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Family Papers.

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April 29 - '40

LMA

Loisie dear:

Your letter of the 23rd asking as a committee member for help that the Metropolitan Opera Company may be able to purchase the Metropolitan Opera House came a day or two ago.

Today I am sending by wire one hundred dollars for the fund that the Metropolitan may have that added to the many other donations that are no doubt coming in.

We all enjoy beyond words the wonderful Saturday afternoons of opera and the music covers every

where would indeed be
saddened were they to be
deprived of this great blessing.
Your mother & Father spent
a week here, and we had
a wonderful visit.

Do hope you are well and
that your work is not too
confining.

Lots of love dear from
us all.

Your Aunt Laura

1240 W. 64th St.
K. C. Mo.



Miss Laura J. Musser
Parnassus Club
West 115th St.
New York
N. Y.

Mrs R. J. Atkins
1240 West 64th St.
Kansas City, Mo.

March 20th 1940

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Lotsie dear:

your fine letter
came several days ago
and I thought I would
write to you immediately
but unfortunately I picked
up a flu germ and have
been more or less in and out
of bed for the past week.

Did so want to get to Munn.
before you had to return to
school for I thought we might
have a good old time visit.

If possible I hope to make
the trip after Easter Sunday
from Muscatine where I go
on Friday, my health permitting.

Well, I suppose you had a
happy time when you took

Adelide Martin to see little Philippa. Your mother told me of the very interesting call you made when she was in New York. She thought little Philippa wonderful.

You certainly have had the opportunity of meeting very interesting talent, and I know how much it all means to you.

But dear, I am sorry if you are not feeling real well and finding your work harder this winter. You must be careful. Your health must be O.K. in order to really enjoy life.

It is nice to have access to the theatre and opera, it is a grand out-let for your

emotions even though sometimes the effect makes one a little blue.

Mary Catherine is still away, she tried that her car was in the repair shop and she would not be home for a few days more. She is hoping her team will find a good position so they can be married this fall.

Mrs North inquired after your health, and hoped you had a chance to hear Alex Templeton as he broad-cast his program in New York some time ago. Mrs North has been very kind to me since I came down to K.C. and through her I have

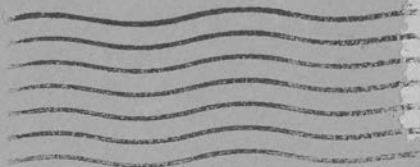
met some lovely women who
attend their church.

Well, dear, I do hope you will
be in Maim. when I come up.
Tell mother and Daddy that
I send heaps of love and
will write to them later.

Thank you dear for your
fine letter, Uncle Will joins
me in all good wishes
and oceans of love for you
Love dear,

Your devoted Auntie
Laura

P.S. How do you like my new
stationary? This is the first
time I have used any.



Miss Laura J. Musser
Little Falls.
Minnesota.

Twelve forty West Sixty-fourth Street
Kansas City, Missouri

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Feb. 29th 1940

LMA

Lotsie dear:

Just returned from Minneapolis and Muscatine after a four weeks trip and must tell you how we (Uncle Will & I) enjoyed our little visit with your family. Your mother and father had us come to Little Falls to spend Sunday, and as it was near our second anniversary ~~celebration~~ our good friends were entertained for dinner with us. Had the usual game after the meal and a most enjoy

time in every respect.
Monday we all went back
to the city and the Atkins
to Dr. Jettis for Mr. both
needed the treatment kindly.
We called Mary & Roger
and asked them to have
dinner with us all, and
the next evening we all
had a fine dinner with
Mary & Roger. I was very
much pleased to learn
of the "blessed event" which
is to be this summer.
Mother & Mary are knitting
and sewing to heat the quilt.
My Nellie at home had to go
to the hospital for an operation
so I spent a couple weeks
in Muscatine at that time.
She is doing wonderfully

well, but I cannot well not be able to resume
her duties for a long while.

I heard Marion Anderson when she was
in T. C. and did so enjoy her former
spirituals. She seems to get herself so
when this part of the program is reached
and sings with all her soul. Her low
voice is most remarkable. She was very
gracious and modest.

Mary Catherine left for 77. Smith the
day before I came back so I have not
seen her for quite some time. I do
hope she and her long friend will be

able to marry this year. They
seem very much in love
and she will be so much
more settled and happy.
If he had a more lucrative
position there would be
no difficulty.

Your mother said she
had such a grand time
with you in New York
and that you are so
happy and doing so well
in your music. It makes
me happy to hear all
this, and I certainly would
love to see you dear
and have a nice visit.
Uncle Will joins me dear
in oceans of love and the
best of good wishes.
Your aunt
Laura



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New York

James M. Taylor
The Choate School
Wallingford, Conn.

THE CHOATE SCHOOL
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

December 14, 1940
Saturday

Dear Lotsie:

Hi! And don't look so surprised! Not only am I writing a brief note, but I am doing it to the beautiful strains of Beethoven's "Eroica." You will probably detect its beauty in my handwriting.

The chief purpose of this note is to find out when you're leaving for Little Falls and to discover whether you can squeeze in lunch or something on the 20th? Drop me a post card about the possibilities.

Everything here is jovial, and I hope & trust all is the same with you. I sure hope we can get together!

Love,

James

[Signature]
Dec. 16.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
605 West 115th Street
New York City

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537 Johnson St.
Marshfield
Oreg

March 18.

Greetings, Patsie de P! Your letterhyme
Would have sent any mumps away -
at least the gloom attached thereto
Would have vanished - cheer to hold
reway -

No humps.
No zoo.
No freak.
Boo Hoo.
AND
-?
To you!

as a matter of fact, no traces remain
of my youthful? folly - The mumps
which didn't encourage ill pickles
Have gone the way of all mumps
And since their departure - except
at night.

'Tis hard to remain in the house.
although Pester de Pester is very
I am sure he must think ^{polite} me a louse!

For the lint'neath the bed - the holes
in the socks
Bother me nary a whit -

as for eating, of course, we all eat
too much -
For dinner? a nice canned tit bit -
while I go a golfing - or rambling
around.
The country is truly a wonder
With all the spring flowers in
blossom

(Except when the rain tears asunder.)

Daffodils, Hyacinths, tulips in bloom
and wild currant bushes in red -
With pussy willows all in their glory -
It nearly all goes to my head.

Rhododendrons come next, and
Thousands there are -

It's thrilling to have all this treat.
Who cares about being domestic
or what or when we will eat.

The golf course and I are companions
and occasionally bridge and I meet -

I practice a bit on a friend's piano
(for my ears alone - very neat -

"Show me the way to go home"
With the bass you taught still
resounds!
I'd wager you hear no such music
as around me there always abounds.

'Twas good to hear of your doings -
Trust you had fun with Uncle Phil -
Since seeing him - or New York spots
a very long time it has been -

Someday. Maybe yes. Someday
Maybe no!

I'll see the City's lights flicker
But the longer away, the more
I become
a contented Westernized sinner.

For music we deal. For plays
movies take place.
I'll admit it's not quite the same
But less and less does it
seem to me
That such substitutes really are tame
yes, I know Pook & Christopher Robin
and love them. I must read
again
of their antics. and thank you
for reminding me. Nonsense so
rare!

Hester de T. to Hotsie de T.
Sends love - and I join him in
With wishes best for everything. ^{toto.}
From a cousin slightly? Woto!
cheer cheer!



Miss Laura Jane Heusser
612 West 115 Street
New York

70 Parnassus Club.

N. Y.

MRS. OTIS L. WALKER

ONE O FIVE WEST TWELFTH

CASPER, WYOMING

My dear Lorraine -

I have been thinking of you often
and just a 'wondering' if you would
me a letter or 't'other way around.
But after this I will be sure you will
me a letter - I had that with all
my men away I moved here so
much there and get all the
weavey things I have saved up
done - such as Kodak pictures
developed + all the looks on my
clothes - etc - but I guess I don't for
one thing the house is just too
dam lonesome so if any one
so much as suggest I go

some place - I do - I told all my
friends not to ask me to do
any thing or "come to dinner"
unless they meant it for I was
not missing an opportunity - & was
saying yes to everything - I was
of course at the office every morning
and on Tuesdays now sew for
the Red Cross. need a couple of
clubs - and I have been making
some flannel sport shirts for the
boys for Christmas I have made
6 and am so proud of my job
they don't look at all like "lousy
handed." - tho there has been a
lot of low sewed in - I stayed
up til one last night finishing
the last one - and as

I listened to the radio the temp -
in Cheyenne Sta was 0° and going
down - while we were leaving a
good old Wyoming climate - + how
it was Homing + the temp 50° the
radio saying down the street + all
the snow gone by this morning -
though there is good snow for skiing
in the mountains - + the boys
are saying it will be good for
their vacation - Well I can scarcely
wait till they come home - -
The Bees has been home sick - says
he is not feeling awful hard and
if one is out for an education

that the place to get it - but
he "still likes Wyomeg best" - Dick
has also been working very hard
has taken only one work seed
and that to go up to see the Buses
It is hard to realize that both
Dick Fenchy + Thad will finish this
June.

Good news about you - is this your
last year? How grand honey
bless I really wish you I know you
are enjoying her immensely +
isn't it a good old feeling to come
home after a tired day and have
her to welcome you - That one
of the hardest things for me to do
to go into the little old wheel-

house, about 5 P. M. and old
Suggie is getting so deaf she
does not hear even so is not
at this door to nag me in -

As I remember times usually I
can hear her & you hear her
singing el, el, ll, i. - you
ask her - & how we that could
not sing el. el ll i would
be glad - very that was a long time
ago!

You two should go to all the
interesting places in N. Y. together
I can think of a lot I'd like to
go to - but no, when I am in
N. Y. in for 3 days & very

relations. "Have him there," or would not
want to see any way - or else take
see to the country where they live
& lived. I see enough country as
it is - I want to sit on the
curb stone & watch the parades.

They say Henry & Roger will probably
move to Kansas City - and just think
I haven't seen the baby even - to say
nothing of their house. That's what
I get for skipping my annual
visit - & now she will probably
grow up before I see her -

It was fun having a letter
not from your paper & me

at kept me lumping - doing the
office in the a.m. with paper
+ parting in the P. M. with
maunders - she seemed well
I think - the sort of low mentality
which is most unusual for her
of course these times are so very
diff. raising - and especially
with maunders Lanie's sons carrying
draft cards - (I have 2) and
election too at the time she
was here - I haven't had a letter
from her for ages do hope she
is not sick - perhaps still around
in -

Well I have rambled on & on
and now I must dash out to
lunch - best success you
must place to come to Wyoming
& to wish me and on one
of this dude ranches they are
such fun - lots of riding &
I know you would love it -

Give very love to Mrs. Sweeney
and keep lots for your self

Auntie

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POST CARD

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

The 3 boys + I are very
enjoying in the Park it's
lots of fun to be all together
on a vacation. So glad
you are coming out with
you father - & sure you
will have fly ining - & time
to hang your riding clothes
for all winter.

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Mrs Laura Jane Leusser
605 West 115th Street
New York
N. Y.

My dear Lizzie -

As I note the little desk clock
is ticking away - I feel my personal
nook - such a clock & calendar
I hope it doesn't catch me napping
too much time - Thank you very
much for sending it - to me -

It was great leaving the boys home
but Dick did have to spend so much
time on the road by driving & trying
to make it least expensive - He is

now in the midst of exams -
+ marking my land. he has only
been out of Princeton once since
the fall + that to do a bit of sheeping
before he came home - I do wish
he felt he could get away more
for I think he needs my land
+ needs the relaxation - Had to
do my will -

Tonight I am going to a
fancy dress dinner I am going
in a crazy costume a Chinese
head I bought for the boys years
ago + a make shift skirt part
there will be some clever costumes
there I know any way its lots of
fun - one really should have a
good looking costume of some sort
or other on hand -

While I am very glad you are
to have a nice visit with you

mother in N. Y. I am very sorry
she is not coming to Asper
with you father - but she can't
be any place -

Do you like it there as well
this year as you did last? + how
did the club turn out -

Thank you again + write soon
with much love
Auntie.



GRAND CENTRAL



Miss Laura Jane Messer
~~Little Falls, Minnesota~~

605 West 115th St

New York City

% The Parnassus Club -



Tuesday -

Dear Laura Jane -

I have just written your family a note and I don't know whether this will reach you in Little Falls too or come right back to New York. But anyway - I want you to know my news - which

is that I am engaged to be married
to one Jim Lloyd of Chicago - The
wedding will be here in New York
on Friday, November 15th - at five
o'clock. I don't know where the
ceremony is going to take place as
yet - but the reception will be at
The Hotel Carlyle - and I do hope
that you can be there. If you
are in New York now - please call
me so that I can tell you where
to be at five on the 15th so that
you can be at the ceremony too.
I'm hoping that your family
will be here too as I should love
to have you represent the Messers
Contingent.

I do hope that I'll hear that
you are going to be here on the
15th - and I hope to see you soon

Leafae -

Love -

Marion

Incidentally - This news is
Confidential - It will be announced
until Nov. 7th - y There!



Miss Laura Jane Musser
% The Parnassus Club
115th St.
New York City
N. Y.

Sarah King [Roger King's sister?]

3734 Glenhurst Ave

Mpls. Minn.

Saturday

Dear Aunt Lottsie:

I want to thank you for sending me that beautiful dress from Marshall Field's in Chicago last week. When Mommie brought it upstairs to show me I was so excited I wet my pants & gladly had to come & change them for me. I do love it so & I am going to wear it for you on Xmas when you come home. You are so good to me I sometimes wish you were

my mama. I am having
lots of fun these days
burping & spitting up all
over the place. My daddy
gets awfully mad at me
but I think its fun; only
I never spit in my bassinet
cause I think its too party.
I like to spit up on my
daddy's white shirts best!
I have gained a pound
since you left & I now
weigh eleven lbs. I am
going to be careful of my
hips so I won't have
the trouble you do with
yours. My mama has

a bad cold so my buddy
has to sleep in my room
with me. I keep him
awake at night, but I
may let him sleep tonite
if I feel like it. I
like to wait until he
gets to sleep before I start
yelling. They still call
me "Shaking Lena" but I
don't care, all I ever get
is milk & what can they
expect.

I hope you are happy
in your new home & will
learn lots of things to
teach me when I grow
up. I think you & I

will make a good pair
write to us when you
can & thank you
again for the dress.

Lots of hugs &
Kisses.

Sarah



Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~Little Falls, Minnesota~~

605 West 115th Street

New York City

% The Parnassus Club

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Robert Musser

announce the marriage of their daughter

Marion

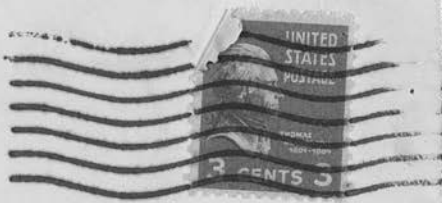
to

Mr. Glen Alfred Lloyd

on Friday, the fifteenth of November

One thousand, nine hundred and forty

New York



Ellin Laura Jane Elvess
Little Falls.
Ellin.

Sanna Jane dear -

I am still enjoying you - and
still chuckling over the Mumpston
records - What fun he does have with
the piano - he makes it all so
jolly. Cecil says that he played at
the Playars on night - descriptions on
the piano of the various men there. And
Cecil said that it was very easy to
guess each one of them.

And old - May young - Marian Anderson -
her voice satisfies one so. - It is
such a wholesome voice - isn't it -

Thanks you for giving me so much
pleasure -

Sincerely yours
Aunt Claude

Saturday.



Miss Laura Jane Munster
% The Parnassus Club
West 116th St.
Haskell Hill
New York City
N.Y.

-728 Elmer Ave

W. Hollywood

Calif -

January 18th 1940.

Dearest Laura Jane

"Due to interference beyond our control" so the Radio announcers say when something goes wrong with their program and I guess that will have to be my excuse for being so tardy with my Christmas letters and to thank you for the lovely handkerchief case that Santa brought it is beautiful and will be lovely when I travel home to Mimosola sometime in not so

distant - future I hope
I had to smile when
the day after your gift
came I had one from
Betty Pray which also
carried a suggestion of
travel I thought my two
most loved girls suggesting
travel by their gifts it
surely must mean that
a way is going to open
up for me to do so.

If I could only see
this house the first
thing I would do would
be to start for the State
with the Ten thousand
lakes. Now I think I shall
tell you about the inter-
ference beyond my control

that I spoke of in the
beginning. A couple of days
after New Years Hattie and
Abbie came in insisting
that I go home with them
over the weekend, on the
second day it started to not
only rain but poured
for twelve days and
nights every body was
worried that we might
have an other flood
and of course made
many of the roads
impassable. I could
not get home in all
that time. In Minnesota
it would have been snow
and what we use to call
snowed in here it is

rained in and of course
it interfered with my
correspondence as I had
not brought my address
book along. We are now
having beautiful weather
nights chilly ground covered
with frost in the morning
but the middle of day
warm and sunny.

Expect you are back
busy with your music
perhaps by this time
mother is with you
she said she planned to
be there about the middle
of the Mt. and I can just
imagine the pleasure
you have of doing things
together. I heard one of

the teachers from the
Diard School have forgotten
her name play over the
radio about a week or
so ago it was lovely.

I am feeling much
better than I did in
the summer. the hot
weather seems to play
such havoc with me.
I just dread to think
of it. I hope Laura Jane
you are feeling fine
and the aw-ful cold the
reports say you have
back there now is not
to much for you. If mother
is with you ask her if
she has read a book called

"Me" written by Brenda
Wheland of Minneapolis
Adolph and Joseph sent it
to me. it seems that she
is a friend of Marybelle's
and has her mentioned
in it. I have not read it
yet. but Hattie is reading
it thinks it is quite a
wonderful book. there
are names of many
people in it that I
use to know. and I
also met her mother.
I must close and get this
in the mail.

Much love and wishes
for your happiness in this
new year. and all the years
to come. and to mother.
Affect. Aunt Bobbie

Box 84
Highway Highland
Calif.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Parnassus Club
605 West 115th St.
New York City
N.Y.

November 12 - 1940

Dear old Little Latsie:

I am writing this because I want you to know how much your little visits when I was in bed meant to me. It was sweet of you to come and see me so often it is something I will always think back to with great pleasure after you left. I ^{was} still in bed for several days and then had to walk on crutches for two weeks and which was a terrible trial as I could not learn the trick very easily.

then I had an operation on my veins in one leg it was not a serious operation but my leg was dreadfully sore and left me sitting around with that for a week! so on account of all that I missed out a good deal on the visits I had anticipated to have with my friends. Spent only two days in Little Falls over the last weekend. It was nice to see many of my old friends but Oh! how I missed my little girl. Looked into that room of yours so often and thought of the many years

we spent there together and the lovely times we used to have. I saw those old worn "Oz books" on your shelves and remembered how we used to read them over and over. Why do life have to change and leave us only with memories of the past. But happy memories they are. Mother gave a tea for me on Saturday afternoon and it was nice to meet so many of my old friends. Mary Gatchell came and what a big girl she is, and appears to be a lovely girl.

I had several visits with
Betty Gray. she is engaged and
expect to be married in
May. he seems to be a very
nice young man works at
the bank where she is working
he paid me a very nice
compliment. he had heard
of the very trying beginning
of Betty's life when it just
hung by a thread and I watched
over her night and to have
neglected ^{her} for one single
moment might have been
fatal. after hearing from her
father what had been done
he said to me. "I am very
glad you saved her life."

and now I ¹¹am looking
forward to some day hear the
same from the fiancé of
another little girl that I
love dearly, but don't be in
a hurry little Lottie it must
be the right man. Betty is
28 years old and has taken
plenty of time.

Well Laura Jane I
guess I came away from
Minnesota at the right
time as I hear by the Radio
that they are having real
winter weather, and I must
confess I do not like
the cold, it was beautiful

all the time I spent there.
this is not a beautiful
season out here very
dry and dusty before our
first rain comes but it
is nice and warm.

Hattie and Abbie asked all
about you and so did Mrs.
Schreiner Billie's Grand-
mother when I saw her
yesterday. I must close
I have so many letters
to write and time rushes
by so fast. Lettie dear
do write and tell me
how you are and how

you are enjoying your
school and your many
friends this year. have
missed so much not hearing
from you. Tell me how
that bladder trouble is that
you suffered from I do
hope it is better.

With lots and lots of
love to my little Latsie.

your
Aunt Bobbie

So write to me soon

March 26th 1940

Dearest Lottie -

I have thought of
you all day and wonder
how you were as I have
listened to the broad-
casts of the terrible
snow storm you are
having and how many
people have been
caught in it many
with serious consequences
and I hope and trust
Lama Jane that you
have not. Do be careful

of your self I did not like the
sound of that backache you
spoke of if it should return
do see some good doctor and
don't let anything get ^agood start
when it might be hard to
overcome, backache might
be caused by many things
which might be easily
overcome if taken in time.
Keep warm and do not get your
feet wet is the advice of your
old nurse. And be sure and tell
me when you write how you
are. We have not heard from
Maynor but I heard Marion
Anderson not long ago sing
"O Maria" It was wonderful.
I also recently heard a Negro
choir give a concert in Pasadena
they say the leader is a great
friend of Marion Anderson
and that she had requested him
to give this concert and that
she was in the audience

March 26th 1940

Dearest Lottie -

I have thought of
you all day and wonder
how you were as I have
listened to the broadcast
Costs of the Terrible
Snow Storm - you are
braving and how many
people have been
caught in it many
with serious consequences
and I hope and trust
Lama Jane that you
have not. Do be careful

the leader had one of the most
magnificent voices I have ever
heard. I also had a real treat
on Easter Sunday. went with
my cousins to their church
1st Methodist. and they had some
very wonderful music.
the whole service was
beautiful. and the day was
beautiful. sunny and warm.
the last two days however
we have had dark and cloudy
and expect it is getting ready
to rain. Am glad it was nice

over Easter, as they
make great preparations
and here for early outdoor
services I did not go
this year but took it
in through the radio
it was very beautiful.

Well Lotie dear I
should not wonder
if you will not see
me this summer.

I am strongly thinking
of going back, it will
^{not} be before the latter
part of the summer.
Hattie & Abbie might

go back to buy a case
if so I will drive
back here with them
Just heard Miss Heekin
go out to see her birds
she is raising birds and
has 6 little new birds
just a couple of days
old. Well I must close
if I am going to get this
in the mail tonight
Do write me soon
and tell me how
you are
With oceans of love
Aunt Bobbie

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