 1948
6	21	March 5, 1948
6	22	March 6, 1948

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6	23	March 8, 1948
6	24	March 9, 1948
6	25	March 10, 1948
6	26	March 11, 1948
6	27	March 12, 1948
6	28	March 13, 1948
6	29	March 15, 1948
6	30	March 16, 1948
6	31	March 18, 1948
6	32	March 19, 1949
6	33	March 23, 1948
6	34	June 9, 1948
6	35	June 25, 1948
6	36	June 1948
6	37	July 8, 1948
6	38	July 17, 1948
6	39	July 20, 1948
6	40	May 29, 1949
6	41	September 3, 1949
6	42	July 9, 1950
6	43	Undated

Series IV: Photographs

Box	Folder	Title	Date
6	44	Negatives of Bleriot Lamarre, Mildred Readnower and friends	May 1934
7	1	Wedding photograph of Mildred Readnower and Bleriot Lamarre	ca. March 1935

Series V: Objects

Box	Folder	Title	Date
7	2	Mildred Readnower's Beta Sigma Omicron convention badge	July 1931
7	3	Copper engraving plate for the invitation to the wedding of Mildred Readnower and Robert H. Goacher, to be held in Elyria, Ohio on February 9, 1935	ca. 1934-1935

Series VI: Scrapbooks

Box	Title	Date
7	Scrapbook of Mildred Readnower's trip to the 20 th biennial convention of Beta Sigma Omicron in Pasadena California, July 1-4, 1931	1931
7	Scrapbook of the Lamarres' activities in California, June-December 1939 and their trip back to Dayton, January 1940	1939-1940
8	Notebook of information about Algeria, Angola, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Bioko-Rio Muni, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Iran, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Madeira Islands, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Réunion, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe, military expenditures of NATO countries, lists of members of NATO, Warsaw Pact, Western type neutrals, and communist-type neutrals	Ca. 1986