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Little Falls Minn
Nov. 21-36.

My dearest Kate.

We are so anxious for Thanksgiving Day to come so we will have you with us again and of course we all quite eager to meet your friend who will be our guest. We want you back to have such a happy time.

Mary wrote me a lovely letter - telling me of her College life etc & we are so pleased that she is real interested in our work now.

It is such a joy when things are going fine with you and Mary. Kate you wrote us a glorious letter - It was full of good news - everything lovely & you surprised us happily - Oh that the stuff to make us feel we need have no sooner and that you can give the show - You see, I get slazy when I am feeling Oh we have been celebrating birthdays since yesterday and Monday Aunt Laura

is the one who gets the ²spunkies St.
I will tell you of my Celebration when
you come home.

By the way Lotsee I sent you a chfodung
which you did not return as requested.
I do not want to lose it & I would like
to send it to Mary. Please return it
if you can find it.

I hope you are fine
Dearest Love
Father,

Little Falls Minn. Oct. 28-36.

Dearest Latsie.

I have been wanting to write you about your Life Insurance Policy in the Equitable Assurance Society of New York for \$6500. You passed all the examinations in excellent condition and standing and you have a clean bill of health. and I am mighty well pleased - It is not such an easy thing to get Life insurance.

We had the grandest kind of a time at Muscatine and Iowa City - I am enclosing a cutting from an Iowa City showing your "daddy" among those who were Doctor by receiving the Degree of Knights of Old Gold - Please return it to me. The President of the University conferred the Degree. I also had a splendid time at my Fraternity Banquet Beta Theta Psi. I sat in the row of honored guests next to the Dean of Men. Prof. Penow at the dining table -

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We are all quite worked up over
the Election - & I do hope our State
goes Republican & that Gov. Laudon wins.
We have all the storm windows on
& are ready for winter. Hebe is fine.
Aunt Maud and Carl & perhaps Sarah Maud
and Walter will spend Saturday & Sunday
with us.

Dearest love
Father

Oct. 3, 1936

My dear Lottie.

Thanks so much for that lovely letter you wrote me. We love you dearly and are so anxious for you to be happy and enjoy your college life at Monticello. And we are doing all we can to help our previous daughters fit themselves for the long life they will have when we are unable to be of help to them. Mother is fine now and is sleeping & eating as she should. Helen is back from her two weeks vacation and that helps a lot. Aunt Laura comes again next Tuesday for treatment and a nice visit. When we, Mabel & I, will go to Muscatine Oct. 15th for a three day visit. I will attend the Illinois-Iowa football game at Iowa City the 17th & meet my old college chums. We are busy getting ready for winter. Washing the siding on the first story of our home & cleaning up the gardens &c.

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Mother will send you all the
clothing &c &c that you want.

Glad ~~the~~ College friend you are
going to bring home the holidays is
such a fine girl. Hope we can
give her a good time.

I do miss you & love you so much
a I love you more than words can
tell - Keep well and happy & that
will bring a great joy to our hearts.

Oceans of love.

Your Father.

Little Falls Minn.

September 22-1936

Dearest Lottie

Mother and Mary gave me quite a surprise Sunday evening by knocking the Packard home just as I was going to bed as I did not expect them until Monday evening. Of course I was so anxious to learn about you and Monticello College and all that Mother and Mary had done and seen. I do hope you are over your cold and that you are liking everything much better this year at the College etc. and your class mates.

I am enclosing a Life Insurance form letter to Dr. Charles Spratt that you are to sign and return to me. Do not think it amounts to much but feel it will help - I am sure you will
over

get your insurance policy and
policy and all these questions and
answers will help if we decide to
take out more life insurance.

Please sign your name Laura Jane
Mussen and return the letter to
me and I will forward it to Dr. Spratt.
It is awful hot here today.

Dearest love from us all
Father affectionately
Mary leans tomorrow sorry.

Sunday Sept 20th 36.

Dear Kate.

Your letter to Claudena came yesterday and we are so glad to 'hear' from you. You did not give much information about the College, new students etc or how you felt about getting back.

I had Mr. Murchel send you 2 sets of film. He did not know of the '20' film you mentioned but felt sure it was the 6'20'. To be safe he sent you 2-120's & 2-6'20's & you are to return to me the ones you can't use.

I am enclosing Stamps
and Claudine is attending
to all other things -

Am sorry you had to have
a cold to annoy you.

I had a slight cold and am
just getting over it.

We had a fine rain the past
week & things are the grounds
and in the gardens look fine.
Hope you had a good time at
Aunt Laura's - Presume Mother
and many went to St Louis
& visited Cousin Margaret &
Bud. Write soon Dearest Love
Father

Little Falls Minn.

Sept. 14 1836.

My Precious Daughter Laura Jane

Notwithstanding my excitement
in getting you all started early this
morning I felt mighty sad to have you
leave - I do love you so very much
and will miss you every day you
are away - I am sending your
glass in a separate package & hope
you will get them not later than
Wednesday morning -

I do hope you will enjoy your
days at Monticello.

Dearest love
Your father.

Little Falls Minn.
Aug 15th 1936.

Dearest Father.

I will have to admit that you are an "A No 1." traveler, for you have done so well in making that long trip alone that all my worries were entirely useless.

Aunt Margaret wrote us a nice long letter of their enjoyment of your fine visit there and of course it pleased us.

Then we had a lovely letter from Aunt Jane stating that they were so happy to have you with them and that you seemed to be so pleased with everything a real ideal guest.

Now your good letter from Klamath Falls has come and that was just the letter we were longing to get.

You have seen a lot of country so different in every respect yet all so wonderful. Copper nestled in the foot hills of the Great Rockies with its vast grazing land and rich oil

Properties adjoining. ² Now around
Klamath Falls you see fine lakes & that
most wonderful one planted in a
large Crater on what was once a fiery
and bleeding Volcano - and then you
go through areas of splendid bodies
of timber that feed many fine mills
that have made Klamath Falls noted
as a lumber center. I feel that this trip
will be one you always recall with
pleasure and much satisfaction.

Well I hope we do miss you and we
are regretting that we will have so little
time with you here before you return
to Monticello Valley.

It has been so very hot and pathetically
dry and the poor farmers have & will
suffer so much from the loss of their once
promising crops. We had a rain day
before yesterday for only a short while but
it did so much good.

Petty B. has Sunday evening - She seems
to have had a happy time.

She never played golf before she came
 but is not a real enthusiast. ^{Mr. Cook}
 her to Pine Beach & played golf there &
 then yesterday they went to a woman's
 tournament at Groby and Mary was
 so thrilled when she beat Madeline Simonet
 & won the head prize. Mary got a 50. Madeline 52.
 Betty did well for the short time she
 has played - she made a 60.
 I have been away at 3 golf parties
 One at Mason City Ia as a guest of
 the Northwestern Portland Cement Co.
 One at ~~Weymouth~~ White Ben Maine as a guest
 of the Weymouth Paper Co. Wood Conversion
 Co & Steel Timber Service Corp. & one at
 Cloquet given by the Paper Co. officials
 Had a nice visit with Mr & Mrs Coy
 Miss Coy - Edward & Mary Augusta - the
 Will McNairs ^{and other friends.} They all seemed happy
 Business at all the Companies is good
 & every thing is running to capacity.

I hope Jim has received the hair tonic
I sent him and that it will be of
much benefit to him & save him from
a bald pate.

Hebe is fine but mean to Fuzzy. She
almost drowned Fuzzy by holding her head
under water in a neighborly fight.

Mrs. Maynard Alice & the boys visit immensely.
Also the nice visit Martin made us.

What fine guests we have had this summer
and how much we did enjoy them.

I have a thorn on my right eye (not bad)
but I have to be careful & not run these
words together.

Give lots of love to Aunt Jane Margers
Dolly much love to Jim & Lee.

With dearest love to my Father
Your Father.

It is hot & sticky & hard to hold the
paper.

Aug 9th 1936

Dearest Latsie.

You surely are a most capable young lady to make these long trips to Cooper and Mammoth Falls alone. I have been quite concerned about you but Mother has said many times that you would get along nicely and that you were quite competent to take care of yourself. and I know feel that you are. Your grandfather Musser made many long trips alone. One trip was across the country along the Lewis and Cass trail to California in a covered

Wagon so you must have in-
vented something from him as
a traveler. We have missed
you greatly and have often wished
you were here. You have gotten
a lot of knowledge about our
Country and the great western
+ that will be helpful.
Alice and the boys arrived
home last Thursday morning and
we had such a fine letter from
her.

Sunday Aug. 9th 36

Depart "Lotaie"

Returned last evening 10 P.M.
from a 2 day trip to **Edgwick**.
It was a social and business get
together of the head. of departments of
Myrhaeuses Sales & Northwest Paper Co.
General Timber Service Co. The "party" was
given by Mr. A. M. Myrhaeuses and it
was given for the purpose of getting
acquainted with each other in a
more friendly manner than I would
be possible in any other way.
The country is so dry and
fires are springing up in
many unexpected places

and much damage is being done
to many farmers &c. When we
were playing golf we happened to
see smoke near the ^{golf course}
on an ^{immediately} investigation the makings
of a real forest fire was discovered.
In a short time the entire flaming mill
Crew were fighting the fire & they
~~put~~ it out just when it got up
to two houses &c. So we are praying
& hoping for rain and lots of it every
day and night.

The Paper Company is doing
a nice business now and
all with whom I have talked

Seem to feel that the new President
Mr. Copeland will put the Company
in fine shape financially & the
The Wood Furniture Co. is filled with
orders & can not handle all of the
business it could get from its
customers. We are enjoying Betty's
visit very much. She seems so happy
to be here.



ONE OF AMERICA'S EXCEPTIONAL HOTELS

Davenport Hotel

LOUIS M. DAVENPORT, PRESIDENT

May 20-36
Spokane, Washington

Dearest Daughter Lotsee.

Are you not surprised to get a letter from me so far from our dear home. All of my friends in our Pure Ice Company wanted me to join them on this trip. I expect to go to Lewiston & Bottah Idaho also Coeur d'Alene Tacoma & Portland.

Will spend a few days with Wells Gilbert. You do not know how sure how much we enjoy your letters. They are so interesting & well written & they bring a lot of joy to mother and me.

Paul Jane & Sally are due in Little Falls Thursday the 28th.

Sorry to miss part of their visit. Little Falls is just beginning to show some real Spring life.



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Spokane, Washington

Our flower ^{plant} are coming up
through the ground + we have just
gotten the entire yard raked +
cleaned - Now the ferns are being
put on the windows.

Aunt Laura has been with us
but leaves Thursday.

My oh me but we will be glad
when you come "marching home".
Won't we have fun.
We'll be home about June 2nd.

Dearest Love
Father

I am mighty proud of your
fine work. Love.



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ASK YOUR POSTMAN



Dear Lovie May 16/36

I have spent a day
and night at this fine
Monticello building.
The parks and flowers are
beautiful here and having
a fine time. Will return
home June 2. Hope you
are well and everything
going along as you
wish. Much love
Father.

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Mrs Laura Jane Messer
Monticello College
Godfrey Ills

Little Falls Minn.

Sunday - April 26-36.

Dearest Father -

Mother had a very hard time the last week and she felt so sick and discouraged that all of Friday night and Saturday morning she felt it was necessary to have a specialist come up from Minneapolis so we called up Dr. Carey early Saturday morning and he came up at 11¹⁵ am and he gave her a complete examination and we were so happy to learn that there is nothing at all serious the matter with mother. Her heart is in fine condition. blood pressure nothing to think about. Liver and Gall bladder ok. The main trouble was her stomach did not function as it should and she has been greatly distressed with gas pressure and prolonged exhaustion from the effects of the Flu.

Now we did the right thing and today Mother is greatly improved and has eaten regular meals with not any particular annoyance and her discouraged feeling is about gone.

It bothers her to give up the Minnesota Trip on account of the disappointment to Aunt Laura.

We have had Dr J.B. Holst to treat mother since Dr Roberts has been laid up at Rochester with those severe injuries. Mrs Roberts has not been well and has gone to Rochester for treatment. In about a week they both will go on to Cincinnati to visit Dr Roberts sister Loren & family. Had a fine letter from Mary. She had such a grand time at her school party but poor girl, she seems to be out of funds all the time.

Mum sent mother a box of Wild Azaleas

The came today & were so pretty.

Dont worry about mother for she is coming along fine.

Dearest love
Father.

Little Falls April 17-1936.

Dear daughter Latsie

Mother and I have been so thrilled both your last two letters. You surely have gotten into the life and activities of Monticello College and are making your personality and capabilities felt and appreciated. You are putting yourself out to be kind and thoughtful and are not sensitive to the shortcomings of others. We are so sorry you caught such a cold that prevents you from taking part in that play - You would have surprised them all with your dramatics ability had you been able to perform. Mother and I know full well that our Latsie is quite talented and make her mark in this world.

Mother is still feeling the effects of the Flu principally in her stomach and has to be very carefully what she eats & not overdo or worry - Your cheery letters are a great tonic to her and your expressions of love and appreciation are just grand. So glad you can get along with our your glasses. Poor Mary complains about her eyes and she may have to have glasses to relieve her headache -

It is still very cold and windy here - Just can't get anything done on planting gardens -

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Mother and I are going to Minneapolis
Saturday for the day - I want to attend a
Fraternity Banquet in the Evening and if
I do I will spend the night at the Curtis
or Leamington Hotel.

Auntie I think will respond to your appeal
for home cooking. She is pleased you like what
she makes for you.

(Do not worry about Mother she is gaining
right along. Lots & lots of love from
Mother & Daddy.

Atlanta Ga 516 Ramsey
Thursday Mar 5th 36 Road

Dearest Lotie.

We thought Mather would
be well enough to leave today
but the Doctor said no.

So we will not leave until
Saturday & we are sure unless
the fever returns that we can
go away then.

Alice has been dead & has
Martin -

We'll see you Sunday afternoon
or evening or Monday noon

Mather joins me in Love
I love. Father.

Alice has a lovely handwriting

Atlanta Ga. Tuesday
Mar 3/36

Dear Mr. Lotze.

Mother and I are having
a fine visit with Alice Martin
Drew and Jim. We came here Sunday
afternoon and planned on leaving
Wednesday morning. However we have
changed our plans for we all feel that
Mother should spend a day or two longer
here and rest up in this warm
air after our strenuous touring
and sight seeing for so many days.
Mother has a cold and we want
to get that in good shape and under

Alice want us to make a little longer visit. So Latsie dear dont expect us until we win you definitely. - Alice and all are fine and Atlanta is a fine large city. They have made some ~~good~~ friends here and seem so happy.

Brew and Jim have grown and have made new friends.

Their home is roomy and very attractive and is in a good location. - It has been awfully cold and snowy at times for over 3 weeks. - Roads have been blocked and trains discontinued.

Mother would have written but she did not feel like it today. - We do expect to leave here Thursday or Friday and reach Monticello on a day and a half.

Mother and all gave me an

lot of love.

Affectionately

Father

Glad you had such a nice time at the dance & that Lawrence is coming around.

Aug 12-36

Dear Lotie.

It seems very much longer
than a week since you left and
perhaps it may seem that way
to you. When Mary left her train
was $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours late and we
were quite worried about her
train connection in Chicago.
Mr Nygaard at the Station went
to Chicago so as to make it easy
for her to take a later train.
We did not hear anything from
Mary until after she had reached
Pike Manor & then only by telegram
No letter as yet.

It took Aunt Laura 14 1/2 hours to
drive home and she was lucky to
get home then -

Mother took the Pyans Burton
& May's Card Club to Minneapolis
Friday & they had a fine time

It is a dark and gloomy day
today & snowing hard -

We are going to the Buchanan
Hotel for dinner. Dr. Fred Holst
& Mother are treating Mrs. Fred
& me because we won at
our Bridge Contest.

Mother got a fine letter from

Paul Schopak which we enjoyed very
much. He had written him enclosing
the account due for tuition. Nothing
was stated by him in particular -
just a friendly greeting.

Thanks so much for your thoughtful
in writing so promptly.

Love & best wishes
affectionately
Father.