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Family Papers.

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It was in town? I enjoyed it so much,
didn't you -

Please to write me soon and I'll
try to be more prompt!

With ever and over so much love
to you both -

Love -

Mother told me all about the fun you had
when Aunt Maude and Miss Lee were up -

March 3, 1934



Please Answer This Line!

Dearest, darling daddy,

Please do forgive me for not
writing sooner. I'm really very much
ashamed of myself, but at the same time,
I have no really decent excuse to offer!
Thank you ever and over so much for
sending me the funnies and "The Comics"
Pals. I enjoy reading them so much!

I understand you were down
in Muscatine while mother was on
with Mary and me! Mother said she
felt quite mortified to think that you
hadn't heard from her more often, but

We even dined at a French Restaurant
and mother and I dined with. Laughed at
our attempts to talk French! So you can
see we had one marvelous time. I also
translated "Carmen" for mother and I'm
so glad she enjoyed it.

Now, in a little over three weeks
I'll be home! Can you believe it? I'm
so excited I don't know what to do!
I do wish you could have a little of our
weather. It is 50° above today and
perfectly delightful out! By the way, I
never thanked you for your valentine,
did I? I loved it so much and it was the
sweetest valentine I got!

By the way, did you get a
chance to see "The Little Minister" when

daddy, dear, her intentions were good!!
In fact, I even saw her write to you!
Mother wrote me today and said that you
and she had 'bumped' into each other and
finished the trip home together. I can
imagine that was very enjoyable!!

We both had a glorious week-end and
practically turned N. Y. upside down
with our doing. We saw quite a bit of
Betty and even Billy honored our quarters
by his visit! For entertainment, we saw
"Madame Butterfly" which is my favorite
opera. I liked it even better than the
Wagner operas! In fact, I cried all the
way through it! Of the movies, we
saw "David Copperfield" which I simply
adored and, another lighter movie.

Jim under the direction of Max Rheinhardt.
It was very beautifully given —
In the evening Cousin Cliff took us to the
Horse Show also held in the large new
building at the State Yards — I loved
it — Such beautiful horses and there
were some little children who gave us
exhibitions with trick horses — There
must have been twelve thousands there —
We left a little early and when we came
out found a foot of snow on the ground.
We left early Thursday morning for Minneapolis.
It took us a long time to make the trip
due to snow and slippery roads — It
was ten P.M. when we arrived — Aunt Laura

MRS. R. D. MUSSER - 608 HIGHLAND AVENUE - LITTLE FALLS - MINNESOTA

December 9th 1934

Love Darling -

We are back in Little Falls again
and at the present moment listening to
a most beautiful program on the Radio
the Ford program and Zimbalist playing —
It hardly seems possible that just
a week ago this evening we said Good
By to you in Plainfield and you don't
know how hard it was — but knowing
you would be home in such a short
time made it a little easier — I can
hardly wait — 2 weeks from today —
I rather think Mary will come ahead

of you. If so you can take a
Compartment with the girl who lives in
Cherland I should think and then you
would both have company - I will write
to Miss Hartbridge as soon as I hear
from Mary as to what she plans to
do - The girls the only girls I met

that Spring - H. J. has such a
bright and pretty face - so responsive
and they are all darling - Betty Bridges
is dear too as are all of them - I
would like to know them better -

We drove through to Scranton
Sunday morning and the next day

to Cherland and the next to Chicago where
the next friends Cliff and Margaret and Marion.
I did have such a pleasant time there.
Connie Cliff took us out to the State Park
where he was showing about 18 head of
Hersford cattle - Some of these took grand
Champion ship prizes - This is one of the biggest
exhibits of cattle held in the country so
I drove out to much satisfaction at
the most gratifying to take to Mary Briggs.
In the afternoon I took Connie Margaret and
Marion to the Madonna Night Dream

Mrs so glad to see us. She had fallen
last Sunday and hit her back & head.
So she was still pretty lame but when
she went home Saturday she felt she
was much better.

Mrs Rosberg has a baby girl and so
has Mrs Bordeman - they are just darling.

Mrs John Metzger died this morn - Mrs is an
auto accident - she thought she was not
hurt much but died suddenly Friday night.

Mrs Woodworth was in the car - Mr Smoots
was driving - the road was bad & the car upset.
The others not hurt seriously - must drop
a line to Mary - For me I have some
unrequited after you Mary - ^{dearest love & love}
did I not bring with you ^{affection} notes.

Just laugh it all off and be very dignified with the girls but leave them alone - When they are that you can not be squealed by them & just keep your head up and answer them politely but act as though they were not at all necessary to your happiness - they will begin to be interested - You need to have just a little more of Maryo "stand offishness" - You are too generous & kind and they take advantage - Please tear up this letter but keep my advice in mind. I am sorry about the balsam pillows - Am thrilled about your gift to me. So curious can hardly wait -

Are sure you enjoyed meeting Mrs. Sordal again - Also it was

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Lottie Darling.

At last your letter has come and I have enjoyed it so much - The days are flying now and in only a few more days you will be on your way home - Just 10 more days - Hurrah!

I called the Bank and they are sending you a check book today - I have just enough money in the bank so that you can make a check for what you absolutely need for your various items mentioned. You had better draw \$25.00 for cash to

Have on your trip home - I haven't heard
as yet from Mary as to whether she
is leaving on the 19th or 21st. She wrote
that she went to New York to visit Barbara
for last week-end. I didn't want her to go
so soon before Christmas for it makes
it too expensive.

We did have such a lovely time Thanksgiving
with you and Mary and I am so happy
you are able to throw off all of these
unpleasant things that come up. The secret
society formed by the girl boarders leaving
you out was not my idea and I can't
understand why girls will do things
to hurt others but that seems to be
the way in this world we are living

in and may be one of these seasons that are coming
to you early in life are giving us to be the means
of developing you into a big successful
character. They will if you have the ability
to rise above them and prove your worth. I
surely think that is what you are doing.
I always think of Lincoln and of how one
of those to wanted to associate with them
him and to make that the means of rising
to heights few men have ever attained to -
It was those lessons are the hardest that
if not decreed by them, prove with almost
God like personalities - You have the capacity
and my vision of you at birth is going to prove true.

Mrs. R. D. Musser
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Nice to get the good wishes from the
Moments.

Hurray for the "a" in English - that
has splended! - Keep it up - Your Mark
in English should be better this month -
Child Interest comes this afternoon at
Mrs Pillsbury's -

It is so lovely out today so warm
and the snow is melting fast.

Daddy will write to you soon.
He has been stomped with things
to attend to since returning -

I am going to the city again next
week to be with Aunt Laura and to finish
up my Christmas shopping -

With a heart full of love and
don't you be discouraged one little bit
For me all love yours devotedly -
Affectionately
Mother -

Dec - 12th 1934

at the World Theater - Now "The Affairs
of Cillem" which is my good indeed -
I am so anxious to hear how
your Play came out - I expect you
are all busy getting ready for the
Fair - With a heart full of love
and Daddy and Aunt Laura send
lots of love too - Affectionately
Mother -

Nov-19th 1934

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

608 HIGHLAND AVENUE

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Love Darling -

Daddy, Aunt Laura and I have been
at the Radisson since last Thursday
and Aunt Laura and I are taking electric
treatments from Dr. Zittel - I am feeling
much better and my lump in my neck
is smaller and hope within a few weeks
to be rid of it entirely - Aunt Laura
so far doesn't notice much change -

We are having a nice time together and
go to the movie and heard the Symphony
last Friday - a memorial concert for Mr.
Verbrugge who died on the 12th of November.
They played the Prelude to Scheherazade

Beethoven's 7th Symphony and Cesar
Franck's Symphony in D-Major and
I think I enjoyed that one the most -
Tonight we are going to hear "Carmen"
given by the San Carlo Opera Co -
Today we had luncheon with Marion Holst -
Saturday Daddy and I had dinner at the
Normans Club with a Mr & Mrs Morrison -
He being a Beta brother of Daddy's -
then met at their home and played contract -
One of their daughters closest friends is Betty Col.
We are leaving here Saturday, will spend
Sunday with Aunt Laura in Muscatine and
leave Monday by car for New York and
will get you Wednesday afternoon

and hope you met us - Mary and Anne (I had)
Told you we were to spend the vacation with
us and that we had a grand time! I can
hardly wait to see my precious daughters -
Yesterday we met at tea Mr & Mrs Gregory present.
It was a nice time. They both acted as
if dinner Thursday evening - I really don't
want to let people know we are going
as is kept very well -
It is a dark - misty dreary day - I suppose
this will soon set in - but we can have
such a wonderful time as far -
as the Morris we have the Chis - Chis (Chis)
as Andrew might prefer and my new son

You don't quite get - don't let go until
You do understand -

In your contacts with the girls never
think they don't care for you - You
are they sometimes feel happy and
generous minded and sometimes they are
harassed by many things so you keep
your voice no matter what and always
try and get their view point - In all
have to cultivate a better understanding
of others and not be too quick to judge.

Your letters are such a joy - Not
once have you written a pessimistic
letter - If we come on for Thanksgiving
I will try and interview those girls

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Letter Darling -

It was such a joy to hear your
voice tonight I could hardly keep from
snooping - It was so cheery and bright
but I thought I detected a little hoarseness
so you probably still have a little cold -
I dreamed about you last night and
thought there was a light in your
room and when you heard me open
my door you put out your light
and called to me to come in to
get into bed with you so I

Feel you needed me and so I just
had to call you tonight and now
I feel happier about my precious child.
Your darling letter came today and
I was so glad to get that. I know
you are awfully busy but please
don't let so much time elapse before
writing - Write to me my Sunday and
then I will get your letter Sunday
or Wednesday and I will answer it
right away - I am sending a
box of Halibut oil capsules - Take
one a day and it will keep you
knew - It gives the Vitamins D

Much is so essential for good health -
You wrote you are having a Chopin Concert
on the Radio - I don't know you cared for
the Radio -
About this time. I do have to always think
about how in the next hour may be the
is a grand person - There are feelings
You can see how it makes a difference
in this attitude towards you - My and
get her where and don't let her go with
You do understand what she wants you to -
You see if she doesn't make you understand
the whole she has failed so that may be
the whole the matter - If there is a point

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~~Now~~ you would like to entertain - if
Mr. Dix come you may take a few
of them out for lunch if you wish to.
This last morn is the first time I
have been able to do anything - Friday
I took Mrs Roberts, Riches and Patience
to a luncheon at Marion Lois Stevens.
We had such a nice time. I won
the contract 1st prize - Met Mrs
Jordan and she said you wrote such
a cute and interesting letter to Thomas
last year - that Thomas was shy
and didn't mix my mess -

I met to Mr Dr Zittel with Miss Lee
and tomorrow I am taking Aunt Sam
to him - She is driving up from
Muscatine - Dr Zittel thinks he can
remove my tumor in my neck - I
sincerely hope so - I take a treatment
tomorrow at 11 A.M. - I am now so
sleepy I must go to bed -

I love you more than words
can say - And I want you to
be so very happy - I do hope we
will be able to be with you for
Thanksgiving - Dearest love -
Wor - 12th 1934 - Walter -

Regma - a linen sheet with tatting
and a big box of candied popcorn.
Mrs J. B. - some of those flowered glasses.
Alice - handkerchiefs - Mrs Donahoe
Cordy handkerchiefs and a Dear letter -
Mrs Riches - a towel - Mrs Gillespie
two towels and a some linen arm
and back protectors for chair -
Mrs Roberts handkerchiefs & a handkerchief
holder - the girls some cute little
glass things for the glass bowl.
The Tanners flowers - so you see
it was just about like Christmas
and letters from you and Mary
and Mrs Bennett - and several cards -

I was in practically all day for
I don't go any where yet - My
back has to be dressed twice a

Linden Hill -
November 3rd 1934

Lotsa precious -

Your birthday letter was such
a grand present for if you only
knew how "happy" letters pep me
up and "Daddy" too - He said the
other day "I do believe Laura Jane
has joined her eye and from now
on she is going to be happy and
be such a comfort to us and a
delightful young woman." I say
so too - It rejoices my heart
that you are enjoying your
work so much and apparently
doing splendidly in everything -

What better news could we receive -
Marie has sent your laundry
back and I think if you send
it once every two weeks instead
of every week for you certainly have
enough clothes to keep you going
nicely - I shall write to Miss
Hardidge accordingly - In fact
your pantaloots in the box also
the blue silk dress you wore
when you were in the dance with
Miss Maude - She has Marie is
putting in the larger laundry box
today - There was nothing else
in that chest except the clothes
that were in riddles - Her ones

Yours and Mary dressed up in when you are with your
the blue silk dress too. I shall send it to make it
stand out so if you use it you can have some
on so it'll be for you - All sorry I couldn't
find anything new to send on but don't want to
send my good things -
I had such a nice birthday - On the morning
I had seven for breakfast - the first time in three
months - Saw George - He made me a large
Coke cake - a big jar of Crab apple pickle and a
German coat - Daddy and Aunt Emma beautiful flowers

buy something for me at the fair
so my check will be 10⁰⁰

Just 7 miles from tomorrow you
will be home - I am counting
the hours almost - 49 days -

A heart full of love

For my darling child -
Affectionately
Mother.

Daddy has gone to the foot ball
game between "Minn and Mich" -

I couldn't go - she Dr. is here
so must stop -

Day still - So that afternoon I
lay on the couch in the middle
new room and went back over
my diary and ^{it} brought back
vividly to my mind all of the
different birthdays from the time
you and Mary were born and
indeed I do remember when you
dressed up as ghosts and witches
and danced and sung and
recited! All of those memories
are my dear to me -

Dr and Mrs J. B. came over that
evening and we played cards until
about ten thirty -

You don't know how delighted
I am that you are understanding

Your English so much better and
that Mrs Addams thinks you
speak English good and that you
have dramatic ability - also
that your pronunciation in
French is improving - and
Wesley that a grand surprise
to have Mrs Fokwood tell you
that your alto voice was good -
I have always felt you would be
able to sing alto - and I am sure
you are still enjoying your music.
Well that all makes me so happy!!

Have just received a letter from
Mary and I fear she is a little
home sick - I imagine her life is
so totally different from Hartledge

and the fact is a little difficult to adjust to my but she is
making a splendid fight to my way -

If you must go to New York to my way I am
sure Betty would appreciate you seeing her and your
could stay two or three months -

I am enclosing \$5 for you to give Miss Whitney - for
Christmas card - Jane will make that for you - How
I long nothing for you to exhibit unless you would -
that your embroidery you made when 4 years old or the
towel you got in Alaska - I don't know just what
sort of thing you mean - I will also send you \$5 to

Li has gotten much -

Eight miles from tomorrow you and Mary
will arrive home - just 57 days hence!
I haven't received your music Manuscript
as yet - Tell me my little thing - I am
so eager to hear from you -
A heart full of love -

October 27th 1934

Devotedly
Mother -

MRS. R. D. MUSSER - 608 HIGHLAND AVENUE - LITTLE FALLS - MINNESOTA

Lotie Darling:

The cards came back this morning and
I noted that your Gordon McClellan wanted
20 of no 513 - the Little Dog -
Am wondering if you want me to give
some of the other cards for the sale as
your gift or what do you want. You
know you wrote for Xmas cards for the
sale and now you have only ordered 20 -
So if you want some of the others let
me know at once -

I was so anxious for a letter from
you and Mary for I have been housebound

For om two mkes. The doctor comes twice
a day to dress my back and has
not been able to do much of cft work
around the fire outsid - Cant have much
company for I get too tired but as soon
as the Carbuncle heals I will gain rapidly
but I do long for letters - I can
imagine you are very busy and that
is probably the reason for your not
writing -

Daddy is in Muscatine. Went down
to attend the Iowa - Minn. game Today
and also for the home coming at Iowa.
He will be back Monday - Cousin Charles

Harry came by Wednesday afternoon and we
have waited the rest of afternoon when Lawrence drove
him and Daddy to Minneapolis. When Daddy took
the train -

Today is windy and cold outside but the sun
has come out so it will get warmer soon.
I am reading a great deal. Today by
Charlotte Bronte - Some 7 hrs by Eliza
Stroms new book - a challenge to liberty -
and Wallace new book. It is so long since
I have been out of things it annoys me but
one can always read what he pleases -
Thomas goes hunting by day - I don't know that

The large ones as you will not
are \$25 each but you may not want
many of those -

Daddy has gone to church. I let my
nurse go yesterday - Will have to have
my back dressed twice a day for
a while which keeps me housed -
My one has been so kind, my room
is like a Conservatory, so many flowers.
Was only in the hospital two days -

My love to Miss Hartbridge - and the girls
With Oh so much for my darling Fatsi -
Devotedly
Mother -

October 21st 1934

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

My precious little daughter.

You just don't know how happy your
two splendid letters made me feel. The first
one came the day I had my operation for
the carbuncle on my back so naturally
I needed something to cheer me up and
your lovely letter did that, and now today
your special which made me weep it made
me so happy - At last you are finding
yourself and getting on your feet
so that your work and happiness go

forward by leap and bounds - Just it
splendid you are doing so well in English -
I always knew you could if you understood
that this fine wanted - Can you get
along pretty well with your conversation
in French? I knew Harmony would be
more difficult as you advanced but
I hardly think you will have any trouble
with it - Can hardly wait to receive
your own Composition - Am glad you
enjoy Miss Schenk so much - Also that
was fine that she gave you a Bach
Jugue and hope you will enjoy working
on it - I am so fond of Bach -
I am sure you will miss Juliette

it was nice the Carl's send the for article -
The birthday party I heard must have been
a large success - It will be nice if you
can do something I packed Lewis -
Mama's Aunts will be home from the hospital
soon - the Will is alright in true which makes
Mama happy -
I am sending today the two cards
Annette but you must send the right
size as soon as you decide what you
will want. I and girls like them and
want their names on them - Please to specify -
Also how many you want of each -

And And you must be enjoying Juliette.
You can probably find some little gift
at the Fair to give Miss Schenk and Mrs
Fickelwood for Christmas - just a remembrance
will be appreciated -

If you don't care about writing to Lillian
you don't need to. Mrs Gatchell has asked
me to take her - Mrs G. to the city the next
time I go. She perhaps will tell me what's
the matter then with Lillian.

With a heart full of love to my
dearling darling child - Devotedly
Mother -

I am returning Mary's letter to you
A letter to Margaret would reach

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

"John" dearest.

What lovely letters you are writing home
and you have no idea how happy they
make me - and also Daddy -

First of all - Your many "don't forgets" me
all attended to but you hadn't had time
to receive the things - Yesterday I purchased
your nail polish - Soda - music note books -
as to my birthday - A happy letter is all
that I want. If I see something in the
city that I need very much I will get it
for you and Mary to give me! How about
Christmas Cards, you didn't say how many

You wanted for the Fair but if I order
any 50 or perhaps 100 if they are not
too expensive. Would that be your idea?

I do hope you will enjoy Miss Fier for she
is an outstanding English Teacher and if you
can get her idea of how to teach you will
find English at Vassar simple I know,
for that was what Margaret said. So you
are having Miss Egert for Algebra. I should
think you would find it very simple this
year. But it pleased you for your Harmony
so much and your piano with Miss Schenk.
Also that you enjoy Mrs Lockwood again so
much.
So you can join the Presbyterian Church,

I think that nice to my mind for you for there
is nothing and to that much more interested in
you - I wish you would transcribe those pieces
for your Confession for me. I will try to have them.
The day you return the you will be in
Shenandoah to say in New York and I am sure
you will have a grand time. About K. J. - I am
very glad about them to have to go with you
just don't ask them. As my pleasure always
has pleased with them and to have made any
advance. If you can only learn that you
will find for me to be in the same
numbers that are to be forced near
to me and to be back and to be in the same

Mrs. R. D. Musser
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Little Falls, Minnesota

Of Wellesley College - Wellesley - Mass -
This week there are many dinners - tonight
we are having the two Ryan families -
the Moyers - the Buttons and the Landells -
Tomorrow we go for duckhats at Mrs. J. B. Holst.
and Saturday to the Landells -
Helen had a letter from Alice telling of
how very happy they all are - she is meeting
many nice people -

We are having glorious weather and
so lovely and warm - the leaves are
all off from the trees - are playing

quite a little tennis. Yesterday Mr Gillespie
played Mrs G. and me - and we only got
3 games out of 15! Must hurry off -

October 11th 1934

Mother

Don't get hot - and don't buy anything - I have
been getting bills from New York - Duttons -
Pich and Pich and a big one from Ford and
Taylors - Did you get a razor? Be sure and
do that.

I have written to Miss Hartbridge saying
Mr. Cas has so much on your laundry
that I would like you to send it
home - I want you to make arrangements
with the expressman to send it on Wednesday
and Mr. Will pay the express on this Fri.

Mary has written us a long letter - She thinks
she will enjoy Pine Manor - I rather imagine
she is a little homesick - With dearest love
to my precious little daughter - Affectionately
Mother.
Oct 5th 1934

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

John darling.

If you could just know how happy
we are on your letters - I just knew
your good sense would help you to
do everything in the right way and I do
believe you are going to have a wonderful
year - Miss Hartbridge writes so nicely of you
and said that K. J. said you were
delighted at the Contract party - and
from all accounts everything is fine and
incidentally your Mother can sleep and

become younger by the day!

Went it grand you were accepted by the Dramatic Club and now I wonder if you were successful in getting into the Glee Club - I hope not. You mustn't feel bad will you? - And to think you did so well with harmony - Mrs. Gillespie said she knew you would enjoy that - and it would be easy for you.

Are pleased you have been to the Harper Beauty Shop - Also I feel so much better to think you are rooming alone - We as a family are much better off in rooms by ourselves when young - I never had a room-mate and being of a more or less time make up it was much better for me.

I hope you never miss this a room-mate either at Berkeley, or Boston - at the latter place they are building their dormitories and that is nice - Girls' rooms. It is threatening to start, getting ready for a storm soon - We can't see through New after dark & the summer - Now you have a minute I do hope you would visit to New York - the world's apartment house from New and returning that you are happy. There is so alone and suffering so with no education. Last night on the duplicate line and all had a good time.

Betty's address is 75 East 55th Street - So you are going on to New York with Betty and me.

that you could meet Isabel Lewis or
go to Betty Bingham - You spoke of Lucy
Paulson but she won't be in New York.

Daddy and I do love your letters - you
always tell everything I want to know -

I will make stamps now - Will send
your Atomizer and Vasey - Hope your
glasses arrived safely -

Mary arrived in Milledale today. She finally
wrote me from Sky top -

With a heart full of love - Affectionately
Mother

September 27th 1934 -

Tell me all about Mrs. Fine - May - Mademoiselle
Mrs. Schunk - Margaret wrote her mother how much
she loved hearing from play.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER - 608 HIGHLAND AVENUE - LITTLE FALLS - MINNESOTA

Lois Darling -

My best I was happy to get your two
wonderful letters yesterday afternoon for I
really was so worried after your special
cancer that I was ready to go on and
bring you home for I sort of read between
the lines that all was not well but
your two letters were so darling and
made me very happy - Your determination
to win out is splendid and keep
that 3m before you and not to so
suspicion but that you can profit

by the things one says to you such as
tagging the girls - You know I said
so many times "be not then as much as
you can" - but I want you to be so sure
that you are not on doing it. That's what
I mean by poise - Be confident always
of yourself and don't feel it necessary
to on do with anyone - Take any criticism
in the right spirit for after all that's
the only way on learn - Read Polonius
advise to his son on and on for
that is good for my one - You miss
get along grandly I know and you
miss rejoice when the year is past -

What'm Mrs. Stoddard tells you know that she is
not going to remain anything and that she is more
anxious to help you so that if she still hardly
helps you and too much better it is for you -
get that advice now then when it is too late -
What of her friend Mary - Mary - Sally - Paul Thompson
and all the others nearly all had the same thing
said to them but probably much more severe -
to accept it as a lesson you must learn and
on come as quickly as possible -
You are my precious daughter and too thankful
I am for you - for your love and smile and your
sweet thought of me and of your friends -
I told Mrs. Stoddard to let you go into her
you taking one of your friends from her as



MACPHAIL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

La Salle at Twelfth Street

·MINNEAPOLIS·MINN·

September 24, 1934

Miss Mary Kane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser,

Gabriel Fenyves who has returned to Minneapolis after fifteen months of concertizing and teaching in Europe will be in his MacPhail studio beginning Monday morning, October 1st. Appointments may be made by telephone or by mail in advance.

Yours truly,

William MacPhail
President
MacPhail School of Music

M:C

and to the Moments when you are
there - I hope you will enjoy
the Choir - Devotedly - Mother -
September 26th 1934 -

Love Darling -

Your Special just came
and I regret about this
Hartbridge not wanting the
Laundry done there - I am
telling her for I must save
in expense when I call. The
Laundry Call is sent by
express so that you don't
have to bother the man - for
they will call for it.

My precious Child - I don't
want you to worry on any
thing and if you do I
am going to have you
come home for I can't

Stand having you so far away
and unhappy -

Of course I do want you to
rise above all of these unpleasant
things and if you can't you
must be home with me - I
and Jim try to the benefit of
the doubt and be your own happy
Smiling self. Remember to tell
all to your Heavenly Father and
you will find how much you need
to be helped - I just can't stand
having you unhappy for you
are not naturally so - I love
you more than words can tell -
I haven't had any word since

You happy William and the and me so happy -
The girls go on about the same too. Miss Betty Roberts
came yesterday and spent the night. She said to the girls
how much she missed seeing you here and how
she always has known that you are going to amount
to something splendid. Remember in never get anywhere
without many accomplishments and it is one ability to
rise above these bad habits. Character and happiness
and helps us to accomplish the big things in life.
We are all about the girls and your teachers etc.
With a heart full of love and warmth and to your friends

I love you so much and when
you are happy I feel years younger!
Devotedly
Mother -
September 20th 1934

MRS. R. D. MUSSER - 608 HIGHLAND AVENUE - LITTLE FALLS - MINNESOTA

Love darling:

I have just sent you a wire because
no one wired me after you arrived in
Plainfield and you remember you said
you would be there and attend to that.
The wire came from Chicago and I was
pleased to get that but Mary has always
sent one from Plainfield and I worry
a little so hope to get your right letter
tomorrow morning -

Daddy and I hardly know what to
do with ourselves on an so lonely but

When Laffy letters come from you and
Mary we will feel so much better -
I have just come in from playing
tennis with Mrs Gillespie and out of
two sets I am three games ahead -
It is so cold today and looks a good
deal like rain -

Yesterday I had luncheon at Mrs Rogers
and Mrs Moor was there - She said she
was very disappointed that you didn't get
out to see her this summer - She
had Betty Phont with her - Mr Flagg
cards all of the afternoon -

Yesterday morning just after lunch I wrote
Mrs Smith came and I took my first square
lesson of her and enjoyed it very much -
I do hope I will get there I enjoy playing
for it will be a source of much happiness -
Can do anything to help from you and
to know just what you are doing - How
you think you are going to enjoy your
work this year - etc etc - Mrs Moore
stratton asked of us her vacation? and
are you in the same house? I have the
one you in my little things you can have it -

work at Hartledge and also about
the girls - Will try and write you
tomorrow again - With a heart full
and brimming over with love from
Daddy and me. Devotedly

Left 19th - Mother -

Am hurrying out for luncheon at
Mrs Moyers -

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Lotie Darling -

I have been following you every minute nearly
since you and Mary left and I am imagining
you now just about finishing your luncheon
and I suppose you have been shopping all
morning and will go to a movie this
afternoon and then about 4 P.M. you will
be in Hartledge - You just can't know
how sad I was when I saw yours and
Mary's smiling faces as the train moved
away that night but then I rejoiced
to know that you both were going to

Is able to go to school - a privilege so many hundreds of girls long for and can't have and I thanked God that he was able to send you at least one more year. So make the most of my minute for with the world so topsy turvy one never knows what is ahead of us -

I received your telegram yesterday soon after you sent it and how happy I was to get it - My but I do love you so dearly dearly and my one thought is for your happiness and success in life and you will surely succeed when your thought is away from

self and with an understanding sympathy for others and that is coming more and more as of the two -

The girls said that night - Helen Wend and Mary Anne - that they regretted so not seeing you this summer and Shirley said we had such an interesting talk Sunday night and they loved you so much -

And I never left this morning and the fact so soon after being with us. to go back to that big happy home - So write him when you have a minute. He will miss you so too -
I can hardly wait to hear all about you

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SEVENTH ST. NEAR NICOLLET AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Sept October 2 1934

Lotus darling -

I have been transferring for so many hours,
trying on clothes until I am ready to sit down
and rest -

Your letter came yesterday and I was so
delighted to get it and that you are happy
takes a load off from my heart for I just
couldn't stand having you so far away
and feeling depressed - I wish it splendid you
like Harmony so much - Am sorry I didn't
meet this school for the next to my nice -
Tell me how you are enjoying English this
year and how often do you have Algebra

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And what about your friends - Your letters
are so newsy and tell me so much
but I am greedy and want to know
my little thing - Don't forget to go to the
Beauty Parlors - Harpers - my milk or tea
days and have your fingers and hair
taken care of - Up to today your
laundry hasn't come - What did Miss Hantidge
say? Be sure and send the small box
and have the Expressman call for it
by Wednesday and send it collect -
I haven't heard a word from Mary since
she left Skytop - I do hope she will enjoy
the Manor and feel quite content she will -

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It was nice of Isabel Lewis
to write and I hope you
will see something of her this winter.
Wanda and Helen came down with Daddy
and me today - Helen is taking her vacation
now - I suppose the other girls will take theirs
soon - Everything is about the same at home
except we are so quiet now - Hebe comes
to come in to see us once in awhile - all
of the flowers nearly are frozen - Joe is
getting the beds ready for the tulips -
I saw Mrs. Patched the other day at a
meeting and she wanted me to drive over to
see the new lawn they have planted and
it looks lovely - I asked about the girls
and she said William hadn't been feeling very

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Well since school began - Had
no appetite and didn't feel like
doing much. If I saw you I would write
to her for I fear she may feel my
sad about not seeing you before you
left. It doesn't pay to hold any unpleasant
feeling of anyone for we all want to be
happy so we must not let anything interfere
with right thinking on our love for our friends.
No matter what she did you or the big one
and write her a nice letter -

I called up Aunt Maud New Orleans today and
congratulated her on her birthday and she
said what a happy summer she and
him had had. I asked her if she
knew about the Revolution in Austria and
she said they didn't know much about

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it except they heard the
bombing in the distance.

Must stop and write a note to Mary -
Have sent my thing you wanted I think.
With a heart full of love for my father.
affectionately -

Remember me to your friends whom ^{mother} know.

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MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER=

CARE HARTRIDGE SCHOOL PLAINFIELD NJ=

HAVE HAD NO WORD OF YOUR ARRIVAL PLEASE WIRE WESTERN UNION

NIGHTLETTER LOVE=

MOTHER.

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DAY LETTER

THE MISSES MARY AND LAURA JANE MUSSER=

CARE THE HARTRIDGE SCHOOL PLAINFIELD NJ=

MANY MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY AND A HEART FULL OF LOVE
TO YOU BOTH YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE I AM ON MY WAY
EAST AND HOPE TO BE WITH YOU ON THE FIFTH YOUR BIRTHDAY
GIFTS WILL COME TO YOU LATER AUNT LAURA WENT HOME FROM
ROCHESTER AND FELT HAPPY THE ONLY TROUBLE SOME DENTAL
WORK ENJOYED YOUR LETTERS SO MUCH=

MOTHER.

I have the health to be of
service -

For your birthday I am
sending you a small
gift and useful and when
you get home I can give
you something you need -
such as Ann's racquets etc.

For graduation you can
tell your friends Mary and
are giving you money
but I will get you what
you want in the way of a
piece of jewelry or what
you think you would like
to have with the money -
I was planning to

Mary and Lotie Darling -

Here I am at Aunt Laura's
and arrived last evening by
car at 6 P.M. Mrs. Landale,
2 Hotel - Burton and Pillsbury
came with me - Mrs. Pillsbury
and I left Sunday afternoon
in the new car and had
to drive 30 miles an hour -
We spent the night at
Quatana and started out
about 8 A.M. - Laura and
the women left at 5 A.M. -
Monday and caught up

met us at Charles City and at
Cedar Rapids I took the big car
and drove that here and Lawrence
Crawled along in the Chariot -

Now I have a big disappointment
for you Mary especially - I
fear I won't be able to go
to your graduation - I have
found Aunt Laura not well
at all - in fact so lame she
can hardly walk - Has lost in
weight and I am very much
worried about her so I am
driving to Rochester with her
the 3rd of the month so
that she can go through

the Clinic and find out what to matter with
her - You see I am the only one who has and
I couldn't possibly learn to when the need
me so much. I can't help and my sisters
I did want to see my Mary graduate
and see you both perform in ~~concert~~ ^{concerting}
hall - And then how the joy of being
with you on the big home - My presence
with daughters - How does son you see
and I am so disappointed that that time
to be my duty as wife and I am thankful

May be sure my thoughts
and love will go out to
you and Mary all day long -
I shall think of the years
at home when you had
your birthday parties and
what fun it was and of
how my girls are now
grown up and yet they
will always remain like
my precious little girls -
Miss Hartbridge wrote me a
beautiful letter about you
too. Of how proud she
was of your Glee Club.

Worrest and of how proud she was of
their playing - What the girls all seemed
to be in both and seemed to please
that you both did so well -
I did hear Alice a grand time at Aunt
Janes that I was told a new person -
and now this story about Aunt Jane but
I am happy and praying it was in
any thing for service - I don't know what
the words of if any thing happened to her.
There is nothing so I must stop!

A heart full of love -
Devotedly
May 29th 1894 Mother -

Take Mrs Blanchard as
far as Nyahusung Pa -
She will be so disappointed
too -

I called up Daddy this A.M.
and of course he would fret
terribly if I didn't stay
with Aunt Laura now -
Of course it might be possible
if we can get away now by
Thursday I might be able to
make it but I doubt it
My much -

This is your first
birthday letter away from
me by gift when you were
one year old - but you

[May 18, 1934]

CABLE ADDRESS
PORTHOTEL



The Portland

Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

Lotie Darling -

I am this far on my way home and have
a few hours to wait before my train goes -

Your note was a delight and Mary's letter
which came a day or two later saying how
my dear you played and about the applause
and of how much praise you displayed
and also that she was my proud of you -

I guess the letter you wrote was when
you were a little nervous about your
program - Well I am so proud of you
and of Mary and hope that you both
will pass your examinations with much
credit and above all that you will be
happy for after all life isn't worth
living if one's perspective is dwarfed and

one can't see beyond their own nose!

I have had a grand visit with Aunt Jane, Miss Hunt and Sally & Les and all of their friends who have certainly been wonderful to me - I have never been in a community where my own I met had such a happy outlook on life and I know that most of them have suffered much during these last few years, having lost most of their income etc but they still find life worth living and never fail to put their best into everything and the best always comes back to them -

I have had teas, luncheons, picnics dinners, golf parties and beautiful trips given for me so that for years I haven't had such a happy care free time -

I rather think Sally and Les are



The Portland

Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

Coming to Little Falls this Summer and
 Les will go to the University of Minn.
 for the Summer School Session and
 Sally will stay with us -

Have you heard the news - Alice
 wrote Daddy that she is going to be
 married to Martin? in June and
 live in Atlanta Georgia - So it looks
 now as though we wouldn't see much
 more of Alice and the boys - Daddy
 wired me yesterday -

I expect to reach home Sunday m.
 Will be home a week and then a
 week from Monday I am taking
 7 women to Muscatine for a couple
 of days and then home and

Will lean in the seat in the car.
Around the 3rd of June - I do hope
I can persuade Daddy to go too -
The trip over on the Cascade Range
is very beautiful - I shall be so glad
to get home to Daddy - He also
said in his wire that a lovely
letter had come from Miss Hertridge
saying nice things about you & Mary -
I have written you both twice from
Klamath Falls and do hope you
received the letters -

I have started knitting me a skirt
Aunt out of raw silk and at present
it looks very grimy but I saw several
in Klamath Falls and they look just
like your Peck & Peck white knitted suits
after they are washed -
You just have no idea how anxious



The Portland

Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

I am to see you and Mary for I love
you ^{both} now these words can tell - don't
let Mary worry on her examinations,
just be calm and don't you worry
and I am sure you will get through
O.K. My love to Miss Harbridge -
Devotedly -
Mother -

May 18th 1934 -

Saturday May 12th 1934 -

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

608 HIGHLAND AVENUE

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

1425 Pacific Terrace
Klamath Falls
Oregon.

My precious Leta.

A letter from you has just come
and so full of love that my heart
ached for you but then I pulled my
self up as it were by my boot straps
and sent out thoughts of love and understanding
to you my darling daughter.

You size up situations so well
that I can't understand why you can't
let it get you. By keeping a happy
smiling exterior it will help your
interior department wonderfully and
if Mary has been so naughty

leave her alone as much as possible -
The last three days in New York you
were your real self. Quiet - happy and
"non-turbulent" - I know that is
the real reason for your feeling
as you do. It is your music -
You are overly sensitive about it because
you feel towards it like you would
toward a daughter or child and you
can't bear to have any one speak critically
of it. Music just now is your means
of expressing yourself and you also
are working so hard with it that you
are overwrought nervously with it, just
as I used to be. If you find that

MUSIC is going to do that to you just
give it up for awhile and then later
you will love it more than now and
it won't disturb you as it does now.

You have great music ability and
what does it matter what Mary says or
thinks. As to the other girls you can
win their love if you only will be happy.

I am so anxious to know how your
program went off. I know it was lovely
and that I would have been as proud as
pride of you if I had only been there.
I also know how Miss Hartbridge feels
toward you. She said "Laura Jane is

a delightful child - So understanding and
so responsive and I never have any
difficulty with her - She is fundamentally
sound and so forth - If you will only
go to her when things bother you she
will be able to iron any thing out for
you at once - Vally was saying most girls
are afraid to go to her with their troubles
but those that do and are not afraid
she likes the best - She said also when
any of those who were especially in her
favor would go to her and say they had
done things which had been told her
would forgive them after a little moralizing
and all would be fine - She is your
Mother when I am not there and go

to her and she will tell you for it.

We are so gay out here that we hardly
have a minute to write or do any relaying.
When you get this please send me a
night letter of 50 words - I am so
anxious to know how you are. How
your program went off. When the "Canterbury
Bells" is to be given - and anything else
you can think of - You won't have
time for a letter for I am leaving the
18th at 6:30 A.M. So send it Wednesday
or Tuesday night - I love you more than
words can tell and your letter made me
very sad - In a letter on 3 miles I will be with you
devotedly Mother -

Club House with a Mr and Mrs
Lamm - and the Bridge -

Mrs Lamm and a friend played
a duet - 2nd Rhapsody by Liszt.
I think you and I could have
done just as well -

Be sure and tell me when the
Play comes - I want to be there
for it - I hope Mary will write
I want to hear all about the Glee
Club Concert - How did Mary sing.
All the family and I and
wanted to hear anything about
your girls - They are going

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Klamath Falls
Oregon -
1425 Pacific Avenue

Letter Darling -

Your letter came the day I
left for Klamath Falls and I
was delighted to get it - I wrote
to you both from the train I
was on but I forgot to tell you
to have your costumes made in
Plainfield for I wouldn't be able
to get it done in Little Falls.

It is a long trip out here
but a very beautiful one - especially

after we got out of Dakota and
the dust storm - that was
simply awful. black as night,
I don't see how those poor people
braved through it - She tried down
here from Portland over the Cascade
Range was very beautiful - the
mountain forest and the Rhododendrons
and wild flowers. We went through
25 tunnels - do you remember
how you never liked tunnels
and Cousin Neil Messer would
tell you we were chasing rabbits
in these holes in the ground?

Goodbye - love Aunt, Sally and the
kids at the station - Goodbye love
a shaking home - I saw her first
and that was to see Sally & the home
which is to suit for everything -
I do like the very much and Sally
and the are so very happy -
Helen was a very pretty girl - 18
of her - a very much - a love
at a the wonderful which was given
for me and about 50 me there - She
we went to a Rotary dinner at the

Mrs. R. D. Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Out for dinner and contract see
all hour so I must stop -

Dearest Lou to you both -
affectionately

May 5th 1934

Mother -

I will be home the 20th so
please write at once and send
by air Mail -