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Nielsen, Thelma Sally. (1931-). Homemaker.

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Thelma "Sally" Nielsen (Spencley) Carter is the youngest daughter of Dorise Nielsen, M.P., 1940-1945, who became a Chinese citizen in 1962.

Received in 1981; National Federation of Labor Youth Songbook received in 1985.

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The finding aid is a descriptive list.

Photographs were transferred to the National Photography Collection.

Correspondence and memorabilia including letters from Dorise Nielsen and members of her family describing life in China, 1966-1980, Nielsen's illness and Chinese funeral rites, 1980-1981, postcards and a photo album from China, letters received from W.L. Mackenzie King, 1940, election flyer, 1940, National Federation of Labor Youth songbook, *Towards Singing Tomorrows*, an article on the Chinese jade industry written by Dorise Nielsen, entitled, "JADE", and various newspaper clippings.

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		<u>Letters written by Dorise Nielsen in China to her daughter, Sally, in Canada, 1966-1980</u>	
		ALS - autographed letter signed	TLS - typed letter signed
1	1	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to daughter Sally McLaren, 4 pp. - Nielsen comments on "capitalist" involvement in Guinea, the Congo, Ghana, etc. Reference is also made to the Marxist Party in Canada.	1966
	2	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to Sally McLaren and her grandsons, 2 pp. - refers to some changes in her workplace since Sally and the boys returned to Canada from China.	2 January 1966
	3	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - comments regarding Canadian Communist Party	11 January 1966
	4	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally, 3 pp. - personal letter with account of what was happening in China at the time, the Chinese versus Soviet type communism, the impact of foreigners of Chinese life, and Nielsen's work as a Chinese communist.	20 September 1966
	5	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - reference is made to the visit of the Canada - China Friendship Association to China	24 October 1966

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1 (cont'd)	6	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally McLaren, 6 pp.	5 January 1967
	7	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally McLaren, 3 pp. - personal letter with comments regarding the revisionist struggle in China, relationship with foreigners, and education	4 March 1967
	8	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally McLaren, 3 pp. - comments regarding the Chinese Party - personal letter	26 March 1967
	9	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter	8 September 1967
	10	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - references to Chinese Lunar calendar, crops, and the October 1st "revolutionary" parade in China. Nielsen also comments on Expo '67.	6 October 1967
	11	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter containing comments as well on great changes going on in China.	15 September 1968
	12	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter relating to family matters	19 May 1973

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1 (cont'd)	13	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter with comments regarding elected representatives, western democratic ways and necessity of revolutionary zeal	2 December 1973
	14	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren - Letter concerns plans for Nielsen's trip to Canada	18 March 1974
	15	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter	13 October 1974
	16	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 1 p. - personal letter	8 February 1975
	17	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter regarding family except for reference to earthquake north of Peking	21 March 1975
	18	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally McLaren, 2 pp. - personal letter	21 April 1975
	19	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to daughter Sally McLaren, 1 p. - personal note mentioning that she is off to Bei Tai Ho for a month	15 July 1975

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1 (cont'd)	20	Dorise Nielsen, TSL to Sally McLaren and Albert "Al" Spencley, 22 pp. -this is a typed single-spaced account, in three installments, of Dorise Nielsen's three week trip to south-west China. It is an account of China since "liberation" with historical comments.	7 May 1977
	21	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally Spencley, 1 p. - personal letter includes remarks regarding the growth of tourist trade in China and its effects on the Chinese Yen, the prices of goods, the Friendship store, and the Chinese citizens.	29 June 1978
	22	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to Sally and "Al" Spencley, 1 p. - personal letter	28 October 1978
	23	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally Spencley, 2 pp. - personal letter	5 September 1978
	24	Chinese Christmas card sent to Sally and Al Spencley from Dorise Nielsen	1978
	25	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter, Sally Spencley, 2 pp. - Some discussion of changes in China since the "Gang of Four" were ousted. Talks of new modernization program in China, tourists, foreign products and influence.	6 February 1979
	26	Dorise Nielsen, TLS to daughter Sally Spencley, 2 pp. - personal letter mentioning day to day activities	25 October 1979

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.1 (cont'd)	27	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to Al and Sally Spencley, 2 pp. - personal letter	8 May 1980
	28	Dorise Nielsen, ALS to "kids", 1 p.	n.d.
	29	Dorise Nielsen to daughter, Sally Page 4 of a typed letter describing Nielsen's home out west in the 1930's	

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		Tourist Map of Beijing on which is marked in red the Baboashan Cemetery for Revolutionaries where Dorise Nielsen was cremated, the Friendship Guest House, where Dorise Nielsen lived, and the junction of the two canals where her ashes were scattered according to her wishes.	1980
		Photo Album of Dorise Nielsen's funeral-identifying notes were provided by Christine Wong, Nielsen's eldest daughter, who attended the funeral of her mother in China. (31 photographs). Also included are photocopies of Dorise Nielsen's certificate of Chinese Citizenship, 1962, and death certificate 1980.	
		Autographed copy of Mackenzie King's <u>Industry and Humanity</u> given by King to Dorise Nielsen on the occasion of her maiden speech in the House of Commons	1940
		W.L. Mackenzie King to Dorise Nielsen - letter sent with book <u>Industry and Humanity</u> .	27 May 1940
		Letter W.L. Mackenzie King to Dorise Nielsen. - invitation	23 May 1940

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.1 (cont'd)		Postcards of Chungking (9) and "The Stone Forest" (7)	1974-1975
		Election flyer for Mrs. Dorise Nielsen, United Progressive Candidate, Federal election	1940
		Eulogy by Nelson Clarke at the memorial service for Bob Paul, Nielsen's campaign manager in 1940	1971
		N.F.L.Y. Song Sheets - included are the following: Song composed for the founding of the N.F.L.Y., April 1948; "The Workers' Voice" composed at Camp N.F.L.Y., 1949; "Youth is Singing" composed for the 2nd National Convention N.F.L.Y., May 1951	1948-1951
		Photocopies of photographs transferred to the National Photography Collection (file 1) - includes letters and descriptions written by D. Nielsen on back of photographs	@ 1939-1979
		Photocopies of photographs as above (file 2) - notes and identification by archivist	1940-1945
		Clippings	n.d., 1980
		N.F.L.Y. Songbook. <u>Toward Singing Tomorrows</u>	n.d.

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2	1	Correspondence. Family correspondence describes Dorise Nielsen's final illness and funeral rights in China.	1977-1981
	2	Nielsen, Dorise. "JADE"	[1962]