



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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June 9th 1943

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

En Route N.C.

Forties Darling -

How are you, my precious
little napper - As I looked out
of the car window and saw little
brother & sister walking away -
I kept inwardly and it took me
a long long time to brace up but
I prayed and prayed that you
would be happy and not let anyone
make you sad or irritated -
No matter what they say or
how they say it for it takes
too much out of you and
when you are sad it makes
me feel so terribly for I love
you so devotedly and so does
any one who knows you.

We reached Chicago 8:25 A.M.
and I had breakfast on the train
for I had to go to the Dearborn
Station to take this train and I
wish you might have seen
the mobs waiting & transferring
me 2000 - After standing 3rd row
back with my bags for 1/2 hour
I asked a Soldier to watch them
for me & I ran to see if I
couldn't get a taxi which I
finally did - Got back & where
my bags were and had to get
out to get them when a man
yelled 20 taxi's Call 5th Ave
so immediately about a dozen
poured into the cab and
there I was - I hope they were
grateful for my service!
Well after a long time I finally

got a tree with 30 4 others and got I the
 others I paid my train and gave that the
 the tree on at 10:15 which was 1/2 hours late
 the station - I was fortunate to get a locomotive
 in the 1st engine but I did not have
 as soon met that there if the engine
 down - I was permitted and left and thought
 about you and the good time we had.
 together - I sent you a love which I
 hope you received - and now I shall be
 no longer to hear from you and
 what you did when you got back
 to the hotel - No Mary says that the

Ex-act before long you
will hear from Marion Anderson!
Don't forget to cash the check
Aunt Laura sent you - and
it will keep you busy awhile
acknowledging all your gifts!
All of your friends were so darling
to remember you and Aunt
Maud too -

Well tomorrow I will be bringing
my little Sarah + Sammy -
Wonder if Sarah will remember me -
There were so many babies in the
station this morning -

I must write to Pauline +
Arla - They will be anxious to
hear from you too - Hope -
With many kisses to my Precious -
+ hugs + kisses to my Precious -
Devotedly yours
Mama.

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of the New Preston Hotel
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Dear Father

Well here I am

Just arrived in good shape. Helen had to get a fuse for her lights in Elk. Run for they wouldn't work. Aunt Laura is fine & Mabel

I hear about all. Sorry to have to leave home now. Well

City of Lakes and Parks. Mabel has place for her mother

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Mrs. Laura Jean Mueser
Lotts Falls
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608 Highland Ave -

Sunday, April 18-43

My Precious Leta.

We are so very happy that you will soon be home with us again. You love your home perhaps more than ever with the world and our Country torn and shattered with this bitter devastating war. Our spring time is quite belated in coming and we need warm weather for our gardening & grass growing, so as to get feed for our Cows horse &c. Hay is scarce & we need lots of it - We are through with our house cleaning & your room looks so nice & inviting - The high water caused some damage to our grounds.

I have a ² considerable amount
of filling to be done.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

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Mrs Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

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Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Casper - Wyoming
Oct 14th 1943

Dearest Darling -

When I am sitting in Aunt Marian's
bed room in the East window by the radiator
for it is quite cool and the heat feels
good - Daddy and I rested on the trip.
We had a bed room - Played some Double
Dummy and I was the winner! What do
you think of that - The train was
filled with soldiers as per usual -
The next morning I was afraid the
Porter had forgotten to call me so
I got up and dressed at 4 A.M. - and
we didn't get into Billings until 6:30 -
We were late all the way along -

Found Aunt Marian looking well and
feeling fine - She has three girls
staying here with her - I have only
only met one - My attraction - They are
working in some defense job - So
Aunt Marian fixed her room for
us and she slept in Char's room

I am now at the office - Daddy is writing
Mr. Patience - Hope you received the
note I sent to you when I arrived.
I miss our precious little shopper -
and I think of you every minute.

I told Betty & Jane in a letter
how sorry I was I couldn't be
there for their wedding but that
I was sure you would do their bus-
iness - I also told them that I wasn't
able to select their wedding gift
and if they would like something
different than that to send it back
for what they want - You can
go to see their gifts and find
out how they feel - You see I left
it to Marion McElernoe & Helen King to
choose the gift -

How much I wish you were here with us -
Aunt Marianne was so eager to hear
all about you and what you were
planning - She wants you to visit
her next year -

Now they are telling me to stop
for I must go to lunch -

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Please write precious little Dopper -
and tell me anything you are
doing - Are you doing any cooking?
Have your brown shoes come back?
I didn't need the parasol
for I was fine on the winter trip
but you can so thoughtfully get
it for me & I will loan it if I
need it -

Mr. Will is here until Tuesday
noon & then to K.C. - We are
so sorry we don't go with you until
you go and when you go -
don't forget to write when you
arrive N.Y. a long night letter -

A heart full of love to my
sweet heart - with many blessings
& hugs - Your devoted -
Mother -

My love to friends and the girls -

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Mrs Laura Jane Messer
% The Barbizon Plaza
West 58th Street
New York City

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Jan. 16th
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MRS. R. D. MUSSEY
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota



MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dec-31st 1943

My precious little Bopper!

At last I am dressed this morning
sitting in my arm chair in the corner
of my room - missing you and longing
you tell I know that you fond my
little lion pecks on your arms. Last night
I could hardly stand it I was so lonely
for you for I find I am depending
on you more and more as the years
go by for my happiness - The girls
had found your watch just before
your wire came. so that and your
dresses will go off today. Also Colonel's

Find the belt to your red dress and
that you probably had it -

Daddy and I played a few games of
double dummy and then to bed and I read
the Scarb Murder Case! (till it was fast
asleep - a boy came to you this A.M.
from a Mrs Winter which I am forwarding
to you - Hope you could get your room
alright on the 2nd and that Aunt Phry
could find a room for you there
at the Beverly for tomorrow night.

Billy Bong P. Called this morning
and was so disappointed that you had
gone but says she will write to you.
You didn't mention in your dir. what
kind of a trip you had to the city or
whether you were in town for your connections

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

Little Falls, Minnesota

I am going to gather up all of my Xmas
Cards Today -

I just can't tell you how much
I appreciate all you did for me when
I was so sick - I know that loving
care was what cured me so soon!
and to think of you tugging all of my
gifts up from the basement was
simply wonderful and made it so
happy for me Christmas morning and
my stockings all filled! You are still
a darling thoughtful daughter and
I do love you so and pray & hope
constantly for your health and success
and happiness - devotedly -
Mother -



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
of the Barbizon Plaza
58th West
New York City

Mrs R. D. Musser
Little Falls - Minn.

Kansas City - Mo -
October 24th 1943

Letter Darling -

I have been waiting anxiously for a
line from you for two days and nothing
yet has come - You arrived Friday morning
I thought so by this the phone would ring
I jumped thinking it would be from you -

I wrote you letter from Casper - We
left this Tuesday noon and arrived here
Wednesday m. - A long hot tiresome trip
So we were delighted to finally arrive -
And Laura and Frank were down to meet us -
And then we had dinner at the Station before
coming out to the house - Your letter came
Thursday morning - Forwarded from Casper -
& we enjoyed it so much - My box of clothes came Friday and was glad
to get them - Daddy & I both had colds
When we arrived but are about over them now.

Friday morning Aunt Laura felt miserable
Could hardly get a long breath so had
the Dr. - He said it was a light touch of asthma.
She is fine today - Last evening she gave a
dinner for 45 people at the hotel and it was
delicious - Cards after - Paul & Margaret
Hating drove over from St. Louis on Friday
and just left a few minutes ago - They
are both fine. Paul is so thrilled with his
"Anne Rannee" song and wants to hear from
you about it - He says that they may be
in N. Y. around the 20th of Nov. and they
of course will see you there - but
they are not real sure they are going -
He has written another song and hopes
you will introduce him to Mr. Giamini -
Mary C. & Al Lee entertained us at the
Club - Little Bess is a precious baby -
Aunt Laura was just in and sends her
love and says she hasn't heard from you

at all - So try and write to her + Bud -
You can send Bud's letter to Huttery Sash +
Dorr Co. St. Louis - Mo - He is going to
send you a record of his Anne Pannie
Song and the copy of the new song -

I can't go and get dressed for
we are going out for supper with a
Mrs Peters - I am so full of food I
don't know how I can eat any more -

We are leaving for home Tuesday m.
I certainly hope your wire will come
I miss my precious little Doffles more
than you can possibly realize & it
will be my loneliness when we reach
home - Not to find you there -
So much love my darling

Daddy & Aunt Laura join -
Dootedly -

Hope you don't to Billy's wedding - Mother -

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Mrs Laura Jane Musser
of the New Preston Hotel
50 1/2 Madison Ave. -
New York City

Mrs. R. D. Musser

Little Falls

Minnesota

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Jan 9th 1943

Believe my precious little daughter -

Have just had my breakfast on
the Chinese tongue and now cozily
wrapped in my new pink robe am
writing to you - If you knew how
much we miss you and your letters
nearly broke our hearts - As though
we would want you any different than
you are - We are so proud of you
and of all you have accomplished - If
you're truly gracious and outgoing
qualities and why you should feel
as you do we can't understand, except
that we realize you are our daughter

You see most people are not as
intense as you are and will laugh
off things - Just make up your mind
that getting upset doesn't pay - Now
your mamma is going to Morally!

When you have a few minutes alone
take a practice try way of going back
back into the innermost recesses of your
mind and soul - There are many rooms
you can enter on your way back but shut
all doors shut to the rooms that are filled
with inspirations of Conscience - desires to be
something you are not - Jealousy - Criticalness
etc until you find the room as you enter
bursting with light, song and love - Here is
the Home - The "I am God" place filled with
the love spirit of all of our loved ones who
infold you with their love - This is the place

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Little Falls, Minnesota

When you were created in the flesh that
God told you that His Sanctuary and where
you could always turn for guidance - love
and comfort - Also the place where you
are able to create anything you want to.
So there is nothing but love there - you
are using it but at times you allow
other thoughts to enter which gives you
these "down cast" moments - Before you get
up in the morning spend at least 5 min.
rejoicing and being thankful for your untold
blessings - There is nothing in the world
I pray for more than for your happiness -
Soon you will find my own will is drawn
to you for the God in you naturally draws
the God in others to you - Yours will -

always so happy and the silly little
things that come up you will laugh at.
There that's all! Just remember that
your thought is Creation and that you
wish to be nothing can stop you except
your own thinking!!

It is trying to snow today - Aunt
Laura and I are going to Adeline for
lunch - She is having the Fish Club members -
Night before last we took Mrs. Hultgren &
Siewert to St. Cloud to see the Russian Ballet.
Which was my fine, held in the Paramount Theatre.
Yesterday we went to Pearl Feybers for lunch
also Bert & Adeline - Last m. Aunt Laura went
to Mrs. Lordable's to a P.E.C. meeting - The
Hartmanns came on and played Contract with
us - I won!! I am so thankful you are

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Enjoying the new nesters -

Billy Bragham wrote me such a nice Christmas "Thank You" letter and said that you and Margaret had been to see them - That you seemed to be fine and happy - I am so glad you had a nice visit with Margaret - How was she? I do think you will enjoy being where you are for it is so much more accessible to the center of things and for your friends to see you - Jo Burton is going to stop there when she is in N.Y. - and is looking forward to seeing you - Also Margaret Prosser & Bert will be in N.Y. on their wedding trip - How is Eddie? or Lavon? You

from him?

Fella went to Dr Poblirsch ^{Thursday} and
he took 3 lumps out of her side - She is
getting along nicely - but I told her to
stay away 2 weeks -

Next Tuesday Aunt Laura and I also Regina
are invited to Mrs Whitney's for lunch + Cards -

So many of my friends + yours have
inquired about you - They all do think
so much of you and appreciate all of
the lovely things you have done for them.

I enjoyed so much hearing about the
W. O. Concert and your singing Olga and
Marion - and of their invitation to visit them -
We certainly will enjoy that I know -

Faddy is fine and is writing to you soon -
We love you love you Love you more

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

than words can tell -

I shall be eager to hear what Mr. Husband
+ Fannie said to you and do they
mention hearing from me? Do they feel
abright about your taking 1 lesson a week?

Tell me my best thing about your self
my day! — Devotedly with many Bluffs
and Blops — Mother —

We finally heard from Mary + Roger that
she and the baby arrived safely after a
my hard trip - Sarah played cards when at the
Kings with Andy the dog! She kept saying "It's
your deal Andy"! When Dayton's barber trimmed
her hair she looked like a good fellow - That
humiliating says Mary - It certainly was and was
for you it has such a time judging a Red Cap -

After 5 days, return to
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Hotel New Weston
Madison Ave + 50th St
New York N.Y.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

June 30th 1943

Letter Darling -

Just a note for I can much to
do. Did you find a pink belt
that goes with one of my new dresses?
I have left it somewhere so I am
writing to all of the places I visited -

Saw Grace Dr. a minute yesterday and
she showed me the kittens and they
are darling - the little yellow one with
blue eyes she is keeping for you.

I told her I feared Mr. would make
short work of her so she said she would
keep it there for you. - So Eager to

hear about your Danbury visit -

It is so cold here we have nearly
frozen for three or 4 days - Hope
it is cooler where you are -

Yesterday Mrs Roberts entertained
in Mrs Verrill's who is visiting here -

Had 6 tables - lunch & cards -

Well I will have to run - I heart
fully of you in my precious little
kisses and love I love your letter -

We will be so happy when you get

home again - What about Cleveland?

You will find the same Devotedly -

troubles in any hotel you would go Mother -
to now - Mrs in private home

MRS. R. D. MUSSEY

Little Falls, Minnesota

The telephone service is poor and
my thing seems to be slow moving
and I do think the new system is as
good as you could find considering
the predicament in which we are in for the
duration - One just has to learn
patience + patience!

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R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

July. 2-43

Dearest Sweetest Kate Potter.

It made me very happy to receive

Your splendid letter.

Mother learned that I had been very
favored by a special letter all my own
& she has put me through a lot of
guzzling about my reason for not
showing it to her - I told I got it
at the office & the best I could do
was to tell her all the things of
interest she should know.

She would be indeed surprised if
she knew you had almost finished a
Sweetest. You surely will have a
well surprise for her.

Our rainy season still keeps up
to form and the clouds keep spilling
heavy down pours at almost regular
intervals. Never experienced such

precipitations. The old Mississippi is just
booming & for the third the floods have gone

Over our dam and grill.

We need dry warm weather very very
badly - Yesterday Sarah Maund & Walter

Eliza Little Lucy and their friends a
Mrs. Darling & her 5yr old son came
over & had luncheon with us.

I got some tickets for the kiddies
& included them all & they seem
all equally well pleased.

Sarah Maund feels I think as close
to us as to anyone and we like
to have them visit us. soon &
soon. I surely have taken your
quite a while to have that long plan-
ned for visit with Miss Marian Anderson
I feel however that you are then with
her & family now & we know you are
having a fine time.

What gives you pleasure Lotie is
fine for us too.

All the day are getting shorter &
the war is raging fiercer than ever
but thanks are blessing in being given

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Strength to our cause & I pray that
in the not too distant future a glorious
Victory will be achieved by our Country
& our Allies. The appalling loss
of thousands and millions of precious
lives must end soon as well
as the gigantic losses of property plane
ships and every thing that sustains
and also destroys life.

Sunday Morning July 4th Helen &
Richard King will arrive & spend
Sunday with us. Marion Kellermort
Phatt will also spend the fourth
with her father & be our guests with
us Sunday Night.

I had a nice letter from Alice. She
is a brave and most patient soul.
How she misses her boys —
It looks as if she and Martin
are going to part after all these
years. Alice has been very good
in nursing him when his stomach

was so tortured & pained with grief.

Mr. Morton has always been an
enigma to me.

Well that's just one more worry.

All our friends are fine here.

I got biffed in the eye by the
flaming stuff Pauline had on today -

She had a large red felt hat 
on her head & her suit was made
to harmonized. She does drive

Hooks well & is quite an active
one -

Well my precious I wish
& wish you were here especially for
the 14th. We're sure to miss you.

Dearest love and affection

Devotedly

Your Father.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER.
Little Falls, Minnesota

June 22nd 1943

Letter my darling little Dopper -

I wonder how you are this nice
hot day! I had two right dreams
about you this morning - dreamed
you were not feeling well so was
glad it was only a dream for that
was bad enough - I did love talking
to you on Sunday even though you
were a little off at but having had
no letter since in Oklahoma City
it bothered me - When I didn't get
you early in the morning I imagined
you had gone to M. Andersons -

but now you say you are going
this week for four or five days -
that will be wonderful for you to
get away for awhile from N. Y.
Say to Egan and waiting to hear
all about your visit and about
Los Plac - and who was there!

You tell her how disappointed I
was not to be able to be with you -
and so happy you had such a
nice visit with Edith Carl & the babies
Did you spend the night? Hope your
colored Kodak pictures came out
well - and what a happy time you

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Little Falls, Minnesota

Lan had with Esther and hope your
trip on the Hudson materialized -
She is such a darling -

It is wonderful to be home but
Lan had to work pretty hard in the
garden - Yesterday transplanted your
asters and was I hot!! but they
are coming up so well in garden
in so many extras which I
could use in other beds -
The river has been so high the
cows haven't been able to get to

the pasture since they tried it.
Now boys back and they slipped
off the place under the bridge.
And Ted had to work fast and
furiously to get them out of the
current to keep them from drowning.
Forgive the plots but had to yell
my feet and it started! Well
then Ted had to hire a truck to
bring them home and my dog said
he couldn't be able to do anything
except cut grass for them! But
today I guess they can go for
the milk is down - The other day
I heard a crowd of boys laughing

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

And hollering and next door to Mr.
and they are hammering in our town
garden back of our garage! As you
can see how high the cross has been.

I know how good your Plum Mince
has, you made at Father's with the apple.

I also had a letter from Margaret Taylor
saying how much she wished she could
have you over but that everything is so
crowded and she is swamped with
grams etc.

Barbara E. is certainly anxious for
you to go to Cleveland - I really

think it would be a wonderful experience
if it is not too late otherwise I do
think you should come home and
relax and enjoy our heat! Mr
Shure will probably be delighted to
give you several lessons - How
you owe to Mr. Newstead
since or more than?

Huntly Mays is home on furlough
with his Bride - A very sweet quiet
refined girl - Looks quite a bit
like, I imagine, Mrs Jensen looked when
young - that is when Bonnie (her name)
was her hair up - I am having

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Here for dinner Thursday Evening -
Tomorrow I go to Alice DePryo
for lunch - Sat m. - Jo Burton had
us for dinner at the Pine Edge & then
for Carls at her home in the basement -
It was terribly hot that day - Friday
Jo. H. Meyers had us there for dinner,
and a few in for the m. - Then they
visited -

Had a grand time as usual at Aunt
Laura's - Sun Day sat all day in our
Eben. until m. had to go out for dinner
at the station as guests of the Curtises
Bagley and Throgo - Aunt Laura

Had 36 In teachers at the Thilbach
Hotel Monday and after they had finished
Cards she had an accompanist come
and she sang beautifully for almost
an hour - hardly anyone there had
heard her sing and they were amazed
at the beauty of her voice -

She was my happy to get your letter
and so was I to read it.

I can't think of the grand & happy
time you & I had together -
Certainly can't do the same thing -
Am glad you are sending my umbrella
and gloves -

Ready to the picture frame for the
dash & for 2 photos - You always do

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

And such lovely and usable gifts -

Here my precious I must stop
writing and get busy - If you
haven't written a note to Aunt
Maud or Sara and do it and
also a note to Bros Bennett
for the lovely luncheon the gave
us that hot day at the Princeton
Club -

I have about a dozen notes to write
Did Mary tell you about Sarah at Aunt Sara's?
They put her to bed in the guest room
and after awhile Mary looked in and she
had used all the dusting powder in the

boy on her way, the bed & floor and
then used the atomizer with Aunt
Laura's choice perfume on everything -
She has paddled for that and then
she took her new jaunties with rubbings
and a dip into Sam & washed them
in the bathroom - The other day Roger
wrote Sarah & Judy his play and took
Judy's little chicken wrapped it up
in Sam's blankets & put it in his
cabinage & took it for a ride!
She is so adorable you will love her
& Sam is darling -

Bushels of love and many Bluffs &
Blumps to my darling father - your
devoted - Mother -

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

June 22nd 1943.

My Precious Latsie

It was such a grand treat to hear your voice over the phone and have the assurance that you were well and that everything connected with your musical profession was moving along very satisfactorily.

The oppression and exhausting heat however had been hard on you but I had not gotten you. This has been a funny year. And it has been hard physically upon many persons. I returned home with a touch of the flu and the pink eye. It is all

out of my system now.

It was so dear of your darling Latsie to send me that grand Father's Day gift. It would be swell to have your sweet face in that specific leather container. I must have it.

We have had some hot weather and don't we need it for our traps all away behind & some in low place.

have not been planted.

It is just too bad for the farmer not
have an abundant crop when it is so
badly needed and when it is so profitable.
Now - Ray & Mary sent me some
fine Eggs & Alice dear girl sent me
two fine handkerchiefs.

I am so sorry and distressed about
Alice. I really do not know the full
story but I do know that Martin did
not measure up to the real fine
standards of life -

He could appear very well and I
could get along but the parting of the
ways has come I think.

I am sure we could have been more
helpful to Alice had we had the opportunity
but she realizes the points we had in mind
and we are not critical in the least now.
Alice has much to burden her heart
and mind. Her boys are so precious
to her and they have developed so well
since they enlisted in the Army & Airforce.

All we can do is to hope and
pray for better things for Alice & a
safe & happy return for Drew & June. May
Mother had such a grand
time.

trip & splendid time at New York
Oklahoma City & Kansas City.
She is looking fine & we are having
such a sweet & happy time together.

but "shiver my timbers" we miss Father
and Restus thinks of his Maundy every
blessed day and just hopes & hopes she
is mighty well and happy

All my best & deepest affection
& love
Devotedly
Your Daddy

From 60 S.W. Highland Ave
Little Falls Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
& New Weston Hotel.
50 St & Madison Ave
New York City.

Pine Tree Manufacturing Co.

LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 68 43.

(Address All Correspondence to the Company.)

Dear Sir & My very Grand Father
I noticed at the Bank that you
had run out of blank checks and
that you were in need of a supply.
I am sending you a package that
will carry you along for some time.

We had a fine time with Mr & Mrs.
Richard Key on the 48 & 5th.
Cord parties at Ryman & Fred Hoyer's & at
Mrs Burtons, the Mayers' & our homes.
The weather is fine but it still rains
in showers. We are just able to
Cross Maple Island again, and
we hope the high water here is a thing
of the past. As Albert Lea in Southern
Maine. There fell from a cloud bush
branches of water & that flooded away
Key & did a lot of damage.

I hope Lettie you had a happy time
on the 4th. Mela nursed you and
thought of you so far away - St Elia
is away on his two weeks vacation
Stella is doing very well and they
both are good workers & quite capable
& Pauline likes them which of course
helps ————

Devotedly & sweet
much love.
Your Daddy

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608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel New Weston
Madison Ave 50th St
New York N.Y.

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Little Falls, Minnesota

June. 10-43

Address All Correspondence to the Company

Dearest Katie,

I am sure it must have pained you to have Mother leave you far from all. She wrote me in her letter you must have had loads of fun together.

She did enjoy every minute she was with you and I wish her to leave you. I am so happy you both could have this fine & glorious time together.

Well at last our rainy season is over and we have sunny & drying weather again. I suppose it will blow the other way now dry & warm.

Our grounds look very beautiful lots of flowers. Pauline, Stella & Lila are fine - They are all good house keepers & they keep our clothes in good condition & the linen & Quilts & the very clean. Steph is ok & so am sure she misses you. I am forwarding a package you received from Stella.

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It was fine for Mother & you to visit
Aunt Maude now Mrs. Taubert I guess
Can get used to that name for Maude.
I sent a radio to you after having it
repaired & hope it come thru all right.

Mae Maude is in Oklahoma City now
& will soon be in Kansas City &
then home again. She had an awful
time in Chicago changing stations. Said
something about missing her planned
connection there.

Glad you are doing such excellent
work with your music.

All my love & devotion
Your Daddy



Postage Due 1 Cent.

Mrs Laura Jane Musser
of the New Weston Hotel
Madison & 50 St.
New York City

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Jan-29-1945

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Letter Darling -

Daddy, Aunt Laura and I Jan just returned from the city where we Jan been since Monday. And I find your letter on our return which as always makes me very happy - I am so glad you Jan had such a lovely time with Jo Burton. She always enjoys you so much and I know you Jan given her a grand time in New York - Did she go to Florida? And when is she expecting to come home? I imagine not until spring -

Also a letter today from Alice and she is planning to be with you soon.

I believe going up on Monday - So that
will be nice too. She is such a Darling
and you two always enjoy each other -

The last few weeks I have been under
a nervous strain for I met F. D. Stockman
to have him go over me and he found a
little tiny growth as big as a pea in
my crotch and he wanted me to go right
into the Hospital to have him sniff out
a piece to see whether it was malignant
or not. When I got home I just was
so up set I couldn't sleep so called Dr.
Adams and he luckily was to be in Phoenix
two weeks ago today - Well Daddy and
I went down on the train Thursday night
and my it was good to see my Darling
Dr Adams - All he said was don't let it
grow because if it should be anything

it would be serious - I went right on after
to Dr Zetter and he said after looking at it
he could get rid of it in two or three
treatments. So that's what I have been
doing this week and he says it has
entirely disappeared. I go down in a week
and Dr Phachanes will certainly be amazed -
So now I am fine again - and expect
to be my 50,000 years!!

Aunt Laura & I had room 1017 - B -
my long room with a sitting room in
one end of it. I rested most of the day -
Daddy was attending meetings in St. Paul
my day but came back to the Currier for
the night so we were together my morning -
Uncle Henry Aunt Laura had the Kings & us

Over to Harry's and had a delicious
dinner - Then went to our room at the
Hotel In Cards - Mrs King had been quite
all the night before turning water
drained off at 10:40 and she said she
knew it was horse meat. Last night
Mr & Mrs Schaub invited us for dinner
at the Curtis and it was the best I had
Mr Lad then and then took us to the
Lyceum to see "The Student Prince" which
I saw 20 or more years ago but enjoyed
it just as much as then - I noticed
that "Porgy & Bess" is to be given Feb
8-9-10-11 then but Anne Brown
is not singing with them - I wonder why?

Am so delighted Mr Tanner is so
familiar with your work also Mr. Newstead.
What did you do about a piano?

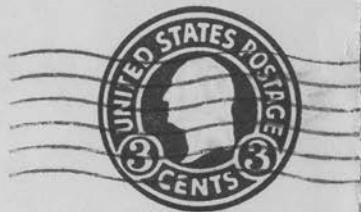
Aunt Laura will be here until next week -
Mr. Lan loved having her with us and
he will be so lonely when she goes - When
do you plan to be home - We three
will then be together and we always
Lan such a grand time - Can hardly
wait for you to get here -

Today is not as cold and looks quite
a bit like snow - I must go out
for a walk - I tell Alice I had a nice
letter from Jim and a Kodak of himself -
He certainly looks handsome & happy -
It was grand Martin could get home
on the 10th - 3rd - Shall be eager

to hear how you liked Anna, Eddy!
Hope to improve with knowing -
You seem to keep busy doing things
all of the time - I think of you many
many times during the day & night
for my prayers are always for your
happiness and success

With a heart full of love your devoted
Mother -

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New York City

Little Falls, Minn.
March 7 1943.

Dearest Precious Leta.

I received the Federal and State Income Tax returns for 1942 that you signed and I forwarded them to the First Natl Bank & Trust Co. Trust Department who are the Trustees of your Laura Jane Mueser Trust.

We were very sorry to learn how very ill and distressed you have been with that awful flu and we were so very much worried about you that Mother and I felt that we should get closer to you. Mother told you how she was ready to leave at once and be with you and when you were well again to have a few weeks with you.

Every since the month of March came in it has been roaring like a dozen of Lions. Blowing hard and bitter cold. Today the 7th it is 14° below 16° below zero. There has been quite a tragedy in the

Martin Junior & Mrs Martin Addie's Sister
fell and broke her hip about a week ago
and last Thursday Mr Martin had a stroke
from which he did not recover. He
died yesterday Saturday afternoon while
Mrs Martin was under an anesthetic
having her hip operated on by Dr Hall
Mrs Stephen Sumner's brother.

Mrs Martin is getting along nicely but
does not know of her great loss & may
not hear of it until tomorrow.

We had such a grand time with
Aunt Laura in N.Y.

She is Dr Zettering, Jenny Leung
& is now taking some other treatment
with a Dr. Dr Zetter recommended
for something he does not treat. Nothing
Versus however. Mother has gotten
a swell trick at Jenny's and a couple
of real stylish hats which I liked.

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One had Red Straw has a Zip Feather
on it that makes her look very puffy -
I asked Mrs Snap at Jimmy Lee to put this
same hat on her head and I almost got
her enthused about it for she did look
very stunning in it -

We are going to have dinner with
Regina & Fred this noon & Aunt Laura
will be with Helen & Richard King
Just think of it Aunt Laura has been
with us the longest with us she has
not been away from her home -

Now she will be the longest at the
Radisson Hotel that she has been at
any hotel for years & years. Did you
get a Kodak picture of Little Sarah the
Darling - I am enclosing one which
pleased them if you have a duplicate
We all miss you tremendously Ennis
might I go into yours & talk to your Dad & all
her & send love. Devotedly & affectionately
your Mother

[Birth of Roger & Mary's
son]

Sunday April 12-43.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

Darling Katie

We have had you in our minds
& hearts very often the past week & many
more times before.

Those pesky flu germs and
now the mumps to add to the
Cat a gory of your undesirables.

☹️ recall your very unpleasant
experience with the measles
and how very much bespeckled
your Countenance appeared —

Well surely "Old Pal" you must
be about through with Job's
lots and now you will be
I am sure exuberantly healthy
and strong —

We are all ~~so~~ supremely happy that Mary is over her long period of waiting & worrying and that she and Roger have such a wonderful & fine little son. We were so excited that we did not ask how much the boy weighed or what name they had chosen for him.

He will I think be called either Roger or Richard after his father's grandfather Richard King. *He just got through our telephone call to you and it was quite a shock to your dear Mother & me to learn that you had such a call that you could not talk to us.

How dear it is of your friend
 Esther to be with you & take
 such good care of you.

You can tell her about my
 little playmates at Chinese Camp Calif.
 when I was a small tot.
 We do so hope and pray that you
 will be soon well and feeling
 fine.

Well we had another phone from
 Mary this morning and now I can
 tell you that the baby weighed 8 1/2 lbs.
 and he is to be called Richard
 Samuel King - After his two
 Richard grand parents and also
 after ~~the~~ ^{my} good friend Sam Hughes.
 Mary was getting along very fine.

We also talked by phone to Alice
 Mary and Rayro wanted us to
 inform Alice of the grand sweep
 but we were so excited that we
 forgot it for two days.

Alice was sick but seemed
 worried about affairs. Dean
 was at home and it was a
 grand thing to talk to him.

Jimmie has not been heard from
 for over two weeks.

I have just made my plans to
 go to Casper this week but
 I have so much to do with the
 Band now and with notifying
 my class at the University of a
 an important reunion.

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MRS. R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS

MINNESOTA

April 24th that I am too
 swamped with work to leave
 and get back in time for the
 Cross Bazaar. I am the
 Cross Secretary & a pal of
 mine Judge Bollinger is Pres &
 we are both running the show.
 I have a Beta Bougher also
 in N.Y. on the 14th.

Our ice is all gone & the
 high water the highest for years
 is back at a respectable stage.
 You should your mother taking
 leave planting seeds &c. and
 having our house & other rooms
 cleaned up. She is a grand soul.
 Well my precious ^{over} dear

I got to the Dentist for a filling.
Mrs. Starkman was so proud
of a letter you wrote her.
You're a swell Gal Mandy
and Your Pastor is going to
be a swell fellow himself.

Devotely with much
love. Your Paddy

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Little Falls, Jan'y. 14-43.
3 PM. at the Office

My Precious Darling Lottie.

I just received your sweet letter of the 13th
and you just got your best corner "Mandy"
Pattie was glad to hear from her gal. - and he
wants to tell you that you are dearly loved
by your Mamma and Daddy and you must
not worry or blame yourself Mandy girl:
Just know all is fine and dandy -
There's things of imagined not true difference
or difficulties of getting along with Mother
or any one you love like the cares that
infest the day fold their tents like the
Arabs and so silently steal away "Quotation?"
You are going to be an ideal & excellent
Pal of your parents.

We will find the key that will open all
our closed doors and you will have a
real enjoyment like you say "Margaret" I
was in latching things up.
I do not want you to feel one moment
of depression about any thing including
our great Sacrificing work that we will
win with a glorious & lasting peace.

Dearest I have just come to finish
these lines. All my heart love
will write soon. Devotedly Daddy



Miss Laura Jane Thuesen
of the New Preston Hotel
Madison Ave & 50th Street
New York City

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 14th 1943

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

My precious "Little Bopper" —
No letter since I telephoned
As I gather you can not
hear from Alyce — Again
it made me so very happy
to talk to you for that
long, you so close to me
and I so far from you so —
So don't you ever write or
say such things about
not being wanted or that I
am too busy etc etc —
Which is all foolishness

and you know it - In fact
I love you constantly
and better you but I don't
to any way - just always
know we are so proud of
you we nearly burst with
pride I know you just
keep that thought and
you will always be happy -

The week has been a full
one as usual - Last Sunday
was Mrs. Martin's funeral and
Jennie and Nan came up for
the day - I guess I told
you that - Wednesday m.
Daddy had 17 men for

dinner at the Pine Edge and Cards were left.
Papa had Marion Williams, who he has
for a week met his father - began the
to dinner at the Buchanan & Cards at his
house also - Thursday I gave a dinner for
Mama - 4 table - 70 people who came home Wed.
and the Red Phases before of you and that
the letter to my father and me so happy
like the much the whole you and that
I guess how you are too - then New York
and the piece was into his arms of his the

day as a surprise to her
family - Jan took my things
and white - They are both
working night and hadnt
been in bed for 24 hours -
Kay when she was driving
fell fast asleep -

I had to go to the Museum
Art to hear ^{Richard} ~~Robert~~ Boyford's
recital - Regina went with
me - I had forgotten it was
that far - She played beautifully
and there was quite a few
house - and all enjoyed it.
There were no programs or I
would have sent it to you -
She played 2 or 3 Debussy -
Rachmaninoff - Mendelssohn
& Chopin Waltz - The same as I like

played - It has a good
program. And she is a
meat lover - good - Auto - Just!
Her Mother was with her -
Richard and how much she
wondered to meet you -

Today went to the city Friday
to attend a dinner in Stillwater
in honor of Walter Ringer
and was due to the speaker's
work he has done with his
factory there - He has
just come home and the day
is so blustering that Mr. Colden
put the car back in our
garage, the drifts are so
bad - so Mr. Colden go
to church - Mr. Will has
a nice quiet day together.

I am going to the city
again on Wednesday to take
some more treatments of
B-zitter-

A letter from Sally Taylor
saying Jim much to his
disgust has been sent to
Texas to have charge of
a W.C.A.C. "Organize
Instructions" for them - She
didn't have his address -

Last night about 2 A.M.
the telephone woke me up
out of a sound sleep and
kept ringing - Finally I

jumped up thinking it might be Roger telling
of the baby coming but it was a nurse who
asked if this was the city Hall. I certainly
was disgusted -

Well darling - I hope to hear soon
from you - Mary stands & talks to
my precious darling daughter -
Beret -
Mother.

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HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

Tuesday Noon Mar. 2nd 43

My Precious Darling Lotie.

Mr. & Mrs. Laura Mother &
your Daddy have been enjoy-
ing a grand time here in
Minneapolis at the Radisson
since last Thursday morning.

I have had some fine Dinner
Movies & Concerts & Lin. Running.

He also heard a Grand
Sermon at the Plymouth Congrega-
tional Church by Dr. Beach a
good friend and a member
of the Board of Trustees of Earlston
College where I have met him
a number of times.

I wish you could have heard
him for he is your kind



HOTEL RADISSON

MINNEAPOLIS

of a deep & wise thinker
and you would enjoy a
talk or discussion with
him for he is so humane &
understanding -

Mrs King (Helen) just called
up & said she had such a
splendid letter from you &
she just had to read it to
Richard. It made her so pleased
to get it. Well I guess I am
I have not been home for
5 days & so I am your income
tax petitions are waiting for
me. I do thank you a good deal
not for your good letter to
me.

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HOTEL RADISSON

Margaret Charles + Anne
 Hulley came Sunday and
 left last evening so we
 had a happy time with them.
 I spent one day with
 Walter Ruyter and went
 to Stillwater with him to
 see his new garment & the
 factory. They had dinner with
 us Friday evening & were
 so delightful. We are leaving
 for home, at noon in the Buck
 + Aunt Laura stays here the rest
 of the week & then goes to Mrs.
 Catline. She is feeling almost
 depressed about leaving after the
 grand visit she has had with
 us for over two years for + her
 Daddy.

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Little Falls Minn

Feb 28. 43.

Dearsh Latsie Tomotse. Hows my Gal
Mandy. whats been aways so long
from Ole Pastor. who misses her
worse than anything you bet.

Well that old sneaky Ground Hog
Came out for about an ^{hour} yesterday
Morning and the up pops the Dyer and
away flew the Critter back to his hole for whiz-
So that settles the winter on our backs
for another Six weeks & then some.
Today it is snowing a real pretty Snow
So that Ted and Herman will have another
big job of digging out.
Last night we went to the Ryans who
entertained the H Squan Club at a fine
dinner at the Pine Edge & Cards in the Evening.
Tonight Mrs Blanchard has a Dinner
for Aunt Laura's Mother the McHarjes
Patience Riches & Longleys & I have
to plan on getting away for a Card (Men's)
Party at the Sporthmans.

We are getting things cleaned up nicely all
 our home. Stella & Clara are doing very
 well - We like them quite well & are
 glad you like them also.

Your room look nice and bright but
 oh so lonely.

We are so very happy to see that you
 like it so well at the New Weston.

From the results of being there it is
 the best and in every thing considered the
 Cheapest (financially) place you have been.
 Fine views, nice locations better spirit
 & surroundings - Your letters are so
 happy and inspiring to us.

We want you always to bubble over
 with joy and you have made so many
 other happy - Mrs. Burton Marion Mellenor
 &c. what we radiate is reflected back to
 us in many fold.

Mother and Aunt Laura are going to ~~Numm~~
 Aples Friday - I hope it will be a good
 trip for them especially for your dear
 precious Mother.

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We are busy at the office finishing up
on last years business & getting Income
Tax reports ready for filing and many the
excessively large tax payments

Aunt Laura had missed out on
the 45 year Party on account of a cold
and we were worried but she is much
better today —

Roger wrote us about receiving such
a grand letter from you. Rogers
letters are splendid & he is most
kind and thoughtful.

Well it just occurred to me that our
precious time may be with you when
this letter reaches you. We are so pleased
that you will be together & we know you
are very congenial & that you will just
have the sweetest time possible & one you
will long remember with a great degree
of joy & satisfaction. We all send
you both our dearest love and affection
& thanks a heap and muchly for your
loving letters to Rastus Devotedly
Father

Little Falls, Minnesota
March 31, 1943.

Miss Laura Jane Musser,
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50th Street & Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dearest Laura Jane:

I am enclosing herewith a remittance from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for \$118.04, which represents a yearly annuity payment under policy #All7508.

There is a small income tax, I think, of 3% that has to be reported for taxation and on that account I would prefer to have you endorse the check payable to the First National Bank & Trust Company, Trust Department, and return to me, so I can write them how it is to be handled.

You will see that the name of the bank has been typed in the endorsement and all that is required is your signature "Miss Laura Jane Musser".

Devotedly with lots & lots of love
Sincerely,
Your Father.

RDM*S

Mandy my bestest Gal.

Just got dat Sugar plum letter from you. and Gee Josephah your Pastor was Powerful glad some and drag busted happy to get that peace & mumpsie bundle of sweetness from u. Well with awful love to youse. No message of the glorious arrival as yet. Snow melting. Jack & Frances very high. Mother so proud with your dear letter. She is busy with her 300 checks.