



Laura Jane Musser and  
Family Papers.

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RELATIVE LETTERS

1937

HORTON HOUSE  
WELLESLEY, MASS.

Sept. 26 - 1937

Dear Lottie -

Just a line to  
report back - so to speak -  
I arrived Friday morning  
and am more or less settled  
facing an array of books  
from the library to get  
ready for my first class-  
es - and also facing a  
superlative looking day  
out the window - calling  
for a good walk -  
25 was a joy to have  
a glimpse of you Wednes-  
day night - I like sorry

my telegram wasn't clearer!  
I should so love to have  
stayed over but at that  
point it couldn't be done.  
I do hope it didn't make  
any difference in any of

your plans -  
Lin delighted you will  
be coming east this winter.  
I do hope  
we can have a good  
visit - Lin anxious  
to hear of Mary's plans, too -  
and all about your trip -  
Lin sending along -  
(mailing to - tomorrow)

little Greek  
couple of purses - one for each

HORTON HOUSE  
WELLESLEY, MASS.

of you - somewhat belated  
congratulations on both  
your commencements least  
June: I hope they will  
prove a kind of color  
you can use - I decided  
not to try to designate  
which was for which, as  
you will know better than  
I which color will fit  
in with your respective  
clothes!

Do write me soon  
with the story of your  
lives - past & future -

both I you : I'll miss  
Mary this year & well.  
hey - Love to you both  
Mang -



BUY U. S. S  
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Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

HORTON HOUSE  
WELLESLEY, MASS.



HORTON HOUSE  
WELLESLEY, MASS.

Mar. 1, 1937

Dear Lottia - I've decided if I  
wait for that mythical stretch  
of leisure to write in, nothing  
will ever come - so here's a  
line - I'm working like mad  
with a new course in Roman  
Religion this semester - Some  
ancient Roman once said if  
one went to walk on the  
Roman Campagna one was likely  
to meet more gods than men,  
there were so many of them -  
and I'm finding it true - Cer-  
tainly they are occupying a vast  
amount of my time - I'm fasci-  
nated but a little dizzy!  
It was grand to have your  
good letter - you are having

an enormously interesting year  
I should think and I'm delighted.  
ed - I am glad you are taking  
harmony even this. I can believe  
it is a difficult subject, but  
you certainly should have it  
as part of your musical training.  
I wish I had been able  
to get it in when I was in  
college. I was much entertained  
with your story of the  
Cassadeuses recital of the  
I went to a fascinating concert  
at the Worcester Art Museum  
yesterday, given as part of the  
celebration of some magnificent  
new additions of Byzantine art  
to the museum. A quartet called  
the Greek Byzantine Vocal Ensemble -  
one of those magnificent Russian  
basses that have such incredible  
low notes - they sang mostly early  
music from the Greek church  
and it was excellent -  
I've been playing a little  
at the music hall where I

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can drop in occasionally & help  
myself to a piano not in use -  
Peg Driscoll turned up a week  
ago in Boston with Walter -  
and for a wedding - and we had  
a good visit - Her report of  
winter in Minnesota made me  
long for a touch of it - We've  
had no snow and an incredible  
number of springlike days ever  
since Christmas - lots of good  
country walks and perfect driv-  
ing weather for getting places  
to walk in as well as trips  
to Boston & Cambridge for the  
symphony and friends - I've been  
enjoying my car a lot.  
Marian seems to be getting  
along well now although she  
certainly was pretty sick - I  
had a good letter from her

to-day - the new address you  
asked about is 1410 Pacific  
Terrace - just across the street  
you know - and they are delight-  
ed with the new house. Still  
love to hear from you.

I had a grand letter from  
your mother a couple of weeks  
ago - I was a joy to get -  
Mary tells me you may all go  
to Europe this summer which  
sounds perfectly grand -  
enjoy so much occasional  
visits with Mary. this we are  
both so busy we can't manage  
them very often - we had dinner  
over to gether before the sym-  
phony a couple of weeks ago.

I had a grand weekend in  
South Hadley after our exami-  
nation period just before this  
semester started - a good visit  
with several of my friends there.

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WELLESLEY, MASS.

gave a paper at their class-  
ical club meeting where I saw  
several students I had had  
who were freshmen the last  
year I taught there -  
And speaking of students I'm  
facing a bunch of papers turned  
in this morning by one of  
my classes that call for  
reading & the evening is <sup>now</sup> getting  
so write again before long  
& tell me about your plots  
& plans! Much love  
Margaret



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Monticello College  
Gadgreys  
Illinois

HORTON HOUSE  
WELLESLEY, MASS.



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota



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APT 306

Seattle

Wash -

Salutation  
Professorum!  
of  
Musicum  
et  
Lauditorium!

and who would of think  
that instead of a flunk  
(in the art of clothes dunks)  
the starch - or the spunk -  
to this flunk of a flunk  
would have come - perplexity -  
from your knowledge, I flunk!  
(I agree that this flunk  
is flunk - Presto Changes!

your letter was welcome,  
needless to say,  
and enjoyed very much -  
my cause for delay,  
in replying, might be  
that it was too clever

And I keep on Hoping  
I'll equal it! Never!  
Now that that's settled  
I sit myself down  
and ramble away  
Without sign of a frown -  
Limitations are sad  
But not knowing is worse  
(I nearely think  
This is marvellous verse!??)

I heard great reports of your  
musical teaching  
and trust your pupils the  
heights are reaching -  
I heard other nice things  
of Mary and you (not  
unusual or strange!  
I just mention them too)  
We've just returned from  
a holiday jerkey. Family  
and home and the  
Thanksgiving turkey!  
Mother and Dad were

2.  
five - and 'twas grand to  
have a real visit with them  
first. hand. her men for  
ducks and brought back a  
few - for the first time I  
cleaned them, and if ever  
you have that pleasure  
you'll know what a duck  
dinner means - I was actually  
so exhausted I ~~hated~~ <sup>later</sup> all  
game - (which the taste <sup>later</sup> abated.)

(I'm not quite sure if there's  
meter here - It's a game to  
find it - To the loser, a sneer)

The down from the ducks  
May be soft and luxurious  
But in nostrils, hair, clothes,  
Rugs et al it's injurious  
at least to the temper:

But maybe by spring  
It will leave the apartment  
and take to the wing -  
Aside from our trip  
our life's quite the same -

Hats of fun - Very pleasant -  
But to write about, tame -  
I have heard two concerts  
which gave me a thrill -  
Wagnerian singers -

and a symphony well  
including the 7th of Beethoven's  
bits - Sibelius, Scott, and a  
George Gershwin bit -  
The orchestra's good - though  
not up to New York - But  
from little me you'll  
not hear a squeak!

We've seen football and hockey  
And a movie or two -  
But he is quite busy  
So much mischief can't be seen!

He sends his love  
To the family and you -  
As over his books  
He doth pore and stew -  
And I'm off to bed  
In the morn to be bright?  
With much love to all  
And to all a good night -

P.S.

We love to hear always  
what's what with you there -  
So do drop us a word  
when you've a moment to  
spare!

To Mavis de P.  
From Peter and me.



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

1410 PACIFIC TERRACE  
KLAMATH FALLS  
OREGON



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OREGON

With much for you (My piece  
is done)

That rhymed at least - and  
should be true

If I had compassion - much - for  
you!

Besides we're going out to  
swim

In Wanda's pool - It's far less green  
if somewhat smaller than the lake.  
Perhaps some kumiss too - to make  
a pleasant day - Time Marches on!  
Arrividerci! (Try that you  
your knowledge vast - It has me  
fooled  
It looketh well if it isn't  
school'd)

Again our love - to one and  
all -

Drop in some day & make a call!



1410 PACIFIC TERRACE  
KLAMATH FALLS  
OREGON

Welcome! To our native shores -  
From presence here our spirit  
soars  
To each of you. We're sorry, though,  
We can't in person say hello -  
Your very clever script, Patsie,  
Was received with pleasure great,  
By gee!

Sorry you had squalls in turn -  
Hope they didn't stay till home  
was reached - and that you could  
Enjoy Europá as one should -  
Trust your neck popped back in  
place

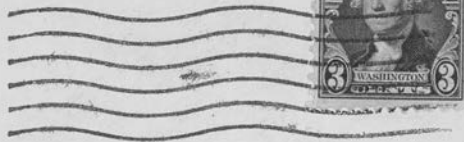
From the stretching right-sees race!  
In any case I know trees worth  
it see to span the earth.

our summer here was changed,  
you know.

So very sadly. Even so

Right now with Mary and Mother  
here

It's very nice - Too short, I fear,  
however - as in three weeks more  
we'll have to leave for Pacific's shore -  
Seattle's where Pres & I will be  
to learn some more. (How is it P-  
ossible!) And what of you?  
Do let us know what's what  
to do -  
Give me our love to everyone -



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls.  
Minnesota.

Return to  
Mrs E. L. McColm  
1314 Mulberry Ave  
Muscatine Iowa.



Tuesday evening.  
Nov. 30-37

Lotsie dear:

How sweet of you to send the lovely handkerchiefs for my birthday remembrance, the flowers and the talk over the phone was quite enough little pal. However I am greatly pleased and thanks just ever so much.

Home had quite a busy time entertaining house guests and we had lots of fun. There was snare or lies going on in the way of dinners and card games so the time did not drag for any one. After the house has been ringing with laughter, the quietness seems more pronounced when

the guests all leave. so it was  
fine for me to have Bud here for  
at least a day.

Now I am working on a group  
of some three songs for the church  
concert which is to be Thursday night.  
Will try to send you the program  
which will be in our local paper.  
On the 14<sup>th</sup> I have promised to  
do a group of songs for some club  
in Milton, and so it goes. Sunday  
will sing a solo in church and  
was told today that people are  
asking for my usual "mas solos." "Star  
of the East."

No doubt you are enjoying Bud  
today. He might stop over here on  
his way home. If he does I will of  
course have late news from you  
all.

I do wish I knew what

to get you and Mary for Christmas, 'twill you  
tell me please?

Thank you dear so much for the lovely  
remembrance, I do so appreciate your thought  
of me. It isn't the long until Christmas  
when you will be seeing me, boy and I hope  
for a happy year today.

Dearest I love dear to you and the  
family.

Your devoted  
Aunt Anna.



[March 17, 1937]

Dearest Ratsie.!

Here I am in Little Falls and your letter was forwarded to me today. Am so glad to hear from you dear, but am very much ashamed to say that I did not send you the candy. You see I know you do not eat candy. and so would not send any.

Ratsie, I have found in my life time that people can be very thoughtless and selfish, and really girls can annoy and vex one beyond words. As they advance and trouble

appear they learn what it means to have to meet and face the world, which is more or less cold, with certain handicaps. Then they begin to realize what someone else has been going through.

It is hard to give and bear as you say, and we certainly become discouraged at times and perhaps grow a little hard-hearted, but it does not help matters and we only cut off contacts we need, so we just can't afford to be too hurt. It is very rude

and shows ignorance to ever refer to a defect or misfortune and I am surprised that any one would be so unkind.

Well, I am glad to know that you are bringing some girls home for Easter vacation. Wish I could be here, but Lotie says I must go home because of some business affairs which must be attended to before the first of the month.

How is your thumb? My hand is not so good, but I will not give up hopes.

Perhaps you will come to Muscatine some week-end.

and m. can have a real good  
visit.

Mother tells me you are all  
going abroad in June. That  
will be a grand way to  
spend the summer and  
you will be thrilled I  
know.

Write again dear, and  
plan to come up for a  
week-end.

Heaps of love,  
Your Aunt Laura.

The Hattigs are in Florida.

Mar. 17-'37

PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO

Laura Jane Musser.

# PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1937

Lotsie Dear:

Was so glad to hear from you and that you had such a nice time going over, with the exception of course of the time you were not feeling so good.

Today is really hot here in Chicago and I am so thankful to have an air conditioned room. Think I shall spend the day, after your dear Daddy leaves me, right here in comfort.

It was nice to meet some rather interesting people on the boat, and no doubt you will meet more before you return. Expect your head will get pretty tired, say nothing of your feet while taking in the various sights.

I guess Mary was a little weary when she got aboard the

stranger after her school and visiting  
in the east. She will not have much  
time to rest though, until she gets to  
Little Falls where she can sleep in  
the mornings.

It will soon be time to take Daddy  
to the train, and then I shall  
feel quite like I have been deserted  
as far as family goes.

Trust you will have a grand time  
learning beautiful music and seeing  
beautiful things.

Much love from  
Your Aunt Laura



Miss Laura Jane Musser

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Little Falls

Minnesota

[May 29, 1937]

Lolsee dear -

I can't believe you  
have graduated again  
but I'm proud of you  
and congratulate you!  
A year ago now we were  
looking forward to your  
visit - a little later &  
I wish we could again!  
you know any time  
you can come how  
happy we will be!



I hope this last year  
has been a very happy  
one for you! We have all  
missed your letters but  
~~presume~~ you have been  
awfully busy - How is  
your music coming along?  
Sally & I are about to  
go out to the Golf Course  
she will qualify for one

Giving up the European  
trip is no doubt a  
big disappointment but  
I'm sure it is only  
post poned and you will  
have something to look  
forward to - We are  
all so thankful & happy  
that Uncle Otis is  
improving - He has had  
such a dreadful time.

of our annual tournaments -  
but I may not unless I  
feel like playing 18 holes.  
Tell your mother I received  
her letter and will write  
tomorrow or Sunday -

I sent you a tiny <sup>to Godfrey</sup>  
memento for  
graduation and wish  
it were much more -

With a heart full of love

Aunt Jane

May 29, 1937

The Choate School  
Wallingford, Conn.  
July 16, 1937

Dear Lotsie:

I sure think it's swell that you graduated this year. How I would like to have been there!! I don't see as much of you as I used to, and I know that I've hardly been what one would call a correspondent, but I do think of you often.

I certainly hope that you have enjoyed the last couple of years as much as I have! I presume that you have. Sure an' it ~~is~~ is a grand time that I've been having!

Somewhere about June 26<sup>th</sup>, I expect to start the long trek West, driving Thad and Dick as far as Minnesota and then pushing on

alone.

My good woman: I do so wish to contribute, in a more physical sense, to your recent achievement, and, you know, I was never one to putter about amidst Women's Departments. Somehow, they evade me. I fear that I would end <sup>up</sup> by giving you some wretched gift which you would hide behind your bookcase. Therefore, I beg of you to accept this vast sum - my fortune - to do with as you see fit. Use it for travel, to put ~~a~~ friend through college or anything you like.

Much Love & Luck!!

James the II  
W. B.



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

James M. Taylor  
to the Choate School  
Wallingford  
Conn.

My dear Lottie P.W.

Your country relatives  
 are still here and the bridge  
 game is still going on! once  
 only once at one of the various  
 parties I now. but of course that  
 was the time it did not count  
 against me — 49 score — now  
 did I win a prize for that was  
 the party they played for fun  
 after all the prizes I have missed  
 but I always miss most things  
 and have now gotten to the point  
 where I don't know I miss them  
 it is an excellent state



Snow and more snow  
 Sunday it snowed 13 inches

and that means a lot of shoveling  
and just seeing in how high  
it is piled along the paths.

the bird bath looks like this  
 today is nice & clear  
and perhaps the great-  
back bone of trouble  
they speak of - is broken -

Mule Olie and I am going to  
the city tomorrow will stay the  
rest of the week. Dr Z sure  
has soldered up my water works  
and Mule Olie is very much  
improved. He is really good you  
ought to try him some time  
when you have time!

Of course you know Mule O  
went east with daddy + were  
the boys thrilled. It gave them such



a boat: and did  
a lot for O.T.O.



Berk boys passed this mid  
years - the not with the flag  
at the top - they passed - Bens  
has been very busy making up  
all he missed by way of education  
and Spains notes he is a good  
boy -- but quite a lonesome one  
at home all alone -

Last night - they had a county  
club card party here about 50  
people, a most successful  
party - some one got stuck  
out in front until about 1 a.m.

We are going to the movies  
this afternoon to see  
Winter set -



Went to the movies  
Singing song + heard

Demetri Dmetriyevich direct  
it was marvelous - I was  
so thrilled to hear him -

We saw Ingrid Schoop & her  
comic ballet - last week &  
that was fascinating & so  
funny - a laugh all the way.

I must stop and write 1. -  
the boys have 290 to their  
monies —

much love from us all

lovingly,

Francine -  
Auntie.



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls,  
Minnesota



J. S. T. C.  
Cedar Falls, Iowa



Sunday 1:30 P.M.  
October 31, 1937

Dearest Lottie,

Received your grand letter yesterday and will answer it with just a note to let you know about next week-end.

I do hope that you will drive up to see me, for I will be here and have nothing planned except to see you. I am wondering if you could let me know which day you would probably be here and about what time - (morning, afternoon, or evening). You see if someone comes to see you and your not in your room - well that's just too bad because they can't look for you.

When you get to Cedar Falls ask someone the directions out to the college and when you get to the college ask anyone you see to tell you how to get to Bartlett

Hall. My room number is 1594 but you would probably find it easier if you just went into the reception room and ask the girl at the desk to call me. I do hope you won't have any trouble finding me and if you let me know about the time and day I will be sure to be in my room.

Will Mary be with you? I do hope so. And I certainly am look forward to seeing your mother and father again.

Well Lottie, I will have to close as I have jobs of work to do and any way we can talk things over next week - end.

Let me know about the time if possible.

Lots of Love

Mabel.

May 26<sup>th</sup>

Dearest Darling Sweetheart

I feel just dreadfully  
to have delayed so long time  
answering <sup>your</sup> Sweet Darling  
letter but am sure could  
you but know the cir-  
cumstances you would  
readily forgive.

I started brooding a bunch  
of little <sup>chick</sup> ~~chicks~~ & jess before I was  
quite strong enough.  
There is a great deal of hard  
work connected with it  
and although I have gotten  
through and feel stronger  
today I have had to devote



all the strength I had just  
to that and rest every min.  
I could. writing letters had  
to be full of love to my  
dear little girl whom I  
love so dearly and think of  
and pray for every day and  
long to hear from but how  
could I when I don't write  
but now getting stronger  
I trust I will prove a  
better correspondent from  
now on. however trying  
to think of news I have not  
much to tell as my little world  
takes in a very small area  
have been spending most  
of the time right here and the

diversions or the touch with  
the outside world has had to  
come through my little  
radio. don't know what  
I would have done without  
it. most Always listen  
to the Kolar Symphony from  
Detroit on Sunday evening  
they are really wonderful  
and feature some of the  
most outstanding talents  
of the musical world we also  
have many fine programs  
and here in music as well  
as readings and lectures, that  
are well worth while and  
makes up in a great measure  
not being able to take in



things of that kind directly.  
We have had a most  
beautiful spring the roses  
unusually so due to the  
abundance of rain we had  
this winter. I am sure it  
must be beautiful where  
you are at this time of  
the year and I know there  
is no place can compare  
with your own home in  
Little Falls at this time.  
I shall never forget the  
glory I saw <sup>the</sup> last time I  
was there in May and June  
and speaking of June reminds  
me of the very important  
day, when you and Mary will

be leaving an other mile  
front behind and facing a  
new may God bless you  
and go with you always.  
and wish your birthday  
will be a very happy one.  
Wonder if you will be at  
home for it. or I know  
you will be very shortly  
and how you must look  
forward to the happy summer  
you will be spending with  
your dear mother and  
Daddy. wish you could  
persuade them to take  
a tripp out here. you might

enjoy the San Diego  
exposition they are promising  
it very fine! and on the  
side we could have that  
very much longed and looked  
for visit with each other.  
And now dear little Lottie  
write me a few lines  
and let me know how you are  
and what you are doing  
and what your future  
plans are.

from one who loves  
you very very dearly.

Aunt Bobbie

March the 10<sup>th</sup> 1937.

Dearest Laura Jane

Why do I not hear from <sup>you</sup>  
are you are you alright?  
It seems so long since  
I wrote you it was during  
that awful flood you had  
back in that part of the  
country and I felt so awfully  
worried about you for a while  
that I finally wrote and  
asked you to let me know  
how you were and not  
hearing from you in all  
this time I have been  
thinking that perhaps you  
might not have gotten

my letter within have I  
heard from Mother since  
right after Christmas and hope  
you are all alright. of course  
I began to realize shortly after  
I had written you, and following  
the reports constantly that  
that your part of the country  
was safe from the flood  
although you must have  
been not so very far from  
it. I am a fan of the pictures  
you sent me I love them  
all but there are especially  
two of them I have been  
wondering if you have the  
films if you would let me  
take for a little while as  
I would like to have a little  
larger picture made of

them I think those two  
are adorable, the one you  
are standing by some trees  
with your overcoat partly  
over you, on the back it says  
that Miss Blair, your music  
teacher took it after you had  
been for a walk. the other  
one you stand alone with  
lots of trees surrounding on  
the back it says, taken at  
the school picture 1936.  
We will be very glad if you  
have them if you would  
send them when you write  
I will return them.  
Well lovely spring is here  
we have had lots of rain  
and every thing is so green  
and beautiful. Roses are

developing buds every day  
and so making of the Spring  
birds have come back. we  
have many mockingbird  
around and they are such  
energetic singers, some  
times sing most of night  
and then to have a pair of  
meadow-larks nesting close  
by and how I do enjoy their  
clanion tones about 4 or 5  
o'clock in the afternoon.  
And Easter is soon here  
will you be going home  
for Easter or what are your  
plans? Do you remember  
some of <sup>the</sup> Easlers we spent  
together, and what fun  
coloring and hiding the  
eggs, and see you children

so excited by hunt<sup>ing</sup> for them  
to bad childhood days have  
to pass so soon. Had a large  
picture from George the  
other day and certainly  
surprised to see what a  
big fine looking young  
man he is, hard to realize  
he was the same little  
eight year old freckled  
across the nose <sup>lad</sup> that I  
last knew. And the best  
of all I guess he is a fine  
and good boy, he will be  
graduating this year.

When you write tell me  
something of your cousins  
the Walker boys. They of course

have also become young  
men.

Well Laura Jane I  
must close and I hope  
it will not be long  
before I will hear  
from you. Give my  
love to mother and tell  
her I should love to hear  
from her

Yours devotedly  
Aunt Bobbie



June 15<sup>th</sup> 1938

Dearest Lonia Jane

I can not understand  
why your birthday letter  
came back. perhaps you  
had already left the school  
and it seems to have been  
directed to the wrong party  
wonder if my writing  
was not readable. I was so  
disappointed to have it  
happen that way. I was  
so anxious to have it reach  
you on your birthday  
that I sent it air mail  
special. Also sent one to

Many the same way wonder  
if it reached her I addressed  
it to Pine Manor. I expect  
you are all on your  
journey by now perhaps  
are the across some place  
where ever you are I  
hope you are all having  
the happiest kind of time  
and that I will hear from  
you before long. I have  
moved into a new home  
and when you come home  
from your maybe you  
can persuade your  
mother to let you come

and here to see me  
how I should love to see  
you. I am in a hurry  
to get this into the mail,  
so will say happy journey  
to you all

And love

Aunt Bobbie



Miss Laura Jane Muser  
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Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1937.

Dearest - Laura Jane

Our plans seem to have lots of disappointment about them. In regard to your asking if I might have some friends where you could stay I am sorry to say that I am afraid I haven't my friends are all people with small homes many of the women working as teachers or in other fields and could not undertake any thing extra. My cousins

in La Canada that might  
have, if things were different  
but as it is now they are  
both very poorly. Hattie  
lost her husband a short  
time ago he was sick  
a long time and care of  
him and anxiety has left  
her very much broken down  
she is now under Doctor's  
care and has been ordered  
to bed. Cebbie has not  
been well for a long  
time and of course feel  
they could have any one  
extra as much as they  
would like to. My 'Laura  
Jane since I knew you

were planning to come out  
how many many times  
I have wished that I still  
had my little home, but  
of course that kind of  
wishing does not get one  
any place or make it  
any easier. And there surely  
will be some other way  
than as I said before to  
get a little apartment  
and I will get some one  
for Miss Hecker for the  
time, or maybe you  
would rather go to a  
regular Hotel, when I  
know more definitely  
what you wish to do

I will be glad to enquire  
and see how things are.

But - Lottie dear I would  
advise you not to come  
until our rainy season  
is over or nearly so as I  
am sure it should not  
be pleasant for you if  
we should have a great deal  
of rain after you come  
and the prophecies now are  
that we are in for a  
wet and cold season the  
experts say due to some  
sun spots now appearing  
Our rainy weather is  
anything but pleasant  
but it not only rains but

poors for many days  
at a time and usually  
very cold with it. We have  
just now had our first  
storm of the season  
it rained constantly  
night and day for five  
days and it seems  
mighty good to have  
the sunshine again  
we usually have about  
two feet of it, and then  
every thing springs  
into life all of a  
sudden and our early



Springs are beautiful  
but I feel it would  
be too bad for you to  
come and not be  
able to enjoy the out-  
doors. Think it over and  
~~talk~~ talk with Mother  
about it and let me  
know as soon as  
you can what you  
decide to do.

You can't imagine  
how strange it seems  
to read of my little girl

giving or partaking  
in recital with the  
Mpls Symphony. Expect  
I will have to learn  
to know that little girl  
all over again.

And now Laura Jane  
I wish for you the  
most joyful Christmas  
season and am sure  
you will have it with  
your dear family  
and lovely friends with  
you  
Lovingly  
Aunt Bobbie

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Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

Highway Highland  
Calif. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

Dear old Laura Jane

Thank you for the several  
Dear letters and Cards you  
have sent me it has been  
so interesting to read of  
your trips and experiences  
in other countries. I was  
glad when I heard of your  
being back in our own  
good country again. I could  
not help but feel a little  
anxious when I read about  
those submarines bombing  
in the Mediterranean waters.  
I guess our own seas and

and country  
are ~~safe~~ right now.  
Dearest Lottie I am over-  
joyed to think there is a  
possibility that I might  
see you in the near future  
but I am sure there is one  
thing that worries me and  
casts a shadow over the  
otherwise perfect joy of  
the anticipation of your  
visit. And that is that I  
really have no home of my  
own at this time in which  
I can make you comfortable.  
Oh! if I only still had that  
little house in the country  
how happy we could be &  
how many many times  
I was wishing you could  
have come out while I

was there. Now I have not  
a home of my own but  
am sharing one with an  
elderly couple and I don't  
feel I could make it  
pleasant or comfortable  
for you there. I have hardly  
been there enough myself  
to feel it is a home. As  
ever since I moved away  
from my old little home  
in the country I have been  
taking care of a friend of  
mine Miss Hecker. She  
is in bed constantly has  
T.B. and very likely shall  
need me the rest of the  
winter, but I know I can  
easily get some one to  
relieve me for the time.

that you are here. and  
Laura Jane a plan has come  
to me that we could rent  
a little cottage or apartment  
in Pasadena for the time  
Pasadena is an interesting  
city and good transportation  
from there to any where  
we would like to go. as  
that is an acher thing I shall  
have to confess to you  
that the car I am driving  
is such an old antiquated  
one I would hardly have  
the courage to ask you to  
ride in it. One other  
plan I have thought of  
and which would be the  
best of all. try to persuade  
mother to come with you

it would be <sup>11</sup>wonderful  
to see her again.

To think my little Laura  
Jones is teaching other little  
children it is hard to realize  
the change when one is so  
far away I guess it is 10 or  
Eleven years since I last  
saw you and George the  
little fellow of seven  
years then has now started  
in the Hamilton University  
aiming to take Chemistry  
for his life work. What is  
Mary planning to do is she  
at home with you now?  
You ask what I have done  
this summer, I have not



done anything, except  
been right here. One thing  
I was unfortunate to have  
a fall at the time of my  
moving, I fell and broke  
three ribs and tore ligaments  
and have really suffered a  
great deal from it one  
reason for my being such  
a poor correspondent. ~~I am~~  
it still gives me a great deal  
of trouble, but it is getting  
less and less so. Since middle  
of July I have been here  
with Miss Hester. We also  
had a very hot summer  
which made us all feel  
pretty enervated, but  
thank goodness it is getting  
a little cooler, for the

whole Mt. of September  
the Temp. did not go below  
100 usually it was 104 and  
106 in the house.

Well Laura Jane I must  
close if I want this to go  
out to day, which I do  
and I hope to hear from  
you soon again, and  
I am looking forward  
to the time when you  
will be here and we will  
have some visits.

My love to all ~~another~~  
And Aunt Jane you say  
she is with you now

And a warm love for yourself  
Aunt Bobbie