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Family Papers.

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Miss Laura Jane Musser

Hotel Commodore

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N. Y. C.

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Buketoff

27 East 94th Street, New York 28, New York

Dear Miss Musser

My plans seem to change every day. This afternoon we are flying to Texas to spend about a month there. We should return to N.Y. any where between March 5 & April 10, certainly not later than that since we are sailing for Europe on April 14th on the Queen Elizabeth. Please keep me in touch with you when you can. All mail will be forwarded to me. Sincerely yours I.B.



MISS LAURA JANE MUSSEY

310 Riverside Drive

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Thank you very much
for your letter and
your kindness.

Affectionately yours,
Ruth

Thursday morning

Dear Laura Jane,

Your letter came yesterday
afternoon and I was very glad to hear
from you. Your vacation at home
sounded most delightful.

I must not have been clear
in our telephone conversation, for
I didn't intend to convey the
meaning I could come before
Saturday. You see today I have
a final examination for about

not being able to come for
Thursday, today, may not
be an unfortunate "upset"
for your plans. You are
very kind to think of these
lovely things.

Just drop me a note when
this arrives, & I'll make
my plans for your
convenience, this Saturday
afternoon or next Friday.

140 literature students,
tomorrow appointments most
of the day, and Saturday forenoon
the class day exercises to
which all faculty are committed.
However, I can leave here on a
two o'clock train Saturday
if that is best. Does that
make your plans difficult?
Or else I can come on the
following Friday if you prefer
for then our school is over.

I sincerely hope my



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel
57 St in Av of Americas
New York
N.Y.

29-62, 168 St Flushing

N.Y.

Station A.

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Cordially,
Margaret Belsky.

29-62, 168 St
Flushing N. Y.
June 29.

Dear Laura Jane:

Remember your
name is down to
take the Tea and

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Meeting this Sunday.
I will help you with
things if you need me.

Mrs. A. G. Emy phoned
yesterday and may
sing this Sunday.
If she does. She will
come early and
Practice her songs

before texturing.

We enjoyed seeing you
pretty apartment on Sunday
morning.
Good conversations and
your playing of Puccini most
enjoyable.

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
310 Riverside Drive
New York City

1014

May 20

Dear Laura Jane,

Mary came down with the measles the day before we were to leave for Minnesota. We now have reservations to leave again on June 6 and hope we can make it. I won't be visiting in L. F. until the end of July or August so maybe we will get to see each other. I plan to be in Minnesota for 3 months. Mary hasn't been too sick with the measles. Just today she finally broke out and is she proud of her measles!! Mary was so plump and brown from being in the sun and now she is getting thin from not eating during this period.

Am glad you had such a nice time in L. F. with your family. Hope to see you this summer.

Love,

Irene + Mary

March 6, 1948

Dear Laura-Jane.

I recieved your letter that Pauline send on and I was happy to hear from you again.

I hope by now that you are settled in your apartment. We are fine and hope that you could come up to see us before you leave for home. We would be happy to have

you. Let us know if you can make it.

Wally is a big boy by now. He keeps his mother busy, as he is on the go all the time.

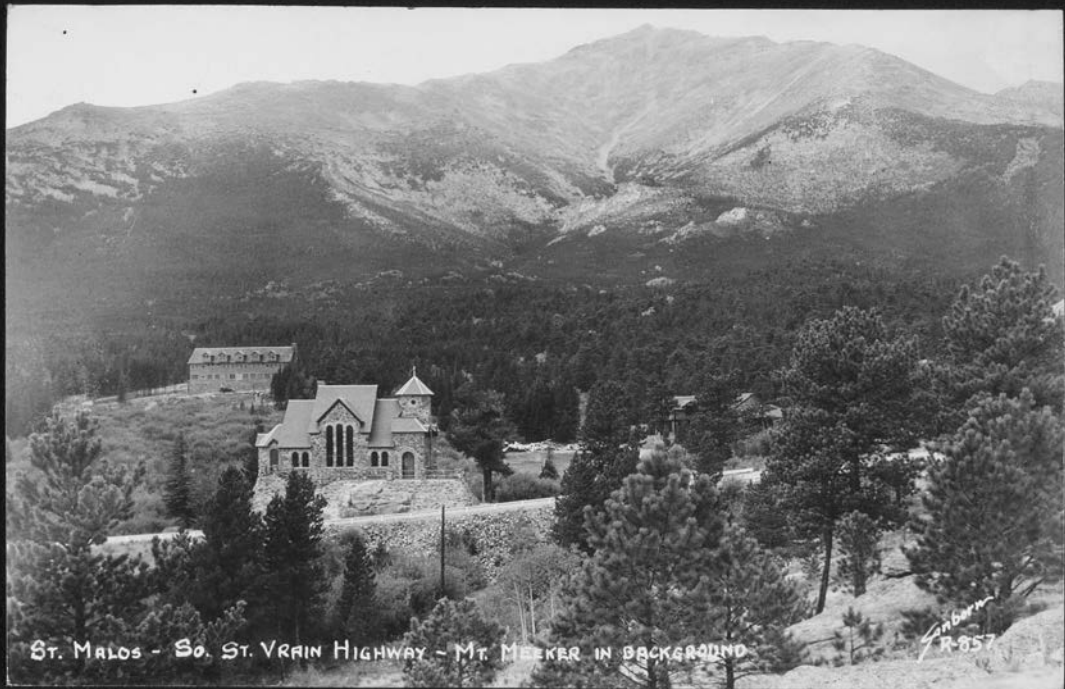
I didn't receive the Compact as yet, so don't know if it is still on the way or if it got lost. You shouldn't have bother, as I know how busy you are.

So let us know if you
can come up. any time
would be fine with us
So till we will hear from
you again

With Lots of Love
Luddy.

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Estes Park Colo, Aug. 29th 48

Dearest Laura Lane: We enjoyed
so much your sweet letter. How much
we would like to visit you lovely
people I meet with the day but we
have made our reservations - it was
very hard to get accommodations, and
it would be a too big detour now
for us. Marian Anderson is here
with us - she is feeling fine and her
voice is unchanged! Glad to learn
that you enjoyed the Lemonade -
Opera - one of my pupils - Bill
William Diehl is singing a small
role in "Dance".

Much love to you and your
family and an revoir in
fall. Love, Doro Duggs



Miss
Laura Lane Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.



MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER

HOTEL BUCKINGHAM

~~101~~
~~120~~ WEST 57th ST near 6th Ave

NEW YORK,

N.Y.

right! But I am
hoping to see you before long
because I shall be down
again. I would love to have
you come up here for some
weekends but I shall just
have to see how my father
gets along.

I missed the Crow News
by a day and I guess they
are down in New Jersey now.

Did you by any chance
go to the Stadium to hear Klaus
Stehen in the concert version of
"Tosca" - it got such glowing reviews.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Oliver

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MATTAPoisETT
MASSACHUSETTS
Thursday.

Dear Laura Jane:

I telephoned you
Monday evening hoping you
could have lunch the next
day - then in the morning
when I telephoned home here
in Massachusetts I found
my father was ill so I went
right away to the train
and came back here -
I was in town just one

4730, 31 due Jr.
Thos L. Minn



Mr
Miss Laura Gene Thusser
Little Falls
Minnesota

Thurs. P.M.

Dearest Lizzie,

Another day just can't go by
without my writing - Please never
think my lapses mean I don't
think of you - it's just that I don't
seem to get to writing - I know you
understand - or at least I surely
hope you do! It seems so good
to have you back in Minnesota
and I do hope to see you ~~soon~~.
I was so thrilled when you
spoke of the prospects of my
seeing an opera - Either one
would be such a treat! I don't
think, however that we ought
to plan on going seeing one - for
he is out of town so much and
usually leaves on a day or

so's notice - so we can't plan
on much together in advance.
He does thank you so tho. it
was dear of you to think of us
both - I would love to buy one
of the tickets from you. you've
done so much for us I feel
very guilty accepting so much.
Let me know which you would
like to have me see and will
make arrangements. I am so
excited about it! Daddy wrote
and said you'd been at the
house last Sunday and I'm
sorry we weren't up - He was
glad to have had a visit with
you.

He's certainly been on a merry-
go-round around here - I did
the whole washing and ironing

yesterday and am trying to
sandwich some housecleaning
in between the daily chores. Last
week Billy ate a cigarette stub
and we rushed him to the
hospital with a severe case of
nicotine poisoning. They pumped
out his stomach and kept him
in over night. I was simply
terrified but all turned out
well. Thank goodness. I have to
watch him every minute for
everything he sees he eats. Quite
I put him to bed with a fever
of 101° and the complaints of her
legs hurting and a headache.
I'm so afraid of needles all the time
not been repaired as far as I know.
Somarro will probably tell the
story on that deal. I'm certainly

hoping it doesn't amount to
anything. Never a dull moment
I guess. altho I could well do
without excitement of this kind.

I must have been glad to see
Jim Taylor - and it was nice of
him to inquire after me. - I was
so happy to hear of Mary's latest
arrival. What a nice family
she has! I love to get a note off
to her and am planning on it.

Well dear, I must stop and
stagger up to bed. Please do
call ~~at~~ the first time you
come to Mpls. I do so want you
to come over for dinner at least.
I can hardly wait to see you -

Give my love to Thelma & see
your Mother, Dad & I
Hope they'll both well -
John

Thursday eve.

Dearest Lottie,

When the expressman drove
up today with a package, ~~James~~
and I were excited and when
we opened your beautiful
box just was almost speechless!
It's such a lovely gift and
it's something she's always
wanted. Thank you so much -
it was so dear of you to
remember our little girl!

Still get lots of wear out
of it too. The colors in it
are so lovely too!

It was nice seeing you
Christmas altho I wish it
could have been longer. You
must have just made
N.Y. before the first big
snow. It must look
more like Minnesota than
good old N.Y. Does this
winter as all we've had
here since Christmas are
little flurries. Jim just

read in Sonnets paper of
Mrs. Hartmann's accident.
It sounds awful - she broke
her leg, arm and hip in a
collision near Little Falls.
There weren't any other details.

I don't even know your
address so I'll have to send
it to F. F. and have it forwarded.
Be sure to drop me a note and tell
me where you are. I'm anxious to
hear how you're progressing with
your sonata. I did so enjoy
hearing it.

Thanks again for your
lovely gift. Much love
from

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~~Minneapolis~~ 54th St x 5th Ave.
New York City

Please forward

4730-31 Ave So.
Minneapolis, Minn.



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Miss Laura Jane Missner
605 West 115th St.
New York City
N.Y.

Friday

not going now and
you'd not be there anyway.

Last night Beth and
I met the Gatchells. We
went to "Northwest Passage".
It was very good - but
a bit too much on the
green side - in fact I
was actually sick when
I reached home. Sam and
Beth and I are going
over to the Gatchells to play
bridge.

Oh Latsie - I'm so anxious
to see you and to think
that it'll only be six days
from now!

Truly
Yours

Dearest Latsie,

I'm hoping you get
this before you leave and
if I have things figured
out correctly you will. I
meant to write you earlier
this week - but one thing
or another came up and
I wasn't able to. Anyway
I was just awfully glad
to hear from you. Your
letters are always so interesting
and I love them - but oh
Latsie, I'm so anxious to
talk to you. Pauline said
yesterday you'd be home
late Wednesday night and
for two weeks! I think

The smart thing to do—
altho the trip would be
a grand experience.

Nothing much has been
happening. I went down
to Nppls a couple weeks
ago for the week-end. I
rode down with Rossberg
and stayed at Galdies.
Jimmy and I saw "Gone
With the Wind" Saturday
morning and I enjoyed
it as much as the book.
Epddie asked about you
(as did Jimmy) and they
both said me to greet you
when I wrote. Jimmy
was going to call you
when he reached New
York - but of course he's

That's pretty grand! Jimmy
gets home Wednesday nite
too - and will be here
till the 31st. Every spring
the senior class take a trip
to New York - & down the coast
to Virginia on a tour inspecting
the airplane factories and
landing fields. He was going
to go - and very enthused
about it until he learned
he'd have to take his finals
and register after he got
back. The trip ~~costs~~^{lasts} two
weeks and is two credits -
but after he thought it
over - he decided to pass
up those two credits rather
than flunking several
more - and I think it's

Peggy was beyond herself with excitement.

Bud wants to join me in thanking you again and in wishing each and every one of you, all happiness during the New Year.

Love,
Margaret.



My dear Lotie -

You have no idea how thrilled and delighted we all were to receive your wonderful Christmas present and we are certainly



enjoying the records, it is
a beautiful opera and you
may be sure they will give
us a great deal of pleasure.

We were sorry to miss
you when we were in New
York with the children, as
we would have had a
grand time together.



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Miss Laura Jane Thuesen -
~~Little Falls.~~

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Wednesday

Dear Miss Messer:-

This is a belated thanks for your Christmas Card. It was good hearing from you and learning you are still working on your music.

For the past three months I have been on tour, acting as Musical Director & Conductor of Brian - Carlo Menotti's two operas "The Medium" and "The Telephone." This Saturday we close here in Chicago and head for home. It will be good to see N. Y. again.

Your card mentioned a contemplated trip to N. Y. - when is that to take place? I should like to hear a little more about your plans.

Sincerely yours
Lyn Bullock



Miss Laura Jane Munser
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54th & 5th Ave. ~~Little Falls,~~
New York City ~~Minnesota~~

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February 10, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your letter yesterday and was so glad to hear from you again. I'm so terribly sorry I waited so long to write. Since I got back I've been so busy! First of all I had so much lab work to catch up on, then being the close of the semester, we all had to hurry to finish the courses, and lastly final exams. This week I have no school so I shall get a chance to catch my breath and also to catch up on my correspondence, which I dare say is very delinquent!

Laura Jane I'm so excited about your meeting Madame Votipka! What a coincidence, your bumping into her! I think you must be psychic! Remember you remarking to me at Christmas "Wouldn't it be nice if Miss Votipka and I could become good friends." Then as soon as you get to New York, you run "smack" into her. I think it's just wonderful and I do hope you become the best of friends.

Isn't it wonderful that she married? Is this her first marriage?

A week ago last Saturday afternoon I heard "Le Bohème" over the radio and this Saturday I heard "Carmen" with Lida Stevens, Nadine Conner, and Helma Volpka. I sincerely agree with you about Miss Stevens' voice. Incidentally have you seen the new "Chesterfield" ~~ad.~~ ad?

"Remember Mama" is playing in Detroit at the "Hubert Lafayette" theater. I want to see it because I enjoyed the book you gave me so much. Charlotte Greenberg plays the part of mamma. The revival cast of "Showboat" was also here but it wasn't as good as the "Showboat" I saw with you at the Ziegfeld. I still think though that "Finian's Rainbow" is the best musical I have ever seen, and I'd love to see Madame Volpka as the Epseman. Laura Jane is she a plump as she appeared in "Le Traviata"?

I'm just getting over a most miserable cold. I usually get 2 good colds a winter and believe me this was one of them. My head is still awfully stuffed up but I feel much better. As a matter of fact I think I'd like to go tobogganing or ice skating! Remembers the time we went ice skating down on the island, it seems so long ago!

Laura Jane I can't think of anything else to write so will close -

With Love
Bernadine

P.S. Thank you for the sweet little cartoon, you know, you're quite an artist!

Dear Laura Jane,

Many, many thanks to you for
our lovely evening at the opera.
It was a real red-letter occasion
for us both — one that we shall
delight to remember over ^{and} over
again.

You are constantly doing so
many thoughtful things for

so many people that your reputation
for kindness extends far and wide.
We are grateful to you on many
counts.

Ever cordially,

Wayne and Mary Van Kirk

Sunday afternoon

9 May, 1948

Mr and Mrs. Wayne Van Kirk

March 29, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your lovely card today and your lovely letter simply ages ago. I'm so terribly sorry I'm so slow. It seems, I don't even write to my mother any more. My school work keeps me so busy.

This semester I'm taking Quantitative Analysis, Zoology, Physics, Economics and History. The "Quant" is what really takes up my time. It's a miserable course. I rather like the lab, but the theory is what gets me down. I'm beginning to realize that my mind is not the least bit scientific and that I should have majored in History and English instead of Chemistry!

We had a lovely Easter Sunday but I got so lonesome for the family. It was only the second time I was away for a big holiday. The first time was the Easter I spent with you in New York. Oh! we had a grand time. This last

Thanksgiving was wonderful too. Remember when Philippa was in Little Falls for Easter? That was six or seven years ago, I believe. You had an Easter Egg hunt in your yard and the Grettles, the Siegles, Diebners, Jean Blake, and Elaine Cronson ~~and~~ were all there. We had such a grand time. The next day I remember it snowed and we all came over and built two snow forts in your front yard and had a snow ball fight. We also sculptured a statue of Marion Anderson out of snow. If I remember correctly we even made a train in the snow. We certainly have had some wonderful times together haven't we?

Laura Jane, last week my Economics teacher mentioned Mr. Ueyerhauser in connection with the Great Northern Railroad. I was so surprised because I didn't realize he was so prominent.

This has been a terrible winter. It seems I've had a cold all of the time. Two weeks

Iago I almost got the flu but ~~not~~ instead
of staying home from school for a day and resting
up, I kept on going and was really sick
for three days. I'm still not completely over
it yet and believe me, I certainly welcome
this vacation! I shall at least be able
to rest up, catch up on my correspondence,
write a few thousand word term papers
and study for mid semester exams.

How is your friendship with "Pipsey" coming
along? Did you hear her sing on Easter?
I enjoy the "Daniel and His Friends" recordings so
much and whenever I hear the "Witch"
I simply go wild! I like her more and more.
I enjoyed the cartoon you drew of her so much
when she almost tripped. Laura Jane I
think you'd make a wonderful cartoonist or
an illustrator for children's books or
music. As a matter of fact, you could even
write the books or the music!

To Laura Jane, before you go to Little Falls
this summer, you must come and visit me.
You know I'm always visiting you and ~~you're~~
you never come here.

How is Miss La Fayette? She has such a
wonderful voice and is so sweet. I hope someday
she becomes a great singer like Miss Anderson.
And you know Laura Jane, if she does, it will
be partially through your efforts. Isn't that
a wonderful feeling?

To night I'm going to see "Baker in Bayland,"
put on by the Detroit Civic Players. Each
year they put on ten operettas and each
runs for a week at the Masonic Temple. This
is the first one I'll have seen so I'm quite
excited.

Laura Jane if you can possibly forgive
me for being so slow, I promise I'll sit
down the very day I get your next letter,
and answer it.

With much love,
Bernadine



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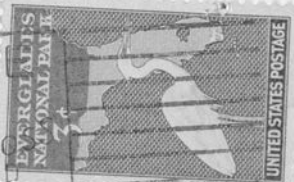
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Florence McMillan

You were an invited
guest! - so your S is on
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the form of green coffee!



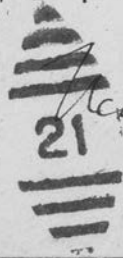
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Dear Anna Jane,

Saturday

Because of my being
confined by illness from Wed.
thru last evening, I did
not receive your letter until
today. I do so appreciate
the kind invitation to have
Easter with you. It would
have been a very happy

Easter Greetings
And all my thoughts
For someone very dear!

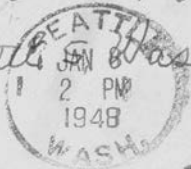
occasion and privilege -
but here I am still
somewhat in need of rest
in order to be ready for
school Monday.

Thank you again & again.
I shall run up later in
the season to say "hello" if I
may. - SEE COPYRIGHT And ~~Brownie~~ have a pleasant
room now so you can see me too. Love
Ruth



Glad Easter

2203 East 63rd
Seattle Wash.



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Miss Laura Jane Musser,
The Biltmore Hotel
~~Linden Hall~~ New York
42nd St N.Y.
~~Little Falls, Minnesota~~

you are there? Grace told me J.M.G. is
visit to your home and I know that
would be interesting.

Write to me soon - May you have a
New Year filled to the brim with
happiness - Thanks again for
the lovely and useful Christmas
gift - With much love to you,

from
Laura B —
January 1891.



My dear Laura Jane:

Thanks so much, my
dear for the lovely box
of delightful smells. I shall
make good use of it, but thanks most
for remembering me - Christmas is
a happy time of years, isn't it? I hear
from so many old friends, some of
whom write only at that time of the

year. We had a nice Christmas party at my brother's home (very near us) a couple of nights before Christmas, so they left Christmas eve for Olympia to spend the day with Marie's cousin. We opened our gifts at home on Christmas eve and spent rather a quiet day with only a few callers.

I feel the hint of spring in the air already as the days began to lengthen, and I look out and see some

primroses in bloom; they have done their best to cheer us through the winter when most blooms are gone.

I had a nice letter from Grace and learned that you had returned to New York. What a gay good time you have, don't you? At least it can't be monotonous with changes, so Jan. What are you enjoying now in the music world? Do you study all the time

June 22, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I am on my way to
Washington. I hope I
enjoy the rest of my
trip as much as I have
the first two weeks.

I was sorry to miss
you when I called today.
He spent the day at

La Guardia -

If you don't want to
bother to send my cigarette
case home, will you
bring it with you in August.
I hate to bother you with
it but it was a gift and
I'm fond of it. I appreciate
it so much.
It was so much fun to
run into you, Laura
Jane. We enjoyed our
visit with you very
much. Hope your summer is
pleasant.

Sincerely,
Rose

Miss Rose P. Vasaly

she'll sing in a few weeks so I'll not miss that program.

Well Laura Jane I can't think of anything else right now, so will close. I promise to answer immediately!

Love,

Bernadine

June 20, 1948

Dear Laura Jane,

I'm afraid I'm unforgivable! I received your lovely letter ages ago and if I remembered correctly, I promised to answer immediately, and here it is weeks later! To make matters worse I completely forgot about your birthday. Is it too late to wish you a "Happy Birthday" now?

Well I've finished my exams for this semester. Whew! am I glad that's over. Now I'm just waiting and praying.

finishing your work with
Mr. Giannini, and starting
your own work. I know
you'll do well.

This summer I'm taking
Physics in Summer School,
I'm going to work and I'd
like to ~~continue~~ start taking
music again, if I can find
time.

Last Monday evening I
heard William Kapell over
the telephone hour. I think
he's wonderful don't you?

I especially liked the
Chopin Sonata he played.
You've written so much
about Abe Elms, and

Laura Jane I do hope
you can come to Detroit
the last part of August,
and then we could go home
together. It would be so
much fun. I'm not certain
when Summer School is
out, but I imagine it's around
August 20.

I thank you so much for the
picture of Mme. Volynska, and
the church program. I
feel as if I almost know
her, because you write such
nice things about her. I
hope I can meet her sometime.
Aren't you excited about



My dear Laura Jane:
There are people we
say hello to, that we can
never say good-bye."
I have thought of you

often and at long last I
am really writing. It has
been a long time since
I have heard from you.
Alyce told me a good while
ago that you had mis-
placed my address.

I hope I shall be hearing
from you soon.

Truly
Jeanette

(Mrs)

Jeanette Hughes Guyner
2347 H Albans St
Phila., 46 Penna



Miss Laura Jane Musser
~~Leadon Hill~~
~~Little Falls~~

~~Minnesota~~
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5 L 47
Devil's-Paintbrush
and Grasshopper
BROWNIE



you in Little Falls
next month.

Affectionately,
Mary and Wayne.

P.S. I finished "Of Lena
Geyer" and I loved it.

15 August
1948

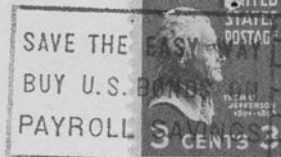
Dear Laura Jane,

Last Tuesday in New
York with you was a
perfect day and we shall
remember it always —
lunch at Rumpelmeier's, the
Russian dinner, ^{and} best of
all, "Mr. Roberts"; and then
Broadway Tabernacle and that
wonderful nap in your
apartment. Thank you
many times over for your
gracious hospitality. We're
looking forward to seeing

Van Kirk

3192 Bronson St.

Fairfield, Connecticut



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel, Room 1206
57th Street and Sixth Avenue
New York, New York

my best regards
to yourself and
your whole
family.

With my deepest
love.

Esther

Excuse the penman-
will explain later.

May 12, 1948

Dearest Laura,
You've probably
received my postal
card by now.

How are you?
Perhaps it would
have been best
that I visited you
instead of coming

straight on.

At present I am staying at an apt but find the atmosphere somewhat strained.

When you address any mail to me write Mrs. St. L. Caze -

Please phone me without fail as soon as you return to N. Y. I would like to discuss a matter with you.

my address will be
Mrs. St. L. Caze Apt 2 A
255 West End Ave
N.Y.C.

Tra fol 7-3664

THE CURTIS

PRIVATE OFFICE



HOTEL

11 May 48

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

Your inquiry in regard to the missing opera glasses has received our most careful attention.

The writer has personally made an investigation in this matter, has questioned the housekeeper, who in turn has made a thorough examination of maids and all others who might have come in contact with the room which you occupied when here. This was all to no avail, however, as we are absolutely unable to locate the opera glasses.

We very greatly regret our inability to report more favorably, and if there is anything further that we can do, kindly let us know.

We hope that you enjoyed your recent stay at The Curtis and that we may see you again on your next Minneapolis visit.

Very sincerely yours,

THE CURTIS HOTEL

C. Charles Melony

C. Charles Melony
General Manager

CCM:AG

January 4, 1947
Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Laura Jane,

Just a note to thank you sincerely for your lovely Christmas card and to hope you had a very happy Christmas and you will have an equally prosperous New Year.

Monday we return to school after a two-weeks Christmas vacation. Mine has been a very enjoyable vacation. I've been skiing tobogganing etc. quite frequently. Perhaps you've heard about our "Winter Wonderland." It's a beautiful spot about five miles southeast of town which the assistant priest at our church has transformed into truly a "Wonderland." There are very good hills for skiing, a large skating rink and best of all four wonderful ~~toboggan~~ toboggan slides. He and

the children from St. Mary's
have really worked hard
to make it a superb playground
for young and old. There is
also a good-sized warming-
house where lunch can be
gotten at a nominal fee.

Laura Jane, I should like
to take this opportunity to thank
you from the bottom of my
heart for making real my
dream of some day learning
to play the piano. I do not
confer to being anything
of a really good pianist
like yourself but I can
play a few of the simpler
melodies for my own satisfaction.
For this I am truly grateful
to you, Laura Jane.

I sincerely hope you are
happy and in good health.

Much love,

Celia

2203-East 63rd.
Leath 5, Wash.



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
The Hotel Dorset #208,
New York City, New York.

Mch 5-1948.

My dear Laura Jane:

You surely have been pushed around from pillar to post, haven't you? We had some friends who had the same experience out here. Hope will soon be back to our good old standards when hotel guests will be welcome for as long as they care to stay.

It must be a relief to you to be settled in an apartment where you can stay put for even a few months.

I am very much interested to hear of your new friends in the music field and the many operas you have been enjoying - It would be difficult for me to name a favorite opera as I like so many parts of different operas - For us who cannot see the operas first hand

the broadcasts each Saturday are a feast. I am so very familiar with Shelma Totipka's name as every grand opera listener must be. I knew she had been in opera many years, and have heard of her for such a long time, she seems almost like an acquaintance.

Lotte Lehmann is a truly great artist, but I wonder if it isn't a mistake for her to sing when she doesn't seem quite able to make the grade. Maggie Teyte is another whom it is hard to listen to now.

Aren't you a fortunate girl to be able to hear so many splendid things in the music world and have interesting associations with some of our best artists?

Does Thelma Voutpka do solo work
each Sunday in the church you attend?
you spoke once of disliking church
ritual- Have you ever attended a
Christian Science church? The
service is very simple but provides
the truth with which to meet our
problems. Frederick Page & the Met.
opera Co. sometimes substitutes
for the regular singer in a short ^{the} ^{from church}
broadcast each Saturday afternoon ^{no there in 1930}

Bess Lee sort of hid herself away
for a long time after severing
connections with Mrs. Meyerhauser.
didn't she? Inquired for her from many
mutual friends but no one seemed to
know her whereabouts, for a number of
years. Grace W. said she and
your mother met a former Little

Falls school teacher on a Duluth street in the vicinity of B. L.'s place of business and deeded them to it. Grace sent her address to me and I wrote a Christmas note soon after that but it was never acknowledged. I was really fond of B. L.

Do you remember Rev. North who was pastor of the Congregational Church some time ago in Little Falls? His son Stanley is companion and manager for Alice Templeton. They were in Duluth about four weeks ago.

We talked with Stanley by phone and he invited my sister Maybelle and party backstage to meet the Bess as he called Mr. B.

Later Stanley came out and had a snack with us after the performance.

He has had ³ many interesting experiences in his travels about the country and has contacted many mutual friends. He likes to meet old family acquaintances, and is genial and good company.

Had a letter from Grace last week - She enclosed some pictures of the Fish Club - It was nice to see your mother's sweet face - She hasn't changed in all these years, and Grace always looks the same to me - Most of the others were strangers, except the Simonets.

Glad to see all the buds pushing their green heads up, makes me feel that spring is well on its way.

Write to me again soon, always
welcome news from you -

With much love to Laura Jane
from Laura B. -



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel
Sixth Ave. & 57 St.
New York, N. Y.

Room 1206

Plainfield, New Jersey -
July 5 -

Dear Miss Musser

I came here Sat. P. M. It is
a little cooler. Yesterday we went
to a country club for dinner.
In the evening we saw

"Miracle of the Bells." Just like
the book - more condensed,
but I enjoyed it. Sinatis was
good too. Do read the book,
and also "Our Lady of Fatima".

Thank you again for
everything. We leave for
Boston Tuesday.

We spent all day Thurs. &
Fri. sightseeing & went to
Brooklyn too.

A HALLMARK CARD
5712-1

Sister Renee -

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*Though words can't half express it,
Still here's hoping you will know
The many grateful thoughts of you
This "thank you" can't quite show.*

Returned for Postage



Miss Laura Jane Musser
X 1206
of the Buckingham Hotel
577th & 6th Ave
New York City
~~Little Falls, N.Y.~~
~~310 Riverside Drive~~
~~New York~~
N.Y.

much. I have always liked
opera and can say truthfully
I don't understand all of it.
Let me know how you are
doing and I love reading
your letters so write soon.

Sincerely,
Janette



Sunday
May 16

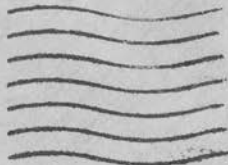
My dear Laura Jane:

I have just finished
campaigning for two "Tricks"
and I am very happy to be
able to relax for a while.
I thought perhaps you

were coming to Philadelphia
when Marian gave her rental
at the Academy. I was looking
forward to seeing you there.
However, with your music
requirements I imagine it
is rather arduous to leave
at anytime.

Do you go to school during
the summer? Are you planning
to stay in New York for any
length of time? I was going to
school during the winter and
our term ended May 4th.
We shall return in October.
Since I am on the Executive
Board for Planned Parenthood
I am quite busy. I am sure
you are familiar with Planned
Parenthood because we have
our National headquarters in
New York.

I am very happy that you
are enjoying your music so



In

Miss Laura Jane Thusser
~~Little Falls~~

#1014

Handwritten



~~Thiruvallur~~

310 Riverside Dr
New York City
N.Y.

4730-31 Ave St - Npls 6. Thru.

Thursday

Dearest Lizzie,

You can't imagine how happy
I was to get your delightful letter!
We reread it many times and
each time I enjoy it even more.
I loved your description of the
snow - it almost seemed as tho
I were there with you - and the
parts about your experiences with
Mme. Uotipka + Mme. Giannini and
the opera were wonderful - I just
ate it up and ran across the
street to read it to my dear friend
Marge - She loved it as much as
I. She's most anxious to meet you
and I think you'd be quite taken
with her. She adores music - went
to Grinnell and is so interested in

The same thing we are. She asked me if you knew Ferguson Hughes (which I didn't know) He spoke at Grinnell and she was chosen to meet him at the fair and escort him around when he was there. Anyhow she is a lovely girl and will have to get together when you come. They lived in Hanover last year while her husband was getting his M.A. at Dartmouth and recently moved here.

So get back to your letter - please write more like Mum - Mum U. must be as lovely as she is gifted and I shall listen to the Nat. broadcasts on Saturday afternoons in hopes of hearing her. Is she definitely coming with the Nat. in May? Do you know what

operas are scheduled? Marge
and I are hoping for "Hansel
and Gretel". I'm afraid it would
be a bit above Janet's head but
when she gets to be six I'm going
to try to give her a taste of the
childrens symphonies and maybe an
opera - At this point she's quite taken
with "I'm My Own Grandpa" and
"I'm a Lonely Little Petunia in an Onion
Patch" - so she has a long way
to go!

About a month later! Hissie,

I'm so ashamed - I've been looking
for a letter from you every
day - and while in cleaning
out my drawer I ran across
this letter which I honestly
had thought I'd mailed. It

just goes to show how foggy
one can get. Guess Jim around
the house so much. The children
have had colds so I've been
pretty cramped up with them. Then
Jimmy has been gone most
of this month - Seattle for ten
days - Baltimore for a week and
now his about to leave for Kansas
City for a week. Anyhow I guess
I've become quite stagnant and
my mind doesn't function as it
should.

How are you coming with
your concert? I was so impressed
with it and am looking forward
to hearing it again. Hope it'll be
soon. When are you coming
home? It seemed to me you
said April - so I'm going to again

mail this to L.F. to be forwarded
in case.

Has Mary had her baby
yet? I've thought of her so
often - I'm so busy with two. I
just can't imagine what it
would be like to have four - much
as I'd love having them.

Well, my dear, I think I'll
send this and be sure it gets
out. Please write more of those
wonderful letters -

Much love
Ellen

February 28, 1948

Dear Laura Jane —

I got your card and Trudy's letter. I'm sending it to her tonight. The books for Gerry Ann came and I sent them out to her.

Rosemary hasn't your latter address. You're moving too much we can't keep up with you. We're snowed in so I'll give her your address when they can get in. It was so sweet —

— Gertrude's address is inside —

of you to remember her birthday.

I'm sorry too that you didn't get the cake. I had it all decorated for valentine day, but I know that by now it's spoiled.

When you move into your apartment I'm going to make you something else and send it out. Then I'll be sure you get it.

We're having a terrible storm. It started

Mrs. Stanley Jigela

357 Willow

Waterbury, Conn -

with a rain and it's been
snowing for two days and
a night. It's still snowing
and the snow is so piled
up we can hardly see out
of the kitchen windows.

Will be looking forward
to have you come home
with your friend, Mme.
Votyska. I'm sure I'll
like her.

Much love from
Letter-ettes both of us,
Pauline

A Gibson Card
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Sunday P.M.

Dear Laura Jane,

I want to thank you so very
much for the lovely Compact.
It was just what I needed,
and I love it.

We have had so many grand gatherings here in Bembridge and to think that the holidays are about over doesn't seem possible.

Will you please drop me a note right away and give me your address so that I can write you in N. York. You have never given it to me and I would like to have it.

I hope your Mother is feeling better. Give your Mom and Dad for me.

Now I must write a few more notes, but please answer soon,

Again Many Thanks

My Love

Fergie

apl 41

501 W. 111 St

New York 25 N.Y.



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Miss Laura Jane Messer
Room 743
Biltmore Hotel
New York N.Y.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Miss. Laura Jane Musser
Buckingham Hotel #1206
57th St & 6th Ave
New York City - N. Y.

Dear Laura Jane - Call this a P.S.

The box in which I am mailing
your gift came to me from
Norway - Notice Lux Soap
is "Sepe" over there —
Love - Grace



Miss Laura Jane Musser.
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New York -
N.Y.

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Monday 6/21/48

Dear Anna Jane:

I surely missed
you last night!

Jack Nelson was present

and acted for you.
Also Mr Smith and a
young man visitor.

Our roses bloomed so
well yesterday and
Susan made Passages
for every lady and then
~~that~~ left the house,
forgetting to take them
over to the meeting.

I know you are enjoying
your new apartment
With my love,
Margaret R. Ledy.

Friday

Dearest Fatsie,

Your letter and the ticket arrived Tuesday and thank you so very much. You are so dear to take me and I do appreciate it more than you'll ever know; however I had no idea the tickets were so expensive so I truly don't feel that I ought to see more than one opera.

This has been another of "those weeks" - The children and I came down with intestinal flu and all have been correspondingly miserable. It's dreadful stuff and altho the

Children are better - I don't seem
to be able to shake it - particularly
the nausea.

We are looking forward to seeing
you next Wednesday - I had completely
forgotten that Babe had ordered tickets
to the Ice Rink for that night (altho she
hasn't yet received the tickets or confirmation
for that night) but even if no one should go -
we could have a good visit on the afternoon
dinner and then drop you at the hotel.
Had I only known how things were going
to turn out - I would have certainly
asked for a ticket for you - Well anyway -
we'll see how things turn out.

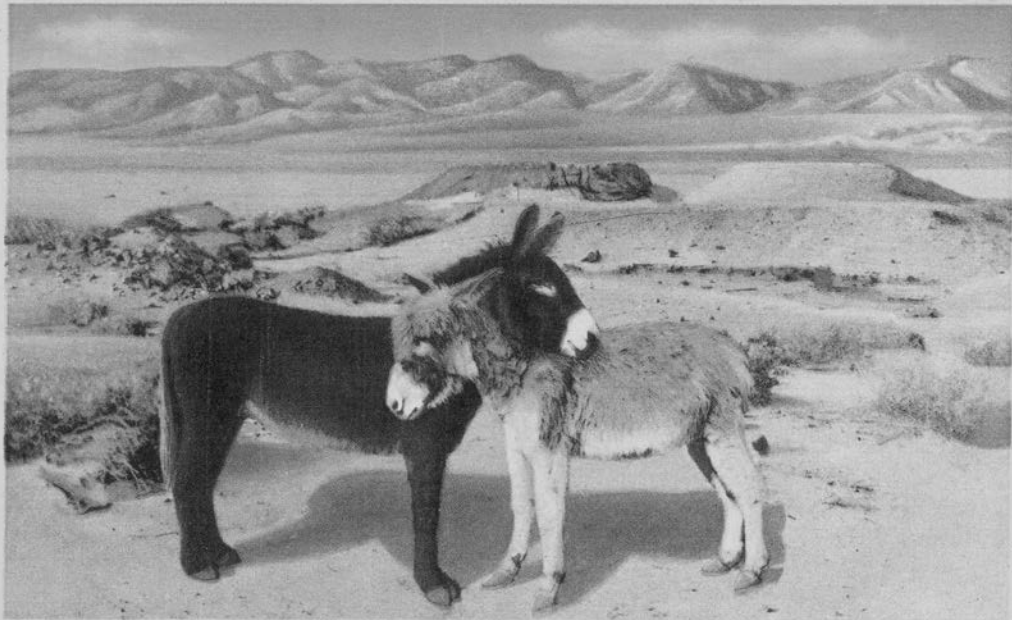
Thank you again for the
ticket and will see you soon -

P.S. I hope they all
don't dress for the opera - do they? Much love
Ellen



To

Miss Laura Gene Thusser
Little Falls
Minnesota



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POST CARD

Dear Laura Jane,
Here I am with Mary
Lee in Island —
having a wonderful
time. Tomorrow we
leave for Laguna
Beach for a few
days. The trip out
took only 9 hours.
This "air" page is
wonderful.

Sincerely,
Mary Jane Buckman

Miss Laura Jane Musser
of Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Musser
Little Falls,
Maine.

HOTEL

Lowry



ST. PAUL 2,
MINNESOTA

5/20/48

Dear Laura:

I put a note as I check out. I wanted you to know that I had been in your neck of the woods. I gave a rental here last night.

I don't know where you are. You moved hotels just before our last "date" and I didn't get the name even to call and say "Thank you". If & when you get this, do contact us. We are to move this summer (at long last) to Long Island. We are buying a home there. As ever,

Lara

BOHEMIAN CHATTERER

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Bohemian Chatterer

Friday morning
dear Laura Jane:-

I saw the enclosed clipping in the morning paper a few days ago, and that possibly you missed seeing it. When you told me she was getting married, I didn't understand that the

husband to be was white.

Unless he backs out between now & next Thursday, that you would get a kick out of knowing George is going to the opera with Mrs. Wakefield and myself next Thurs. nite, tux and all, I hope. Our tickets are Dec. 1- Row 17- Seat 9-10-11-

I hope we see you all.

Had a tooth extracted Wednesday,
but am feeling fine. Was in the
chair the 40 minutes, which was
quite an ordeal in itself.

All our love to your
Mother, Father, Alice and yourself.
affectionately

Esther

official visit to the N
chapter at the next state con-
ference March 10-12, 1949, at
the Nicollet hotel.

U. S. Negro Singer to Wed Norwegian

OSLO, NORWAY—(N.Y. Times)
—Anne Brown, American Negro
singer, will be married to Thor-
leif Schjelderup, 29, son of a Nor-
wegian supreme court judge, on
May 11, it was announced Mon-
day.

Miss Brown, who has given sev-
eral concerts in this country, has
won wide popularity among Nor-
wegians. She starred in the Unit-
ed States in George Gershwin's
"Porgy and Besse." Her fiance,
a law student, is a well known
skier.





Miss Laura Jane Musser,
Little Falls,
Minnesota

510 Prospect Ave. So. Mpls 9-

