



Laura Jane Musser and
Family Papers.

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January 14, 1947.

Dear American friend,

No! I had no died in this abominable war! Pardon for my long silence.

At first, excuse me for all my mistakes -
Now, it's almost impossible for me to write English - Do you remember me? Jacqueline Guettmann your french friend.

How are you? Are you always to Minnesota at the mother's home? Are you married or not? Dear Laura, answer me, please, I shall be very happy.

Now, I shall spoken of me. In July 1939, I lived school - my mother was married again - I had worked as a dactylographe and I had been married in 1942 Sept - After six months my husband was took away in Germany as a Industrious man - and came again in permission but he was not return.... During just one year (1943-1944) he conceal one's self from the Germans (in farms in the countries with false names!) Oh! had year from our: always in the terror

and always separate - In 26 April 1944, I had one little girl Françoise. (now. two. years and nine months). In September, it was "liberation" when your glorious soldiers arrived in Normandy. Bombarded since two years, we lived in coal-cellar and my girl was so little, so little! These terrible days was finished and in French the life retake again, slowly...

In 1945, I had been another little girl Michelle, beautiful baby, at the "golden hair" (Françoise is dark.)

We live happy in our little family, but French is always still tottering. My husband is Inspector of Police.

If you want ~~to be~~ in correspondence with me, as before the war, I shall be very happy. I have twenty five years only, and with my two babies, the pastimes are scarce, and our letters will be welcome.

Do you make always music? Tell me your life and I want that you know how much is great my grateful for all American soldiers came from so far

³ to help French. We had been so unfortunate
with the German...

Dear Laura, write me; my name is:

Madame Jacqueline AUVRAY

Rue du Bocage

Saint Cyr sur Loire

(Indre et Loire) France

Bien amicalement à vous.

Jacqueline

ST. LOUIS
15
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MOISSELOIRE



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

(USA)

Madame Jacqueline Auray-Guettmann
Rue du Boeage
St Cyr sur Loire
(Indre et Loire)
France

Miss Lee Ann Donnelly
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minnesota



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Biltmore Hotel
New York, New York,

THANK YOU

December 28, 1947

Dear Miss Musser:-

I want to say "thank-you" for the very nice dress you gave me for Christmas.

It is so nice I'm going to wear it only on special dress up days.

Thank you again!

Lee Ann Bancett



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Ave
Little Falls
Minn.

Mrs R. L. Cochran
1205 So. Cornelia
Sioux City 20
Iowa

F. A. L. Mudge.

Beaux City Feb. 7th /47

Dear Laura Jane;

Hope this note reaches you while you are still in Little Falls.

Meant to have written you ere this to thank you for your Christmas greetings. You'll have to grow old to know how much I appreciated it. We do so

love to have the
young friends re-
member us.

Am sure your
visit home has
done your mother
and father much good.

Was very glad to see
by the paper that
your mother was
well enough to be
your partner at Bridge.

Would like to see
you but won't be
home until after

you go. Will be back in
April. That is my present
plan. I think I am sorry -
one my visit here, but
I have little for letters and
my old friends.

The weather was lovely
when I first came down,
but alas one spring caught
cold. A week ago Sunday
I walked home the fifteen
Miles from Church. At two or
three days but - last Sunday

we were snow bound.

Today another storm is
here. Such a blow! The radio
has been busy calling off
different meetings. Among
them at luncheon at our
Church.

Presume it seems strange
to you to come back to
a small town after being
so long in New York but
as for me I love the small
town.

You'll soon
be going back. May you
have a happy and suc-
cessful ^{upward} work with you
music.

Please give my
regards to your father,

Love to you and
your mother,

Your friend
Minnie M. Cochrane

Mrs. R. L. Cochrane

1205 So. Cornelia St.

St. Louis City 20 Iowa

4 G. L. Mudge.



Miss Laura J. Musser
~~Linden Hill~~
The Belvedere Hotel
~~Little Falls, Minn.~~
New York
42nd St. ny

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803 1/2 Venice Blvd

Los Angeles 15



MAIL CLERK

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dear auncy LAURA,
thank you for
my suit. I

Like it.

Love

B + PUG
BROWN

Dearest Laura,
Thank you so
very much for your
gift - those darling
set of hats - just the
thing for my doo.
Dads. I shall
cherish them.

Love,
E. Fisher

Dec 31 - 1947

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Miss Lora Jane Musser
310 Riverside Drive #1014
New York City, N. Y.

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May 20, 1947

Dear Darling,

That was a cute air mail you sent to my new home in St Cloud. I saw it this morning as I got up to go to work. It arrived the 19th but nobody called my attention to it.

I visited Mpls. Sunday to get some clothes so I picked up your letter. Words can not say how much your letter have come to mean to me.

St Cloud is a very nice town with no slums. My job pays quite well, but is very dusty. I wear a dust mask. St Cloud is big enough. Mpls is too

Big and more expensive.

It's about 50° Fahrenheit here this evening which is comfortable with a suit coat or sweater.

Glad to hear you're still working on your sonata. Chances are it'll suddenly unfold itself to you in a manner difficult to foretell. However, you'll have to invest many hours on it before it reveals itself.

It'd love to get some post cards from you. I will try to get some post cards of St Cloud and Mpls if you like.

About momentary delays in answering, I understand

3 you are busy with a multiplicity of duties which demand your attention. However, I count the days until I hear from you.

I am glad you took the freedom of staying longer than you'd planned ^{for the trip.} I ne shouldn't be a slave to a schedule, if revising it will increase the enjoyment of your travels.

I am glad you got the apartment on Riverside Drive which will afford greater freedom and privacy. However, I sympathize with you as I know moving is a lot of work, but it's worth it.

④ The grand piano will be a shining jewel to use for your work.

I knew you'd be thrilled by the Music Festival of first rate music. One hears so much ordinary music.

The Kansas City visit sounded exciting and interesting. Thanks for that visit to museum I mentioned. I am glad you enjoyed it. It is too bad more K.C.'s don't avail themselves of their cultural advantages.

From the sound of your letter you did everything on your trip. It must have been an interesting visit you had

With Eddie Galvin. One rarely meets such interesting personalities.

I am waiting to hear about the less obvious features of New York.

Thanks a lot for your lovely letters.

Yours,
Kenny



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Ave. S.
Little Falls, Minn.

Dr. J. H. W.

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K. S. Kollen
579 3rd Ave. S.
St. Cloud, Minn.

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St. Cloud, Minn.
Sept. 3, 1947

Dear Darling,

I am sitting here thinking of you. I haven't been able to get you off my mind. Wondering what you're doing, if you're having fun, when I'll see you again.

Did you enjoy Labor Day week-end?

I did. Sunday I went to the State Fair. Saturday our family reunion was held at Lake Harriet Picnic Ground. After the picnic the whole family took a ride around the lake in the launch. It certainly was a boat

load of us. Too bad my
brother Stan from Granite
Halls couldn't be there.
It was beautiful on the
lake as the sun set
in the West. Most of all
I missed you, but I
hope you enjoyed yourself
wherever you were.

Have you played tennis
since we played together?

I've played a few times
with the fellows. I'm
getting better all the time.

I registered at the college
yesterday in a science
course - botany, college
algebra, chemistry.

I don't work at present,
but I expect to start again
part time if school

3 doesn't take too much time.
I'll try my present program
for a few weeks to see
if I have time for work.
Tomorrow classes start
then the problem will
become clear.

Can I see you before
you leave for New
York?

It'll be a while
before we'll be together
again.

Do you think I
can see you for a
few hours before you
go?

Write soon.

Love,

Kenny



Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Drive
The Master Apts. # 1014
New York, New York.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Karnoski
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls
Minn.



when you smile.



symphony



January 1, 1947

Dear Laura Jane,

I on behalf of Fred and me, let me thank you for the lovely cologne you sent us. Tweed "has always been my favorite and one just can't buy in this town. Fred was so pleased for although they don't think so, men are a vain lot, aren't they? I can't blame him for liking that though, it has such a clean manly odor.

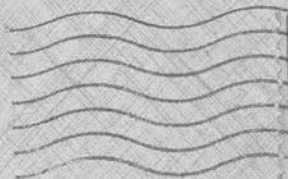
Did you have a nice Christmas? We surely did. You see it was our first in our own house and that surely means a lot. We received so many lovely gifts. Your Mother and Dad gave us four pieces of silver for our set of sterling. Oh, we were happy, for now, lacking two spoons we have a set of six.

Fred gave me a purse, compact, sport shirt and slacks. He is so impatient for Spring as I gave him his "heart's desire", the one, two, and three Spalding registered golf clubs. So you had better practice up! We find our living room turned into a golf club course quite frequently.

May I thank you again. Laura Jane and send my and Fred's sincere wishes for a very happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Genie & Fred.

J. Esmond
Walnut Ill



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls
Minn.

Dearest Laura Jane,

I'm ashamed of myself for
not writing sooner - I've been
house cleaning & now I'm all
done & ready for you. I
painted the kitchen, bathroom
& baby's room. It took a long
time cause I have to check
Billy in between. Tomorrow
morning I have to take the
car out to Ottawa & have
the heater put in.

How is your mother
getting along - better I hope.
Well, the boys are well & the
house is clean so just let
me know when to meet you
Laura Jane & when I'll sure
be glad to see you
Love heaps
Gurne



Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Drive
c/o Master Apt 1014
New York City
N. Y.

From
Mrs L M Roberts
Little Falls
N.Y.



Little Falls Dec 31

My dear Laura Jane
I should have written
you days ago, to thank
you for the darling xmas
gift - you sent me. I
never saw jelly & jam
put up so cute, & believe
me I am going to enjoy
them, for months
to come. I was so glad
to hear that you were
going to be at Merries
for xmas & so you
had a grand time.

It always takes children
to make xmas a real
happy one. But we all
missed you very much
I had a lovely xmas
dinner at your dear mother
& daddy's home.

But with you not there
it didn't seem just right
It's good & snuffing cold
this morning 30 below
The ground is covered
with about a foot of snow
& the sun is shining
bright, so it looks very
pretty out. My house is
as warm & comfortable
as can be.

It was lovely for you
to be at your sisters &
I no you had a good
time. Every thing here
is going on about
as usual, Mrs. Richie
is spending several
weeks in the city
with her dear children,
& I will be glad when
she returns, In spite
of being out a good
deal, I am however
with out.

I do hope the com-
ing New Year, will
have a lot of joy
& happiness for
you. And hope you
are real well.

With just heaps of love & good wishes, Auntie

d Hunter
35-3 W 117th
N Y C



Miss Laura Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls. Min.

Bridal Book



Mrs. Ada V. Winter

*requests the honor of your presence
at the wedding reception of her daughter*

Albertha

to

Mr. Claude Gregory

on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-third of March

Nineteen hundred and forty-seven

at three o'clock

353 West 117th Street, Apt. 1C

New York City

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Dr. #1014
New York City, N. Y.

R. S. Kallen
829 7th Ave. S.
St. Cloud, Minn.

St. Cloud Minn.
St. 14, 1947

Dear Sam a Jane

I enjoyed reading the
letter you wrote Sept 18.
It was lovely. I was per-
plexed when I didn't
hear from you for a while.
I guessed it was because
you were busy packing which
was a pretty good guess.

About my golf, I plan to
get an old driver & have
it in Minneapolis and pract-
ice the proper stroke
with a practice ball. By
the time spring comes
around again I'll have
more control of the ball.

I hope for my sake
you will be able to study
in Minneapolis after Xmas.
I guess this is a selfish
attitude on my part. Maybe
you can accomplish more
in New York.

⑦ The Minneapolis deal has advantages. There how bus ride on week-ends would allow you to spend the week-end in Little Falls. Two hours on the bus would permit us to be together week-ends in Minneapolis. You'd enjoy meeting my sisters and brothers and their families. Six of them live in Minneapolis you know.

We have a swell bunch of fellow in the rooming house. The second floor is rented out to nine athletes, a good bunch of boys.

The only reason I am anxious to finish school soon is that living expenses go on forever. I have only myself and my bank account to depend on besides the government subsistence checks.

③ I am glad your mother
like the flowers. I'd
like to do a lot more
to show my appreciation
for how wonderfully
you entertained me at
your home. When I've
finished my training I'll
be sitting on top of the
world. I know everything
will work out for me,
but it'll take time.

I revised my program
so I could get music
appreciation into it.
I am ashamed of my
lack of knowledge on
the subject. I am beginning
to appreciate the tremendous
amount of work you've
spent on your music.
So far we have learned
something about the instru-
ments in a symphony orchestra.

④ Mr. Waugh, our teacher has shown us how the symphony orchestra is arranged. We've also heard Mozart's music on the radio phonograph and studied his life. Monday we will hear and discuss Haydn's music and life. You may be interested in our textbook title "An Introduction to Music" written by Martin Bernstein.

I am sending this letter to your New York address. Write soon and tell me about your trip back to New York and the interesting things you saw and did along the way. Sincerely,
Kenny



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Calif.

May 25, 1947

Dearest Laura,

How pleasant to travel around and visit people and friends. It seems as though you are getting your fill of travelling.

Now that the telephone strike has ended we're all back on the job. As a result of the strike we get a \$4.00 raise, but it isn't too much with living prices so high. Here on a five day week basis now and I'm glad as it gives me more time with Bruce. Previous to the nationwide strike I belonged to the Union, but I have since withdrawn.

I have come to the conclusion that this particular union has not benefitted me. I cannot collect unemployment insurance; my salary is not paid me; they certainly do not get me a job, etc. I have told none of the girls as they are still not under the collar, as it were.

One of my plans, which I am seriously thinking of, is to teach in the Islands. I was offered a job while there, but didn't accept. I somehow doubt if I will be able to make the trip to N. Y. this fall as I am in debt to ~~my~~ ^{having} not ~~working~~ ^{working} for 6 weeks. But one never knows.

should a miracle happen
(that makes the trip east-
ward possible) I'll certainly
be on my way!

Did I write you that
I had seen "Arma Lucasta"?
I enjoyed the play - all
Negro cast and the plot
was interesting and
the acting was well done.

At present I'm getting
around to some reading
and have started "China
to me" and my Chinese
life."

There is a benefit program
being given for three Korean
athletes who are en route to
Hons. Lacking funds to
return they would be stranded
if this program weren't given.
It is a swim performance

at an outdoor pool. I bought a ticket but didn't attend as cramps make me so tired. Frankly I think it a waste of time - in fact I've accomplished much more by staying home.

There is a girl working in another dept who is soon leaving for South Africa. How I envy her - Her father is Major in the Belgian army and has a post there.

I do hope your arrangement of Anne Braum's apt is working out well.

With love, Laura and all my love to you.

Bruce is just fine and
 father continues almost
 fine.
 Esther

R. Sewerby
51 Brattle
Cambridge, Mass.



Miss Laura Jane Nusser

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~~Hotel Barclay # 608~~

~~apt 1012 48th and Lexington Ave.~~

~~My~~ New York City

51 Brattle Street
Cambridge, Mass.
May 25, 1947

Dear Laura Jan,

Your letter was a treasure, as always, in its tenderness. I shall not attempt to answer it tonight for the hour is late. You see I have just returned from supper at a faculty member's home following Baccalaureate services - and I shall want to reply to your letter when I can do it more leisurely.

The occasion for this short note is to tell you that a young girl who worked in our office for a few months will be in New York in the next week or two. I suggested to her that she might call you by telephone to inquire about Julliard

and music in general in New York.
Her name is Ruth Whitemore. She
has been studying singing in Boston
this winter and plans to continue
studying, but is all confused about
the most advantageous place
to go. She is considering returning
to the University of Michigan, but
wonders whether staying in the
East might not be wise. It may
be that she will give you a ring
to hear about Julliard; and she will
be grateful, I know, for information
regarding its teachers and the kind
of training the school offers for singers.

I saw José Limón dance recently.
His work was interesting though not
too sensitive.

I hope you are well & that your mother
is much improved. I shall write you
a real letter soon. Love, Ruth

Miss Mary Rose

110 - 4th St. N.E.

Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser

310 Riverside Drive

New York City

N. Y.

1014

Dear "Aunt" Laura Jane,

My mommy is speechless after receiving another box from you for me so I thought I'd better write and thank you for the two pretty dresses and bonnet. You are just like a "fairy godmother" to me and some day I hope in some small way I can do something for you.

Mommy tells me that we are all going to go to the lake this summer.

Won't we have a good time! I'm so
anxious to see you. Did you know
I can say lots of words now?

By the way, Grandpa and Grandma
came home from California and insist
that Mommy and I go back with them
in September. You'll just have to come
and visit us, that's all.

Thank you again for the lovely
clothes.



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Love and kisses

from Mary Rose

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LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA



Miss. Laura Jane Messer
310 Riverside Drive
Master Apt - 1014
New York, N. Y.

Dear Laura Jane:

You have often been in my mind and Mother talks about you so often. I had hoped to see Irene Rose but Mother has been ill so I do not get around much to see any one but her. I know what a grand time you two must have had. I'm sure it was a thrill for Irene to be there with you. She is so sweet - Don't you hope she will find someone and re marry?

It has been a busy summer
for me - Buddy was married
on May 17th and took his
Bride to live in Thorp, Wis.
He works for a firm that
manufactures and installs
freezing units. They are
not housekeeping yet - but
have one room and eat out -

Margaret and her baby flew
from Buffalo to be here in
time for the wedding - They
staid a month and we
had a grand time - It was
such fun to see Johnny
learn to walk! He did too!

3 - They flew back home too -
Made the trip in $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs flying
time which always amazes me!

My Mother is failing fast -
It is hard to see her slipping
away and not be able to do
any thing about it. She has
no pain, for which I'm thankful.
But she has had three heart
attacks and may have another
any moment. It is a strain
to be expecting such an end.
I find myself jumping each
time the phone rings -

Mother is at home - She was
so unhappy at the hospital &
hated the noise, the food and

especially hated to be awakened
at 5:30^{A.M.} to have her bath!

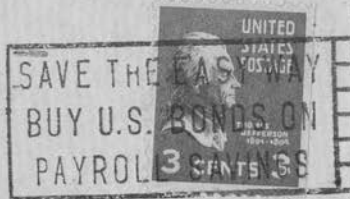
My Father is so dear & good
I do not see how he can do
so much at his age (86)

We are getting our lawn made
but find it a long slow process.
Another year it will really
look better, I Hope -

How I have loved it out here
tho, especially the sunsets
over the river. Laura B
asked about you recently -

I hope you are well and
happy. If not too busy will
you drop a line to Mother? She
enjoys mail so very much even
if she can't read it now. Love -
Grace

R. Satterberg
6 Everett Street
Cambridge, Mass.



310 Riverside Drive
apt 1014

Miss Laura Jane Musser

~~Barclay Hotel~~

New York, New York



GRAND CENTRAL
STATION

6 Everett Street
Cambridge, Mass.
June 22, 1947

Dear Laura Jane,

In the midst of last Tuesday's moving, I packed your letter in a box which I have at school so I shall have to reply to it from memory. That is not difficult, for it was a very interesting and stimulating letter. Thank you so much.

Your account of Marian Anderson's concert and description of her mother were little gems. There are depths in both of them — vast depths, it would seem. Rather, recently I read Verhaeren's biography of Miss Anderson. In its simple presentation the book does give a warm and impressionable portrait of a very real person. I am looking forward to another's interpretation of her life + work.

Today I read from Robert Frost's most recent book of poems which I purchased during the week: Staple Bush. It has a vigor & tartness that ^{always} has been his but not so pronouncedly perhaps. As a whole the book is inferior to much of his former work — but it is provocative. I heard him read his verse last fall at Harvard. He read many of the newer ones in this volume — I especially liked his comments before & between his readings. He has a delightful sense of humor in informal gatherings. His poems indicate his delightful wit, but I had been less aware of it until I heard him in person.

Saturday I relaxed a little by reading

from W. H. Auden's new book of
verse, The Age of Anxiety. He uses much
interior monologue and writes with
a brilliant terseness. I can't comment on
this book for I didn't read far enough to be
able to judge its worth or fully appreciate
its literary qualities. Auden is also provocative.

Joan oforraine is being given by a
summer stock company at Antural Hall this
week. I may try to see it. Maage Evans will
be playing Joan. Of course, she is a far cry
from Bergman — Did you see the N. Y.
performance? I should have liked to see
Ingrid B. do it. She has marvelous gifts.

I'm enjoying my students in Contemporary
Drama at the University. They are informal
& friendly after class & carry on in

thoughtful discussion long after the
bell rings — not always literature,
more often politics, and they ask me
to join them for coffee across the street,
where the mysteries of the unsolvable
continue to be analyzed & questioned.
The session ends the fifth of July.

It is quiet since one of my
friends from the Longy school of music
left last week. She went home to
Va. for a week's vacation before going
to the Berkshires, where she will
study during the summer. She hopes
to do opera here with the Boston
group next fall. We shall see how she
fairs. She is not young & has had European
~~experience~~ ^{training} so she should have an opportunity.

The weather has been good for studying. There have been comfortable days & not too much rain. I've enjoyed taking my exercise by walking along the Charles at sundown. I only regret I can't do this daily. Do you get out for any exercise in the sunlight?

Minnesota had a disastrous tornado a couple of weeks ago. My family, fearing lest I worry showed reports some thru the radio to Boston, sent me a telegram assuring me of their safety. Material losses were heavy — but everyone has been so grateful that lives were spared. It is a jolt indeed to realize that suddenly in one tremendous storm one

Might have lost loved ones, and
distance feels suddenly vast.

Are you studying this summer?
I think I may not do any formal
studying after the session closes. I
shall decide in a week or more.

Wednesday some acquaintances
stopped by to take me for a drive
to Concord. The countryside is richly
green now. Roses are in pink & red
profusion over doorways & grey fences.
New England is at its best in June, I think.
It was good fun seeing again Emerson's
Longfellow's, Alcott's etc, homes. Literary
associations enhance their plain & grey
walls —
Love, Ruth

Jegela
Falls Ave., Box 14
Oakville, Conn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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apt 1014
New York
New York

[From Woody Begonia]

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Dear Laura Jane.

It was so nice hearing from you. I hope by now you are settled in your apartment.

We are suppose to move and are getting ready to do so. Only the people are still in our apartment. I will be happy when we are settled again. This moving is quite a job. Wally is getting so big that you won't even

know him the next time you see him. He has three meals a day now just like a big boy.

We did enjoy having you down and hope you can come down again soon.

We haven't seen Betty in a long time. But I guess she will be coming up soon.

I had a nice long letter from Pauline and she is fine. With Love to you from
Mr. Grady



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Mrs. Misser,
310. Riverside Dr.
New York City

Dear Miss Mrs
Berding
The Madison
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very much and
I want to thank
you & wish you
a merry Xmas &
a happy New Year

Ferruzzi: "Madonna and Child"

Bernie Lindensold

With Best Wishes
for Christmas
and
the New Year.

Dear Laura,

10-30-47

Thanks so much
for the beautiful
dress for the baby.
It is really a lovely
thing.

We have a
darling little son,
who weighed 8 lbs.
9 oz. at birth. Daddy
is very proud, as
you can imagine.
I am leaving the
Hospital tomorrow

and Mother will be here for another week. Then I will have my hands full.

Hope you had a happy visit at home - I saw in the Transcript that Mary was there too - and that your parents are both well.

Affectionately,
Ellen

Ingrid Mary Seeborn
is happy to announce
the arrival of her

baby brother

Knute Edward Seeborn

on October 25, 1947



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Grand View Lodge (Gull Lake)
Brainerd, Minn.

St. Cloud, Minn.
August 10, 1947

Dear Darling,

It took me an hour to get to St. Cloud so I arrived 5:30. I ate supper at the bus depot and went right home to write you this card. I hope it reaches you. Forgive the typing, but I can get much more on a card. I hope it reaches you at the address I use. I got your lovely card. I am going to put it into our scrap book. I hope your trip back was pleasant. It is starting to caool off here. Write me when you have a few minute and tell me how you're enjoying yourself. I think the double exposure will turn out all right since your Dad's face will show above your. Carl Fritz will print it special if I ask him though it is a double exposure. I have to study now.

yours truly,

Kenny

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Miss Laura Jane Mueser
310 Riverside Drive
6th Floor Apartments
New York City, N. Y.



14380 Crescent Drive
Detroit 23, Michigan

January 3, 1947

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you for the very lovely Christmas gift! The night gown is actually too beautiful to wear, so I shall save it for my Trousseau. I think my husband will like it very much, that is if I ever get a husband. Again - thank you!

Speaking of husbands, you remember my girl friend Barbara don't you? Well, she's engaged! Her fiancé is six years older than her and is very, very nice. They're planning on getting married in August. As for me, I'm not in the market for a husband, and won't be for at least 8 or 9 years!

Laura Jane, I simply love school! Everyone is so friendly, - even the teachers! Final Examinations are in two weeks and I can hardly wait until they're over. I shall have

to do a lot of studying until then.

Christmas vacation ended Wednesday, then back to the old grind. It seemed good to get back though. I had a very nice vacation, what with tobogganing and ice skating!

Today is Shirley's birthday and at the moment she is having a party, so the house is a mad house. She's eleven years old, and quite proud of the fact!

Laura Jane, you'd be surprised at how much I have changed since you last saw me! My whole philosophy of life has changed, including matters of religion! Of course mother knows ~~for~~ nothing of this. If she did, she'd disown me, I think!

Marion Anderson is singing at the Music Hall ~~on~~ on January 16 and 17, I'm going to see her if I possibly can.

Please write soon, I promise to answer immediately!

With much love as ever

Bernadine

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

312 THIRD STREET, S. E.

LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

November 30, 1947

Dear Laura Jane,

I want to get this letter off to you to-day, as time passes so quickly one doesn't realize it.

We have had more snow, and ten below zero some days, so an early winter has set in.

I shall enclose the addresses on a separate slip that I told you about.

Mrs. Gagne is my cousin, a piano teacher, and if you can find her number listed in the book, call her, and tell her you saw me recently. I always hear from her at Christmas.

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Father Eugene Kellenberry from Tacoma, Wash. is studying piano with Mr. Richner, Ed. Psychology from Mr. Mursell, and many other subjects at Julliard & Columbia "U." Mr. Richner is from Julliard. I think Father could not find any place to live so goes to Newark, N. J.

Miss Luunita Erickson is in the Schirmer music dept. at Julliard. She worked at Paul Schmitts, and we miss her presence there.

Don't work too hard while you are gone. These following ones will be more than filled for me. But I love the month of December, and the anticipation of the great feast makes one truly happy. I always miss my dear parents at this time, and the second year only since they passed away. One feels

very much alone.

The combined choir and school chorus of the city are holding the first rehearsal for the music festival on Dec. 14th. this afternoon. It will be a lot of work for all involved. The proceeds is to buy clothing for the poor children.

If you have a little time write me a card.

Lovingly yours,
Sister M. Pence -

Dec 31st 1947

Dearest Laura,

Here it is, dear, almost time to bow another year out. As I become older, time just doesn't pay me "no mind." I wouldn't say the past year was a bad year, but rather an enjoyable one.

Are you enjoying your holidays with the family? I'm sure you are and you must have had that wonderful Christmas dinner with all its trimmings.

My holidays were and are spent working. I did manage to have breakfast with Bruce and see him open up his packages.

He called Santa a "spook".
(spook) He was thrilled with
his many toys and half of
them are broken. Toys don't
seem to be as durable as they
used to be.

Tonight four of us girls
are going out to celebrate and
I'm sure to get in during the
very wee hours of the morning.
Three of us girls grew up
together in this small little
town in Calif. and now we've
all met once again.

To celebrate the occasion I
bought some beautiful material
to make a ballerina skirt only
to find I didn't buy enough.
Then I returned to buy more,
arrumph - there is no more - and
so I guess I'll have to think
up something clever but fast!

One would think the people today had enough of warring and squabbling. I just feel so helpless and frustrated when I hear and read of current events.

Laura, dear, I certainly wish you were out here to celebrate with me. I've been at it since before Christmas and still going strong. But after my birthday celebration this Saturday I'm easing down considerably.

Citizens far and wide are coming out here to see the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena and also to see the Rose parade. By the way, when did you say you were coming out??? You'd be more than welcome

and I'd love seeing you and
you must know my little
Bruce. Tonight I shall
drink a toast to our
friendships, Laura, dear,
and think of you at midnight.

How are your parents? -
your so charming mother and
so grand a father? My best
regards to them both and
your sisters also.

I've lost track of most
of my Int. House friends,
but did hear from A. H. Keim,
Hawaii, Lynette Coker, Trinidad,
B. W. I.

Our thank you note
follows, dear, look for it.

All our love and best
wishes for the New Year.

Love,
E. Fisher

St. Cloud, Minn.
August 14, 1947

Dear Darling,

I got the card you sent dated August 14th. Was I glad to see that. I wasn't sure how you felt about the visit we had last week-end. I long for you more than ever now. It seems funny but it's true.

I don't know if you got my last letter saying that I might be up the 16th if I can get a ride with Cecil Pagotnick, the fellow we met at the fair-ground. However, I don't know if your parents would resent my taking so much of your time. I was hoping you'd say what you thought in a card, but I guess you didn't get it in time.

I hope you forgive me for using a typewriter to write personal letters, but I just got it and I am quite proud of it.

Did you remember to have the pictures developed that we took at Gull Lake?

I am hoping to see those one of these days soon. I get the prints of the ones we took tomorrow so I'll send you a set of prints.

I am making a scrap book of your letters and pictures. Everything is so wonderful since I met you.

I was just over in the art laboratory working on some art assignment. It gets tiresome after you've been at it a couple hours. I bet it is that way with music sometimes, isn't it honey? In another year we'll both be through with school, and then we'll always be together. Sometimes I feel like kicking over the traces and going to you, but then I know the best thing is to finish up our training so I can better provide for you and I, and maybe you'll be prouder of me.

It is beautiful weather in St. Cloud today, I feels so good. I hope is is wonderful where you are in Little Falls. I suppose it'd be best if I called you long distance before I come up this week-end.

I'll be thinking of you every minute, and I hope I'll be seeing you soon.

LOVE,

Kenny



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GRAND VIEW LODGE
GULL LAKE
BRainerd, MINNESOTA



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.





Your Friends at Grand View Lodge

Lorraine Koop
Sally
Mildred
Robert
Loren Koop
Frank Venerko
Wm. Murphy
Lindell
Lucille Hartlyn
Tommy Adams
Cy Adams
MUELLER
(Dick)
Harold Topper
Helen Topper
Ray Howard
Marge Hoffman
Dorrie Wodars
Bell Hebrink
John Hebrink
BUGGS FRENCH
Skey Robinson
Agnes Raehle
Luby
Edward
Bob Allen
Gossie McPhee
Linn
Perry
Joe
Smith
Donna Olson
Brownie
Mildred Foster
Cam Hand
Ruth Allen
Joan Miller
Joan Koller
Rosemary Schooner
Anita Dickey
Margaret
Parrish
Lorraine
Lynn
Helen
Nell
Light
typing
RUTH ALLEN

...from June

3331 Clinton Ave.

Berwyn, Ill.

Oct. 25, 1947

Dear Laura Jane,

I've been trying to answer your letter for a month, and now I'm finally at it.

Your letter was forwarded to me from La Grange, and I received it the day after you were in Chicago. But even if I had received it, I couldn't have come during the noon hour. We have only an hour at noon, and it is a 30 or 35 min. bus ride to the station. Train schedules did not coincide with school hours and with your coming.

I was terribly disappointed not to see you. It's been so long since I've seen you. How much fun it would have been

to have had a chat with you. Let me know next time you go through. If it is in the afternoon I can come in after school, and have some fun. Then you could come out to Berwyn with me and rest, and continue your trip another day. That will give you a rest from a long trip too.

Many times when I have been to the cities I have tried to find Helen's name in the phone directory to call her up, and never could find it. My spelling is very poor, but I looked under every possible way I could find to spell (Butcher, Boetcher etc). Could you write to me & give me the spelling of her name, street address and phone no. (if you have it)? Many times I would have got in touch with her if I could.

Also your sister Mary. We are all so close together & still so far apart.

I am teaching first grade in the Irving School in Berwyn, Ill. I have a very

fine group of youngsters here this year 34 of them. My room is in the new part of the new building, and has the advantages found in newer rooms. I am very happy here.

I get into Chicago twice a week (Mon. & Thurs.) for a late afternoon class at the Y. M. C. A. at 19 So. La Salle. I am taking a class in Primary reading with Grace Storms - U. of Chicago down town school.

This summer I had one of the finest experiences I have ever had. I worked at College Camp, Wis. This camp is run by the George Williams College in Chicago. Many conferences are held there throughout the year, as well as the college summer school. Some conferences are international conferences. Many excellent lectures are heard all the time - some of the worlds most outstanding speakers. J. Z. Koo was one (China's United Nations Representative).

I worked in the kitchen, dry-
in silverware after it came off the
diswasher, and dishing up deserts
before meals. It was really
very educational to work in such
a huge kitchen. Our largest meal
was 1,026 - lots of silver for one
person to dry. { I got so I could dish up
200 pieces of cake in 10 min.

There are over 200 employees there
from every race and from all over
the world. A wonderful chance to
know people from all over the world.

One employee (waitress) was study-
in for Opera at Drake U. She gave a
formal concert on night & had 2 flutes with
one no. I was one of the flutes. I also
played flute duets every day with a Canadian
Y.M.C.A. Phy. Ed. secretary of the international
Y.M.C.A. group.

I just don't know where to quit
when I start talking about Lake Geneva.
A wonderful place for a vacation.

Last spring I took organ lessons
from our minister of music at the
church in La Grange. He is excellent. I
still sing in the choir there. We give
our first concert tomorrow night. There
are 5 choirs in the church - 150 voices
What splendid training we get.

Glad to hear from you - & terribly
sorry I couldn't ~~hear~~ see you -

Love
June

3331 Clinton Ave.
Berwyn, Ill.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Drive
apt. No. 1014
New York,
New York

MARINE BARRACKS
NAVAL BASE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Nov. 1, 1947

Dear Lotsie,

Yesterday I received a nice long letter from my favorite sister-in-law (Viola) in which she mentioned you in a very complimentary manner and suggested parenthetically that I contact you on my next visit to New York. Inasmuch as she did not enclose your address, and because I have exhausted every means I know of reaching you (Information Operator at the telephone company, and the files at the Waldorf), I shall have to send this on through Little Falls. Perhaps you will be there at this time for the Marion Anderson concert.

It must be seven or eight years, perhaps longer, since I have seen you. It will be great fun someday, soon I hope, to sit down and compare events of our respective "histories" covering these intervening years. I am most eager to learn just how much of the old Little Falls gossip is fact and how much of it is fiction. A great deal, I think, because when I returned to L.F. this summer I heard (via grapevine communication) the God-awfullest stories about myself which hadn't a semblance of fact.

I spent almost a month in New York City, visiting old friends part of the time, good friends who were happy to take me about on "rubber-neck" tours which serve to remove the "hay" from the hair of the provincial. My sister, Jean, and her husband, were my hosts for two weeks also. They were especially kind in seeing that I had tickets to most of the current plays and concerts. My brother-in-law is Dr. C.B.P. Cobb. They live just off the East River Drive on 86th Street. Do you live in that part of the city?

New York is a much more attractive city to me than Philadelphia. Perhaps when I have been here a while I shall revise my opinion, but my first impression of the City of Brotherly Love isn't one I should care to put on paper.

I hope you will find time to write me soon. It is possible that I shall be transferred to a post in North Carolina soon, in which case it will be almost impossible to make arrangements to see you in the near future, and I am looking forward so much to a good visit with you.

T/SGT R.L. TANNER, USMC
HQ. CO. MARINE BARRACKS
U. S. NAVAL BASE,
Philadelphia 12, PA.

Sincerely,

Bud



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill

Little Falls, Minnesota

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March 23, 1947

Dear Laura Lane,

I did so much enjoy hearing from you; however, I was saddened to learn that your mother has not been well. There are some radiant people with whom one associates only complete loveliness. One feels nothing unhappy or difficult could ever happen to them. Your mother is one of these. That is why word of her illness at first seemed almost incredible. I do hope that she is now well again. Surely nothing could be more wonderful for her than to have you there.

Yes, I saw the article in Time, Jan 29.

It was beautifully written, for it seemed to want to show the depth and richness of her spirit with the readers. I also read of the many letters that came to the editor praising the article. No doubt the article brought letters to Mussenden also. Then, too, I saw the Life article - your picture right down in front! What fun to see you there! And it reminded me of a time when I could share (through your kindness) a seat with you in the front row at a January concert in N.Y.C. What a beautiful concert that also was! Some day I hope I may have just a word with her - her stillness of spirit seems to have a rare power.

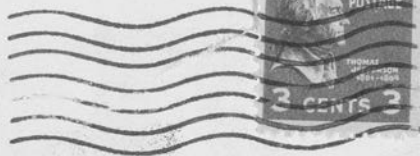
Wednesday I shall hear Lohengrin.
I began reading the libretto this afternoon.
It was such pleasure, and I'm grateful
to you for the books. Saturday I hear Faust.
I hope the music will be good.

Miss Cruman did well, don't you
think? With more training, her voice
should have possibilities. She will learn
to sing with less effort as she continues
to appear.

* a Symphony Concert two weeks ago,
Ella Bella Davis sang a Song of Songs number,
a composition by a young pianist in
the Boston Orchestra. She had a warm,
melodious tone that I liked fairly well.
Have you heard her?

Monday evening I saw an English
movie, A Lady Surrenders. It was a

rather delightful romance,
unsentimentalized & well photographed.
Besides that, during my week of vacation
I entertained three different groups
of friends at dinner and attended
a Republican Club luncheon. There
were only 4 women present, but the
discussion was interesting so I
didn't mind being in a very
noticeable minority. Present
political problems are indeed
complex. I am eager to see
Stassen grow in public favor.
Governor Bradford here is a very
fine person and leader. His wife's
aunt's family are friends of mine.
They all represent the finest of character.
Do write to me again about your many
interests
Love, Ruth



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

January 27, 1947

Dear Laura Jane,

I am inclosing a little note I wrote you before Christmas just after your lovely gift had arrived. I addressed it to Julliard, but it has been returned to me by the Post Office. I hope this reaches you while you are still at home

would be so happy
about that - and perhaps
you could hear Marian
Anderson sing in N.Y.
My sisters and 2 of their
friends attended her concert.
They will write about it
soon.

A strange circumstance
kept me from hearing

for I should not want
another moment to pass
without your knowing how
grateful I am for these
books.

Your own letter reached
me at home. I was glad
to hear of your holiday
plans to be home for
some weeks. Your family

Miss Anderson in Boston.

It was a great disappointment to have to stay away, for I have heard her once every year for many years now.

I saw Pearl Primus dance last Saturday. Her program was interesting, but less mature than it will be when she is older.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth S.

Wednesday Evening

Dear Laura Jane,

The day has been a long one at school and I have come home late, but I cannot let midnight pass without telling you how greatly surprised I was to receive a package marked "Boots" Monday morn, and how thrilled I was to find, not texts I had ordered, but

literature we share with
one another in the classroom.
One class has just now finished
Goethe's Faust. Thank you
very, very much!

If you are at Juelinck,
I hope you are having a
most enjoyable time — Your
capacity for great delight
in many, many things

the most wonderful gift
anyone could wish to have —
a beautiful set of opera
librettos! My heart missed
several beats — the basket
seemed that wonderful to
me! You see, I had long
nourished a secret intent to
spring and buy just such
a treasure of the music I
love so much and find
so much a part of the

makes me know you
will find your days there
wonderfully valuable. I
should like to hear about
them when you have
leisure to write.

Let me wish you a
Merry, Merry Christmas
and again thank you
for this enduring joy
you found in opera librettos
for me. Most Gratefully yours
Ruth S.