



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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Miss Laura Jane Munner

Linden Hall

Little Falls, Minn.

Vittorio Giannini

180 W. 58th St

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Vittorio Giannini
180 W 58th St

New York August 9 - 1946

Dear Laura Jane:

As I was going over my books I find that you have not settled the account you have with me.

and I thought I would drop you a line regarding it. You know the amount is \$120.00 -

We are ending summer school, which has been a very successful one indeed. There are close to 2000 students enrolled, which will give you an idea of the activity. I heard your friend Schuyler at the Stadium and enjoyed her work very much. She is quite talented both as a pianist and as a composer.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and that both your parents are well. Please convey to you sweet and charming Mother our love and our very best to you.

Sincerely

Vittorio Giannini

Atteno Grannin

180 w 50 + 5

August 14 - 46 -

Dear Laura Jane;

I received this morning your letter with the check. At your last lesson you said that you would send me the check as you had no more blanks. Perhaps you will recollect this. From my records, and also from my bank deposit record I find that a previous check of yours was deposited on May 6th: I think if you check on your bank statements you will find this is the case. I think the check was dated May 4th and took care of lessons from Feb-23 to April 20. The check I just received will take care of the following dates. May-4, 11, 22, 25, June 7, 14, 21, 29. which was the last lesson.

I hope this summer will still give you time to get some work done - and that you will find a couple of good themes. Keep on fishing!

I have been fishing on Great South Bay but so far have been feeding the creatures instead

of catching them. It does not matter for I
am not very fond of sea food anyway'.

Greetings and thanks for the check -

Look up your statements so that all is cleared up

Very best to your family and to yourself

from

Sincerely

Vittorio Giannini



Miss Laura Musser
Tenden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.

B. Elfenbein
4728 N. St. Louis
Chicago 25

Barbara

27-Aug.-46

Dear Laura Jane.

I want to thank you for the lovely time I spent with you this summer. It made my vacation a huge success.

We arrived quite safely last Friday-morning - and since then I have been endeavoring to do some serious work. This was somewhat delayed by the unexpected arrival of two cousins from Philadelphia. although they are

not staying with us - I have been taking them around the town. Sunday we saw "Caesar and Cleopatra" - the English movie made of Shaw's play. It was quite wonderful. For the rest of this week - I shall probably be plodding around the various museums in Chicago.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your mother in Chicago soon. Please let me know when you will be here - so that we can at least - have dinner together.

~~How~~ is your chess coming along? I would like to have a game with you right now.

My very best regards to your Mother and Father -

Love

Barbara



Miss Laura Musser
To The Waldorf Astoria
50th and Park Av
New York City
N.Y.

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Feb 8

1:30 PM - Friday

See Mrs. Repps

at Dr. Rudolph Ling.

10th Floor

4th Street

& 5th Ave.

Bring
3 Packages

Feb 5 - 46

Dear Laura Jane,

I hope that you will forgive me for such a long silence. Everything has been topsy-turvy here for a long time and is just beginning to get straightened out.

I want to thank you so much for the wonderful Xmas present. The book is quite interesting - especially as Miss Katz is a friend of Dr. Jonas.

Last month my uncle was released from the Marines - and he married in California.

He and my new aunt, who is perfectly charming, plan to stay in Chicago - and they are staying with us until they find an apartment.

Last week the Minneapolis Symphony gave a concert here. The program was excellent; it included the Brahms 2nd Symphony - and the Beethoven 5th Piano Concerto - played by Mr. Casade~~seus~~ who seems to be getting better and better. I haven't heard that concerto played so wonderfully for a long time. I have been so busy this year, that this was the 2nd concert I've

attended. The "last time Miss
Anderson was here, I was
in Cleveland - but I certainly
intend to hear her this
spring. I have been watching
the papers - but there has
not been any announcement
as yet - I will let you
know as soon as I find
out the details.

Last week my school
semester was over - and
what a relief! I had to
write a huge and horrible
paper for philosophy class.
Next week I am going to be
back at it again.

Mother recovered from

the flu after about eight weeks - but she has a cold now and ~~is~~ in bed again - we hope for not such a siege. She asked me to thank you for the lovely perfume - It was so sweet and thoughtful of you to remember us.

Last November a friend asked me to play at a musicale on Feb. 5th. As you probably guessed - I forgot all about it until Feb 2nd when I received a printed announcement! The musicale was this afternoon and I have been working like a fiend

Since Friday to learn some
music. It came off quite
well - but right now I'm
awfully sleepy.

Please give my love to
your mother when you
write her.

My mother sends her
love - and we both thank
you for the wonderful
presents.

Love,

Barbara



Miss Laura Musser
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Sept 27-46

Dear Laura Jane -

It was so good to talk to you again. I am very sorry that I could not see you when you were here - but it was my first day at school and everything was in quite a state of confusion.

I hope that you have recovered from your cold.

How is your apartment? It is probably quite wonderful to have your own

to record 12 albums of
various piano works for
Decca.

Have you seen Miss
Anderson since your return
to N. Y.? I have a feeling
that everything will work
out all right between you two. I
certainly hope so. Please,
if you see her - give her my
best regards - and write to
me about it all.

This year I have a full
schedule at school in addition
to my piano studies. I am

place to live in New York. You
are quite lucky to have a
place, you know. The Shures
have been looking for a
place since last year, and
they are obliged to live in
Cleveland until they can find
something.

Yesterday Mr. Shure was
in Chicago to teach. He plans
to be here approximately
twice each month. Mr. Shure
has been very fortunate in
getting concerts this year. He
is very busy - and also is

Studying Organ, a course in
the sketch-books of Beethoven,
German, chamber-music and
History of Ancient & Medieval
Philosophy. Also on Oct. 6
I have to play the Händel-Brahms
variations at a musicale!!

Please write to me soon -
I always look forward to
hearing from you.

My mother sends her love.

Your devoted friend,
Barbara

My love to you mother & sister, too.

From
Miss A. Martin
Methodist Girls' High School
Kolar Town, Mysore
India.



To Miss Laura Jane Musser
"Lindus Hill"
Little Falls
Minnesota
United States of America



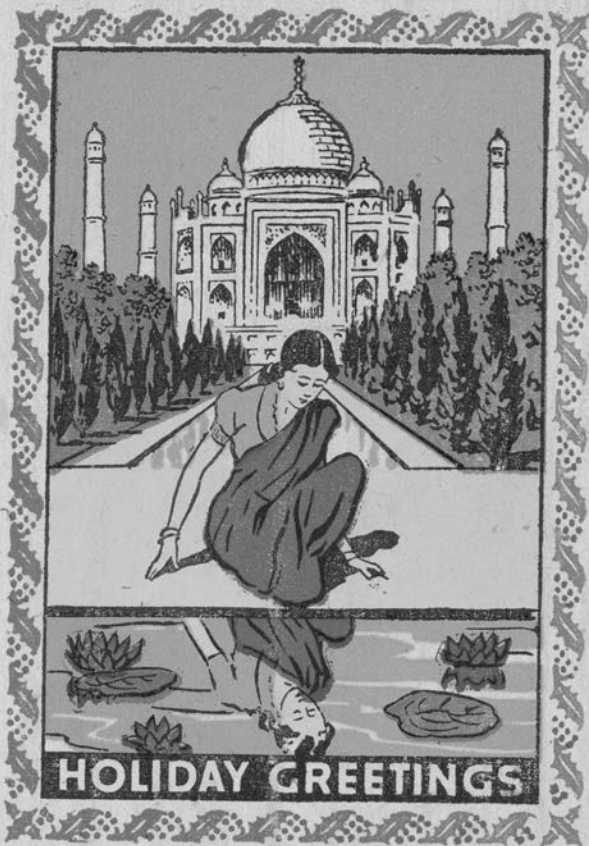
The Story of the Picture

The Christmas Seal and Folder were designed by Mr. P. G. Sirur, G. D. Arts, staff artist of the "Times of India," who had his training in the Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay. Many of his paintings have attracted favourable attention throughout India.

The charming design pictures, the beautiful Taj Mahal at Agra, showing in the foreground the reflection in the Lotus pool of an attractive Indian maiden.

At the winter season, the evergreen trees, which flank the approach to the famous Taj Mahal are at their greenest and appear like so many Christmas trees.

These crayon prints are produced on the highly prized hand-made village paper and are sponsored by the Christmas Seal Committee for the eradication of tuberculosis in India.



Kolau
10-11-46

Dearest Laina,

Thanks ever so much for your lovely letter. I am glad to hear all is well with you. Glad to hear all the news of Maiana Anderson too.

I am planning to stay on in India till March 1948 because conditions in Burma are so bad. Conditions in India too are pretty bad. You must have heard about the famine we are experiencing. The

During these last years man has been exploring vast new sources of physical and material energy

During this Christmas season when our hearts are again enlivened with the hope of Christ's coming Kingdom on Earth, let us explore God's vast sources of Spiritual Energy

This when released, will make man's vision of Peace on Earth and World Brotherhood a present reality

Political situation is none too bright. World conditions do not seem to be promising either. But in spite of famine, we are managing to find enough to eat. We are doing our best to find the money for famine relief. How fortunate Americans are! I do not think they know the meaning of the word "Poverty" as we know it in India.

My sister and family are happily back in Malaya. They are finding conditions very difficult there but once more they have a "home".

How are your father and Mother and sister? Please tell them that I am sending them my

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best wishes for Christmas.
I hope they will find
happiness and peace in
their hearts.

Write soon Laura. I
always cheer me up to get
a letter from you, especially during
these difficult days.

Hope this card will interest
you. It is typically Indian.

A very happy and blessed
Christmas to you.

Much love

Adelaide

Printed in India—Crayon print on village hand-made paper

Published by the CHRISTMAS SEAL COMMITTEE

Headquarters:—Madar, Ajmer, India

310 Riverside Dr.
New York, N.Y.
July 20, 1946.

Dear Laura Jane,

If you could only hear the people here in N.Y. who are trying to get me to let them have my apartment, you would laugh. It is really amazing. They have offered me everything but the keys to the city. I am very happy, however that you are going to take it, Laura Jane. I will feel as if I were here myself. When I lived at the Hotel Meurice in 58th. St, I sub-let my flat to a very nice man who had a broken hip bone. I was sure he could not do much damage to the few little things I had, but they were wrecked when I returned from California. Now, if you don't mind, I shall leave everything just as it is ~~now~~ - ~~the piano~~ my music in the living room, books etc. You are free to use anything that you wish. The piano is not in excellent shape but I think you will find it good enough for you rehearsals.

About Willie: she is looking for a job. I have her here for me five times a week (\$30.00) and I find that I need her every bit of the time. The hotel maid comes in for about 20 minutes each day to sweep, dust, and make the beds. But the apartment needs much more than ^{that}. Also Willie takes care of all of my clothes, mending, laundering underwear, stockings, pressing dresses, blouses when necessary. She cleans the venetian blinds once a week, and waxes the furniture when it needs it. In other words, for your complete comfort, I would suggest that you use Willie the same as I do. If you do not like the idea, or if you think you really do not need her, don't fail to say so. If you can possibly decide now, will you let me know by return mail. There is still a great shortage of servants here and Willie can get a good job in a minute, but

she can do this for you.
I would much rather

She came to you IF YOU CAN USE HER. She is very sweet, very intelligent, and knows what things are all about.

Our letters must have crossed before. I was very happy to have yours. Can you manage about the linen situation? You see, the hotel here charges much more for ~~an~~ a furnished apartment, and in many cases doen not supply any linen. If I had any decent linen, I would gladly leave it for your use. I think that about a dozen sheets would be all you would need even if your mother was here quite often. I have twin beds, you know.

Philippa's stadium debut was wonderful. Her playing was brilliant and mature. She was sweet and unaffected on the stage. I went to her house afterwards and Jody and George were both rather relaxed for them, and I had a fine time. But, Laura Jane, have you any idea how emotionally sick Jody is? I am afraid it will tell on Philippa more than we think. But you can't say a word to Jody. She defends her defences with her very life. By the way, there are a number of books here that I think you would enjoy reading. I'll try to remember to leave them out on the coffee table in the living room. Of course you are welcome to read them all if you have time. One of them is entitled "The Sexuel Revolution" but the book is not what it's title would make you think. Just don't lend my books to anyone, Laura Jane. People don't bother to return books most of the time. Jody is an exception to that rule, of course.

Thanks for the check. I will pay the rent through the end of November. If I do not return until late in December, and you want to stay longer, we can arrange that through the mails. I shall cut off my private phone. I guess the one hotel phone will be enough for you. They will give

you a bill once a week for your calls, laundry, etc. It is really very convenient. The electric bill is about \$3.25 a month in the winter. If Willie is here, she will take a lot of things off your mind, and can help you when you entertain too.

I hope that all of these things are agreeable to you, Laura Jane. If there is anything you do not like, or any special arrangements you would have us make for you, just let me know. I shall send you the key to the apartment before I leave.

My very best regards to your mother. Perhaps it is too late in her life to accept what to her are such revolutionary ideas as you and I have. Remember, ^{over} you are young and strong, and perhaps do not yet strike a perfect balance in your thinking and acting. Perhaps, WITHOUT COMPROMISING, you will later find that balance. Now, you are leaning too far away from the ideas of your parents. Be sure that you do not allow worthless people to take up your time and energy. There are worthless people in all groups, you know. And the minority groups have the greatest number of confused people because of the social pressures under which they live. You may some day find that you have been exploited by a Negro, for instance, but don't let that change your ideas of what is true, and just, and fair. Just learn to discriminate on grounds other than race, color, etc. but do discriminate. And please forgive me for lecturing. Some day we will talk more about it.

Love,

Anne

Excuse bad spelling. Never learned to spell.

Anne Brown
310 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Linden Hill,
Little Falls, Minn.

310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.
July 13, 1946.

Dearest Laura Jane:

I am sorry I missed talking
to you before you left. I was so
busy (with the dentist) that
Saturday that I didn't get a
real chance to call you.

Laura Jane, Willie and I
are getting the apartment ready
for you for Sept 1st. I'll leave on

August 10". You can telephone Willie on your arrival, and she can come here and help you get things in order — cleaning, closet space (which we are getting ready now) drawer space etc. There are a few things you should know — for instance, I am almost out of linen. Could you possibly send your own linen on from home? Especially sheets and pillow slips. You can use my blankets

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and even towels (Bath) if you like, but my sheets are all torn up from the laundry and I can't afford to buy new ones. Also, the rent will be \$125.00 a month. If you could possibly manage it, Laura Jane let me have \$375.00 in advance so I can pay it all before I leave. You see, they don't want me to sublet the apartment, so I've just said that you are keeping it for me for three months - Sept. Oct. and November. I'll be writing you from Europe, of course.

and let you ⁴ know when I am
returning. Perhaps you can stay
even longer, as I may not
~~return~~ until ~~Dec.~~ Dec. 15th or
later. When you arrive, Willie
will come over and explain everything
to you, but I think you'll find
everything very convenient anyway.

How are your parents?

Remember me to your mother.
It is so hot today I can
hardly write. Write me soon.
Love, Anne

Anne Brown,
310 Riverside Dr.,
New York, N.Y.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Linden Hill,
Little Falls, Minn.

H. M. McCay
Rust College
Holly Springs, Miss.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Waldorf Astoria #173
50th St. & Park Ave.
New York City

Rust College
Holly Springs, Miss.
April 17, 1946

Dear Lottie,

I don't suppose I've
written a letter in the
last year without starting
with 'I'm so ashamed
for being so neglectful.' I
hope you will forgive
me this time.

It don't seem possible
that I haven't written
since you were here in
the fall — but yet
I'll have to begin 'way
back there. As soon as
we left you at the station
we started thinking that
you might possibly have
missed the train!

When we got to Melvert's ^(Mrs Smith) uncle's we called the station to ask about the train. When we were told it had already gone we came back to look for you. The porter told us you had gone to catch the train at the next stop and hadn't come back - so he thought you made it. We were all wondering and hoping that you did until we received your letter.

I thank you so much for the lovely pin. I am enjoying wearing it on a green suit that needs a pin very much.

Also thank you very much for the interesting book you sent me. I

enjoyed reading it very much tho you may not think so by my evident lack of manners.

Last Sat. I went to see my aunt in Memphis - the one you met when you were here the first time. Mrs. Bertha Dickson of Piney Woods was there visiting her for the week-end. She asked about you and said how much she had enjoyed your visit there last May.

I've decided to go to school this summer but as yet I'm not certain where. I wanted to go to the U. of Calif. in Berkeley but they don't

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offer the courses I want
this summer. In waiting
for other west coast
university catalogs now
as I want to combine
school and a visit to the
western part of the country.
Cornell in Ithaca^{N.Y.} has the
courses I want to take
so I may go there if
the courses on the west
coast are not suitable.

Emlyn has grown so
these last few months. Her
father came back from
overseas in Nov.

A few weeks ago I saw
you back review in the
Courier.

Please write soon

Love
Lida

H.M. McCoy
Rust College
Nolly Springs
Miss.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Dr.
% The Masters Apts.
New York, N.Y.

Rust College
Nelly Springs, Miss.
Sept. 21, 1946

Dear Gataie,

Quers who came
by to see me Wednes-
day and Thursday?
Ernestine Anthony Digocomb.
I was never more
surprised. She is
down here with her
husband who is about
one hundred and sixty
miles ~~at~~ away. Some
people we know there
brought her over.

I returned home

still ^{ill} or endorse crops
were ruined because
they were ill and could not
work.

Ernestine told me
Evelyn ^{Digger} is back in
New York. I hadn't
heard where she was
for some time.

Your camp idea
sounds grand. I remember
our visit there also
the leeches (smile) I hope
you can work
out some way to
take it over.

Evelyn is such a
big girl you would
hardly know her.

I didn't see Esther
you. She has some

on the 26th month
reluctantly. I thought it
would be terribly hot
but we have had
unusually pleasant weather.
I did enjoy my trip
to Calif. very much.

You must be
having a lonely time
in New York, especially
with an apartment.

I'm sure I don't know
what could have prompted
that man to praise that
well except that he must
be ~~crazy~~ insane. Of course
the authorities didn't try
to find out if he was.
The Red Cross and various
ones are helping some
of the ones who are

distance away and
 too I hadn't had
 much contact with
 her except the even-
 ing. ~~We~~ went to the
 station with you

So write again
 soon,

Lone.

Silda

McCoy?



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

950 E 42nd Pl.
Los Angeles, Calif.
July 29, 1946

Dear Laticia,

You must be up at the lake by now but, I'll send this on to your home hoping someone is there to forward it to you.

As you see I am in California. I met Pearl Foreman in Texas and the two of us are attending the Univ. of Calif. We are going only the first session which will end Aug. 2nd. We'll stay on most of August and go home by way of Chicago.

Saturday another friend, from Detroit, came out so we are planning some nice times.

The class in visual education we are auditing had arranged two interesting field trips to two of the studios - Walt Disney's and RKO. They were very interesting and of course the teacher hopes they were educational. I hope we are attending school this is really a vacation for we are taking the subjects we want.

and aren't trying to meet any requirements for degrees.

I'm sorry I didn't progress further with my swimming lessons when I visited you. Thus far we haven't had much time for the beach but will after this week.

Husband hunting is off my program now. I've decided that I'm an old maid for good - so that's that. Maybe I should be married but somehow I'm not at all. I'm afraid my aunts worry about it but mama doesn't.

Write again when you find the time and have a good time on your vacation

Love,
Hilda



Miss Laura Jane Mussen
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New York, New York

Minneapolis
December 26, 1946

Dear Laura Jane,

I hope you will accept a "rain check" on a longer letter of appreciation and news from me after I am settled in Detroit. This present vacation is rather a crowded one, since I had to return to Minneapolis yesterday (Christmas Day) in order to complete the examinations

of the Minnesota State Board
of Medical Examiners. We have
had medicine, eye, ear, nose
and throat and surgery today,
and the examinations
continue through tomorrow
and Saturday. I leave for
Detroit by plane on Tuesday
morning. As soon as I am
settled in my new occupation
I shall try to write you the
letter you really deserve to
thank you for all you have
done for my graduation and
Christmas happiness!

I am thrilled with the books,
Laura, particularly with
Great Doctor Stories, which I
have almost finished - to my
great enjoyment! I'm sure you
could not have made a better
choice. Also the Walden is lovely;
the pictures - although I confess
I haven't yet had time to
read it.

We have mailed you a very

little and belated Christmas gift.
I assumed you would be in
Little Falls for Christmas, and
so saved it for you there until
I received your note saying
you wouldn't be leaving N.Y.
until Jan. 6. But, even though
small, it's big with our love
and best wishes for your
happiness in the New Year!!

Again, Laura, sincerest
thanks for your lovely gifts,
Maxine T aylor