



Laura Jane Musser and
family papers.

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Bergen
Hotel Norge
Norway
c/o The American Express

RS. R. D. MUSSER
Linden Hill
He Falls, Minnesota

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MRS. R. D. MUSSEY
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Hidden Hill
Sept 8 1952

My precious Laura Jane -

I have just received your Stationery so
didn't feel I should write before but how
I do long to hear from you and wondering
whether you are happy or lonely - I do miss
you so awfully - and how I loved and will
cherish your darling drive to us as you
were leaving - I sent you a wire thought
before you left and I sent it so hurriedly
to the 'St. Mary S.S.' - I feel so sorry but they
told me at the station they were sure you
received it - Did you? It was so nice to hear
that the 2 men were on the boat and Marion
Audenrow - I suppose you left her when you
reached South Hampton - So many have asked
if I had heard from you - and I have to say
just a wire from the boat as it was leaving -
am so eager to hear how you enjoyed Norway -

and Sweden - We enjoyed Thomas & Thelma
very much. He is so alone now - Aunt Lillian
Mary & children left on a week ago. I went down
yesterday to the city taking Pauline & Bert Harlan
Bert was going to St Paul to visit her niece
Marie - Comes back today - it is starting to rain
Addie Meyer just called and wondered if we had heard
from you - A notice in the paper told of Bud Tanners
marriage to a girl in Calif. Tomorrow I go to a
luncheon at Clara Thompson's so poor Paddy will
be all alone - Alice drove East with Roger and
Sarah & Sam. to visit Mrs Siefert - Will come
back by air next Thursday - Timmy just jumped
up on my lap - Makes it a little difficult - Can
Dad want to send his love to you -

Daddy & I drove to Cloquet to Mr Hornby's
Secretary services - Dorothy was so pleased that
we came - Called on Bert & Ed & Mill McIlair and
they drove with us to the services - They will
come to see us on the 14th of this month -
She will be 75 that day - I was very tired the
next day but got thoroughly rested staying in bed -
Dorothy Hornby wants to come & visit us soon
You received a letter from the Crowthers
which I will enclose - How do you like home

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soon and it will cheer us wonderfully -
Daddy is going down next Thursday to stay
a few days with Aunt Laura - they both took to
play Double Dummy -
are getting 2 tickets to the Symphony
concerts for this winter and hope to have
you for my companion - This is the Golden
Jubilee for the Symphony Concerts -
Your Stevery doesn't mention your
going to "Dakar" - you can't that either!
Didn't think you were going to Rome -
Club Fish Club will start my son & 4 Square
So we are very anxious for you to come home -
Everything goes on just the same so I am
so glad you could take this trip - Wish
I were with you - Have you found that your
companions on the trip are congenial?

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Kinden Hill
Sept 19/92

My precious Letter

Have been resting all P.M. Came home so tired and sleepy from the city yesterday!! that I have been in bed most of the day!! Alice has been in bed most of this week with a very bad cold and miserable cough - It is almost 5 P.M. time for Daddy to come home - How nice all told your letter written from Bergen - your trip to Trondheim was beautiful & really for Daddy & I took that on our wedding trip - but I always said I was going to take it again some day - Bert went to the city with us yesterday & she is so enthusiastic about her new home - selecting paper & materials for new chairs etc - The house is not finishing very rapidly but that's all right. Our cows are gone all but 1 - which is about to have a calf - don't know how long we will keep that - Daddy is so happy &

has disposed of the other cows - He will
worry less - Getting our milk & cream
from Sallie Young I believe - Had
Bob get the sample of blood & urine
& give me report - He said I was in excellent
condition - My red count about 90 and
urine perfect -

Ben Walker called up from the Rangers
when m m down before and he is so
thrilled with his first his name Patience Buxton
from Omaha - Her wedding I think Nov. 30
but m wont be here to go for I hope to drive
just for you - Can hardly wait for you to get
home - Alice will go with me -

Her comes Daddy home and Timmie ran
down to meet him - How he does love him -
Tuesday m went out to the Blue Front and
had a most delicious dinner with Helen
& John Ulek - She was so disappointed not
to see more of you this summer - Daddy
& John played cribbage all day - John
beat Daddy in the am - & Daddy beat him
in P. M. So they had lots of fun - Timmie
loved it all too - You certainly are meeting

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most interesting people and you are finding
them most interesting - Two postals came
from you today one for Daddy + me + one
for Alice - I feel so sorry you had such
a bad cold but when you don't have enough
bed covers + are in draughty train
one can't expect to escape -

The American Express has been most kind
to have all Porters + Conductors - It is the
best way to go - your story of Edinburgh
+ Ireland was so very interesting + the
legend of the Scottish Bala was so good -

Today you are in Oslo - Leaving 2:30 P.M.
and you saw the Kon-Tiki raft - That must
have been interesting and you leave in the morning
at 9:10 A.M. - and arrive Stockholm 1:50 P.M. -
+ then go to Hotel Cattle - You should
have a fine room + bath + hope its not cold -
You will be there until next Monday -

My I wish I were with you -

Daddy says it is so cold and he has gone out to pick tomatoes which probably sounds familiar to you -

The motor trip 3 hours long in Stockholm sounds most delightful to see the past of Stockholm's history from the 13th Century. Am so glad you are keeping a journal - I shall enjoy reading it when you return. Gertrude & Nell McVair are coming the 26. Wish you were here to keep me entertained then.

Did you enjoy the 2 American women you traveled to Bergen with?

Do you think you will see Marian Andersson again? and perhaps you met her in Stockholm? Did you get a chance to talk to Mr Hurok?

I haven't seen any of your friends except Bert Hartmann - Hope you have.

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

Little Falls, Minnesota

Written a postal to her & Lee Woodworth -
They would all be so pleased to hear from
you - You just don't know how much
we miss you - Pauline would love to hear
from you too & Olga and Shirley -
We persuaded Daddy to drive with
us to the city yesterday for to spend
several hours to play cards with
Aunt Laura - She leaves Sunday for
Muscatine - She is a wonderful woman
as you wrote and how we all love her
and will feel sad she won't be coming
here Sunday - She spoke of how much
she appreciated seeing you - & she
loves you very much - Daddy is now
coming in with Tummy so will have

To Stop writing & go to supper —
The family all send love & Daddy
& I so much love & we adore
getting your letters —

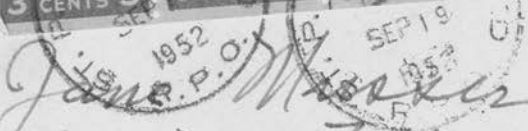
Devotidly always
Mother



Wm. M. ...



*Mrs Laura Jane Messers
of the American Express
Stockholm
Sweden*



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



R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

April 21, 1952

Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dearest Laura Jane:

I just received a copy of a letter that Mr. Frank B. Weck, Vice President, First National Bank, wrote you with regard to a duplicate form that the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, prepared in connection with the annual payments which you receive from that company. The purpose of this request is to enable your Trust Account to enter and keep a record of these payments so that you will not have any trouble in regard to a tax liability of around 3% that is assessed against these annuities. I hope you signed and returned the papers to Mr. Weck. I am going to have you meet him and explain what a great advantage it is to you to have a Trust Account, and now that you have taken accounting and have advanced so far and have done so well in the problems of business transactions, you will surely be pleased to know just how a Trust Account works and what an advantage it is to you to have one.

We had a talk with Mr. Schaust about information of tours to Sweden and Scandinavian countries this summer and he promised to take it up with the head of the Travel Department and get you full information. It would be wonderful if you should decide to go, to get you in with a good party of fine persons and I am sure that it would be much better, as you state, to go in that way than in the way you did over a year ago.

Our very grand friends, the Schausts, brought us a turkey and other fine things and we surely had a grand dinner yesterday noon. I took it upon myself to drive them around to every point of interest of which I could think. We went through Pine Grove Park and also to the Lindbergh Park. Mr. Schaust is interested in animal life and they enjoyed seeing the pair of Elk and the group of six Buffalo that we have in the park. They were delighted with the fine growth of White Pine timber that both of these parks have. We then went to the new Lindbergh Elementary School and devoted some time to giving it a thorough inspection. Mrs. Schaust was delighted with everything she saw and never had an opportunity to see the wonderful things that they are doing for the children in comfort and instruction and every other way that they can do at this school. It is really one of the finest educational schools that I have ever been in. They have a cafeteria with all modern equipment and a number of recreation rooms and a playground and football field that is very good. We also drove through what we call Riverview Addition where the Woodworths and

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

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Simonets have fine homes, and where Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann are now building a new home for themselves. We also drove around the golf grounds and was glad that the weather was fine so that we could enjoy every minute of it. Bert and Frank had a little evening party for the Schausts and we had a lovely evening's entertainment there.

The river did not get as high as it did two years ago but it got in our garage and put out our furnace fire. It is now receding fast but the damage will continue until the crests of the Mississippi and Missouri have passed or been lowered by the flow so that they will cause no further worry.

So glad to talk with you Sunday morning and was greatly interested in all the things that you had to tell us.

Little Timmie is quite a part of our family and is certainly a lot of fun for our guests and he wears them out, having them play with him and keep his rubber playthings in quite active use.

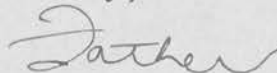
Mary stated over the 'phone that little Drew would be able to take off his plastic cast from his leg, and Sam could come back home and in about two weeks he might be able to take off his cast. It is too bad that these misfortunes have to come in any family. They are expensive and cause a lot of worry and care that is indeed wearing on all of the others of the family.

We are having a rain today and it is very beneficial to our grass and pasture.

Your lovely and Aunt Laura's beautiful Easter flowers made our home look like a glorified garden. We are so grateful for these Easter remembrances and they do bring great joy with them.

We all send our love and devotion.

Sincerely,



RDM*S

Mr. Musser left for Dr. Holt's before this letter was written, therefore he did not read same. I.S.

After 5 days, return to
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MRS. R. D. MUSSER,
608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

January 29, 1952

Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

My Dear and Precious Lotsie:

I just received the enclosed statement of the Spring College Registration Fee from the Parker Junior College. I am making out my check, payable to you, for this amount and you can endorse it over, or any part of it, that you wish to apply on your course in business accounting and financing, etc.

We felt quite dejected after you left, but we hope it is all for the best that you are in New York and can obtain more of the opportunities and fine things in life than you could here in Little Falls.

Our weather has been very cold and the best news we have had is from Aunt Laura, stating that she will go with us to Sarasota.

Please send me a statement of your Medical Expense and Contributions for 1951.

All join in love and affectionate esteem, including little Timmie, I am sure.

Devotedly,

Your Daddy

RDM*S
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After.....days, return to

R. D. Musser

Box 300

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Leeds Falls
Feb 12th 1952

My precious Lorraine -

I will try and drop a note
to you before Daddy comes
home - This is a gorgeous
day and I do hope Mr. Nie
can no more know, until
after Mr. arrives in Fl.

Daddy & I Mr. so thankful
you recovered from your
cold - Mr. hope to leave by
the 15th spend a day or

two with Aunt Laura - She
is going to let Frank go
on ahead taking bags -
which will be a great help.

Yesterday Frank W. came to
by luncheon & table and
invited Alice and me - They
about all asked about you
all from T. Love you very much -
Mr. took Vera Nelson & Alura
Lordahl with us - She had
a delicious lunch while
we all enjoyed to the utmost -
all the dinners & luncheons
I go to do not raise my
poundage! which rejoices in -

Feuby Bausman sent me
an announcement of his
wedding to a Mrs Peters
has gone to Calif. and
won't be back till the
middle of April - We do
miss you so ter - you
are an inspiration to Daddy
and me - Pauline goes with
Louis & Rose Mary & Nell Jane
this afternoon - but comes back
for supper - I loved talking to you
by L. D. Sunday - think I'll know
what melt just with this weather
do you have much snow there?
My love to your friends here
with a heart full for your dear
self - Most affectionately Mother

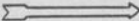




Air Mail
Miss Laura Jane Musser
of the Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th Street,
New York City
N.Y.

"Its Fun to Sun"
In Florida

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The Temperature Today Is 

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My darling Lotties
Mr. Han drives as
as Springfield Ill
and are all pretty tired
Mr. Han & Jim Motel
A double room & room
next to it. We are now
going about 2 miles for
dinner - How Mr. Han
you for I know you would
has loved the drink here
Aunt Laura left us at Cairo
Miss Mary - with Mary
D.D. with Daddy this M - Over Aunt Tom Mother.



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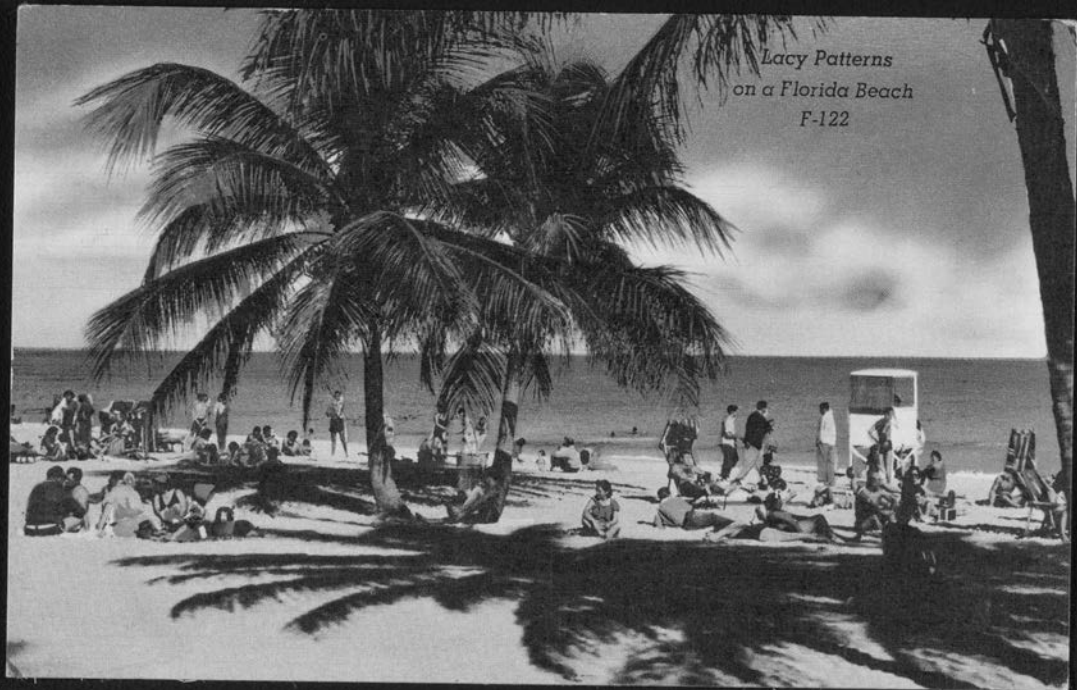


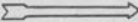
Miss Laura Jane Matter
% The Buckingham Apts
101 West 57th Street
New York City
N. Y.

Florida

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*Lacy Patterns
on a Florida Beach
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The Temperature Today Is 

Dearest Laura Jane -
has come to Perry, Fla.
are having our lunch -
How we did hate to leave
you alone this morning
Hope you can find able
at the Massers
With so much love to you
my darling - from us all
Affec- Mother

In _____ Florida

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POST CARD

Miss Laura Jane Masser
of the Orange Blossom
Hotel - Room 407
Sarasote
Florida



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
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MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota



Nov 2nd 1902

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

My own Darling Lottie -
My birthday fast but over
Darling Daddy had come down
with a bad cold on his chest -
Dr Johnson came right over and
started giving him medicine -
So today he has no fever
and we are so delighted - Alice
and I went to church - A most
gorgeous day but one feels the
cold more than usual - We all
had our dinners on my work table
in our sitting room and now we
are listening to the Radio - Mabel
goes more there but in 20 days
you will be here - Come by Plane
or train - and will meet you
either Minneapolis or here
I just can't tell you how

to long to have you home -
it will b so much fun to have
you home - see the 22nd Daddy
Alice & I will be at Beau & Prudence
Peacocks' wedding - How wonderful
if you could come home that day -
and then we all could go to
Aunt Luras for a day or two -
see looking at your jewelry I just
wondered if you could get this
before you started home -
but by air plane guess you would
get it before you leave -
our place looks pretty well now
I b men have picked most of the
leaves -

My birthday flowers were really
gorgeous - Aunt Lura - Daddy
Bert & Frank - Grace & Neil -
Pearl Longley - Every one keeps
asking "When will L.J. get here

They can hardly believe it will
be so soon - MRS. R. D. MUSSER you have
Little Falls, Minnesota
so many dear friends here -

Mary went to here on the Kings
for Thanksgiving - I remembered
your wish to be alone with us -
I do hope you haven't had an
upset stomach this time in Italy.
Could you enjoy the food at all?
I suppose Marion Nellermoe wasn't
in Florence - she did hope to see you!
I do get so excited to think of you
bring her so soon - I'd been
up with Daddy quite a few nights
so am ready for a good long sleep.
Alice has been darling the last few
nights to look after Daddy & not
disturb me - Jimmy is with
him most days - There has been

article in yesterday's paper
about the Captain going to Capri.
He died with the wheel in his
hands - All of the women were
quite excited - A sailor rushed
up broke a window & got the
key necessary & saved the
boat from going on a Reef -
Now thankful to me that you
were not on that boat - I don't
care about your going into the
Blue Procter - unless you want to -
& Mr Rosewell singing with the Choir
Barritone - A great addition.

Puth asks for you every Sunday.
Mrs Hub was so happy you
wrote a postal to Schellars.
I just tell all of those you wrote
to called me up to tell me

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

how glad they were to hear about
you & from you -

An old owl sat on an
oak limb the other night &
talked to me all night -

Sarah, Sam & Helen sent me
3 pretty handkerchiefs - Bill
him to spend 2 or 3 days writing
to my one who was so kind
to me -

Daddy just said "you will
not get back in time to go to the
wedding - I am just sick
about it - With dearest and
affectionate greetings Mother -

Pine Tree Manufacturing Co.

LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Address All Correspondence to the Company

February 20, 1952

Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
101 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Musser:

As you probably know, your Father and Mother left on Monday of this week for Florida, and your income tax returns came this morning, so I am forwarding them for your signature.

You will find enclosed your Federal and State Tax Returns, also Declaration of Estimated Tax. Will you please sign all three forms on the line that I have marked with an x, as "Laura Jane Musser". Will you also write in the date on each return, which is near your signature.

You will find enclosed a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of these Income Tax Returns to Mr. Frank B. Weck, as he will send them to the proper office with the remittances.

We are wondering if your folks ran into the storm that we got the day after they left, as they stayed over night in Minneapolis and were to start out on Tuesday morning. The storm was not as severe in Little Falls as it was in the southern and western part of the state.

Hoping you are well and enjoying your work, I am

Sincerely,

Dakula Simon

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

Sunday, Sept. 13-54

Dearest & Mrs. Purness
Your most wonderful and
dear beloved letter came while
we were in people's meeting and
Laura left Thursday and Friday
and home Saturday noon.

It seemed just like finding
a treasure of priceless value &
how we all did enjoy it yes
every darling word of it.
What a grand & marvelous time
you are having and what of
fine opportunities you are having
to meet some very fine people
and enjoy your experiences as
you never have done before.
You are having a really much
better time than you had with
Pete. While I can see and
appreciate the good points of people
I am like you in being able
to size them up and it is a
real treat to find persons
that did not put their self
values before everything else.
Thank my dear Lottie in
framing my precious "Moment"
late event."

truly saying of my Mother
 & Father is that Ordinarily we
 have the power of having things
 go as we make them or direct
 them... or we really are the
 Author of our Fate and the
 Captains of our Souls!
 You surely have done well
 in promoting your own en-
 joyment and making friendly acquaintances.
 Your decision to travel alone
 aboard was quite a big and
 ambitious idea and it wor-
 red us somewhat.

You are surely making
 good and I do believe you
 will know how to retain your
 Composure and dignity & gain
 the respect of all you meet.

Monday, the 15th. I tried to finish this
 letter Sunday but I did not get a
 chance to write a line.

On our return from Minneapolis we
 found that Alice's Brother Louis and
 his wife had arrived and we had
 to give them some time and consider-
 ation. The Aunt Laura arrived Sunday
 noon to make her last visit while
 she has been in Minnesota taking
 her treatments.

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

We had a grand time with her in Minneapolis as well as we did while she was in Little Falls.

She will return to Muscatine (and Young City later) next Sunday the 20th.

We had a very nice visit with Marian Walker and while some persons have seen some characteristics in her that may have caused some comment that would not make much of an impression adversely on me for Marian surely has had many difficult problems to handle since Otis died and I doubt if many others could do a finer job. Her sons all do

love her dearly. Dick Dorothy wedding was quite a grand affair.

Now Benj has got the Bug and he and his darling Miss Patience

Peacock of Omaha Neb, are planning on getting married the latter part of November.

While we were in Minneapolis Benj stopped there and called us at the Hotel. We did not get him until after we returned Friday evening to the Hotel after having a fine dinner with Helen and Richard King at their home. The Schaubts and Aunt Laura were the other guests.

Benj. was staying with the Ryers as Wayzata Minnetonka.

Ben. Came in and had break-
fast with us. and stayed with
Aunt Laura until he took the
Plague at 2:30 P.M. for home.
When Ben gets married the home
in Cooper will be a very lovely
and fresh one.
We had 3 very hot days last week
and now it is quite cool.

I think later you would like
Louis Deppmanns wife Babe as
well as Louis. He has not been
back here for about 38 years so he
got weary a thrill from things
as he found and remembered them
here. I just received a supply
of your Stearns so for all Sam
and Louie Copies.

We were intensely interested in
^{reading} your account of your experiences
on the "Queen Mary" R.S. and the
fine acquaintances you made & the
good times that resulted.

There is an example of creating
our own entertainment to quite a
degree. You surely made a most
friendly reputation on the Deck
even on your first trip.

There was so much elegant and
refining reading in your letter
that it often was read in the

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

The Mon is short. Mother is
well on her 3d reading and
I am up far behind.

Alice had a very happy time
in Pittsburgh with Mrs. Siefert
and also with Mary & the family.
Tomorrow we are going out to
Lake Alexander to have dinner with
Helen & John. They are leaving
soon for home. Beth and Frank
are fine and well I think
you in their new home in about
a month's time.

We did worry (uselessly) about not
hearing from you earlier by your
2 addresses guessed right as I have
done many times. You always
have us in your dear thought
and when you can or find the
time you always write us a
most enjoyable and a very dear
and affectionate letter.

Pauline Olga and Shirley often
speak of and ask about you.
We all severely miss you
and many I have wished
you would appear and make
us so ideally happy.

We like our New Auto Duven
very well. He loves to plow
around the place and has cut
a lot of our overgrown grass
flat like down the hill all
the way from the Dam between
the Island and our grounds to
the Rosemeyer Property. He likes
to drive & he keeps his Ears
up in fine condition. His
wife Ardes is a fine house-
keeper.

I have so much to write
you that I can not think of
anything special.

It is hard & rather painful
to see to think of you so very
far away. We pray for
your happiness and safe re-
turn home when you soon
abroad is ended.

All of our heart felt love
& devoted prayers.

Your Mary Radde.

After 5 days, return to
MR. R. D. MUSSER,
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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Air Mail



Miss Laura Jane Musser
% The Buckingham Apts.
101 West 57th Street
New York City
N.Y.

you come for them all - Hope
then you may stay home! -
Do hope you have recovered
from your cold entirely! We
all have a little sinus -

When you come home I do hope
we can have some nice picnics
Now it doesn't seem as though
it would ever get warmer!

Richard has a girl Long Kroger
works at "Montgomery Ward". He
could hardly wait to get home
to see her!

Just let Timmy up - Alice
Devey called and wanted to go to
the City with us if we go tomorrow.
Which I think we will - Don't know
just what for as yet -

I love you dearly dearly my
own darling Lottis -
Yours devotedly
Mother -

April 2nd 1952

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

My precious Lottis -

I am up and all dressed by
10:30 A.M. so wanted to write to you
the first thing -

It is a dark, blowy, cold day -
This P.M. is Child Interest Club at
Clara Thompson's - and I am going -
Quite a lot of snow still on the
ground which will go as soon as
we have a nice warm sun -

I called little Helen King yesterday
but she was out playing - Sarah here
had a bad attack of the measles
but was better when I called -

I shall never forget your measles
when Aunt Laura was there with me -
Hope you will never have another attack -

Daddy went to Frank Hartmann's
last eve for a Contract Spec with the boys -
Had Frank for supper - All of the
Rivers in N.D. & S.D. are rising and our
Mississippi is coming up - "There's the telephone"

For Alice - Daddy + I love the letters you
write - Wish you could write more often!
We are so happy you had such
a good time in Sarasota & the more I tell
that Mrs Ross was certainly nice to you -
but how could she help it - Every one loves
you dearly who knows you!

Timmy I had to crash up in his
bed - he barled so at Richard -
now he is begging to be let loose -
Florence Holst Carney is expecting

a baby in June and poor Fred
Holst hopes he will live to see his
first grand child - Last year he
wanted to live to see the girls married.
He really looks much better than he did.
I do think Daddy has kept him alive
by going on there every Saturday -

Received a letter from Sally about
a short time ago and she speaks of the
grand poem you wrote to her -
Margaret Taylor will be leaving
for home soon - Will be glad to have
her safe in this country again.
She can't bear to leave Italy -

I do enjoy you leaving all of those letters - In fact the
Radio will bring this letter. P.M. and Flagstaff's voice was beautiful.
I had never heard it before - and that gives you the idea.
The years do not try so fast - and it has all to them!
Last Sunday we invited the O'Garra's and Addie Moe's for dinner.
They stayed most of the P.M. playing Contak -

Our young friend Fred J. 3. will be in the O'Garra's in May -
the first one is May 16th giving Regatta - Helene is still
there - then comes Louise (and her son J.) by Margaret
Eleanor Steen as Florida (May 17th) then Carmel May 18th
in the afternoon - and Sunday P.M. (May 19th) Madame Butterfly.
Anna's feelings as the Puckton - and they end there -
Miss Telling could come up to see us - but in madhouse
in home until Sunday 21st - 22nd and 23rd from 7 to 8 am

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Little Falls, Minnesota



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Little Falls, Minnesota

My own darling Lottie -
In just a day or two you will
be leaving for home and how
low expect me are here and how
can we wait - We will be on our
way to Omaha when you start -
Daddy has just gone to the office
and in a few minutes I will be
resting - When you get home you
will want to rest I imagine -
Tuesday 3:30 we had dinner with
Bert & Frank and last 3:30 - Mrs. H.
I was at the Buckman Hotel and
stay until 12:00 at the Rogers
right in home - Had a delicious
lunch both nights so now I don't
- I'm + need food! he neither
- is surely Indian Sammie

and we are enjoying it - Hope you
will have smooth sailing home -
and how I wish Alice Bob and I were
going to meet you - When I talked
to Mary Sunday I told her I wish
she & Sarah could meet you - So
maybe they will - Tomorrow Alice
& I will go to the city - and I
dread going to Dr Zittel for we
have to make up a long flight
of stairs - Monday I had to go
to Dr Longley for 2 fillings - and
was afraid I would suffer but not
a bit - He is certainly a marvellous
dentist - He & the Jack at 4 Square
all asked about you - Everyone is
so anxious for you to get home -
I will try & call you when you arrive
am getting so sleepy can hardly
ask to write - I did love your

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Birthday Card and now Daddy's comes
the 14th - Han been reading aloud to
Daddy "The Silver Chair" and just
finished it - A very good book!
You didn't write about Mr. Pausen
Have you heard from him?
Some of my birthday flowers are
still in my sitting room -
I talked to Marian & Ben last m.
Ben is so excited about his wedding
I guess she is a lovely girl -
Trimmy is asleep on my chair!
He still barks at the girls and
nips their heels.
I hope this letter will reach you
before you sail - Am so happy
& relieved that Daddy is so fine

now - then I'm not said he had a
shot of Cortison and every bit of Cortison
left him - I called Dr. Johnson
to say to see if he would give me
a shot but he said Steve's was
quite different from mine a point
which he wouldn't want to give me -
Of course I was quite disappointed
but don't want my mind to be
affected. //

When Mr. Ablan was here last summer
I spent quite a bit of money but told
Daddy most of my Xmas gift had
been bought - Alice has wrapped
them all and has only a few things
to buy yet - Daddy doesn't want
me to spend so much!

The Catholic School gave a Operetta
last Sunday - We all forgot about it

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but Sister Colletts called us so
felt we should go - We sat so
far back could hardly see or
hear - & Sister was waiting for
us. As we got a Taxi & got there
as soon as possible - She was
so eager to hear about you
How during where you were -
It has been pretty cold ^{at night} -
Barba Holst baby comes in about
two weeks - Dr. Fred is so happy
about that - He still is in bed -
Regina's Mother is with her now -
It really is quite sad - Haven't
heard a word of Charles Rosenberg -
This is just a short note to tell

you know we can hardly wait
for you to get home - you wrote
+ Alice that you wouldn't be home
until around the 13th of December.
Don't stay too long in New York!
Hope you don't have too much to do
there - Have a grand trip home
and know how I talk to you
every night before I go to sleep -
+ for you ~~the~~ ~~you~~ for you
every second of my life -
your devoted Mother

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My own precious Lottie -

This is a beautiful day - Quite a cold wind - I am terribly disappointed but Daddy was so discouraged about my driving East that I said I wouldn't go - Alice first said she wouldn't go so only Bob could look after me if anything upset me - I hope you can take the train right out so as to be home Thanksgiving which is the 28th?

Bert and Frank are sleeping in their new home. Am very anxious to see it. They go back to the green house nearly every 3rd - but call us up first so we won't be worried if Mr. & Mrs. lights there. When in the city last m. couldn't get a taxi going home from Dr. Zettels

So I walked the 2 blocks and had
a little bleeding from my bladder
but it stopped as soon as I rested -
Was pretty tired after the drive down
& walk and was just getting out of my
clothes - when Daddy came back from
St Paul and wanted to take Alice & me
to the movie "Isaiah" so got dressed
and went to the Century for that
it was my good but so long since
I had read it couldn't remember the
story - Daddy enjoyed it very much -
Had Helen King for dinner & the Schancks
then we played cards in our room "926" -

Daddy is coming home for dinner -
now so can't write much more -
You are in Montreal today and hope
it is not too cold -

Yesterday I visited Dr & Mrs Johnson

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* Had dinner with us - then later in
the P.M. - they took us on a 3 hour
drive in the country - and we enjoyed
it so much -

Your letters are still so interesting
it won't be so much longer before
you are home and how we will
love hearing about it all -

2994 Myrtle Avenue Driscoll's Mother
died a wk. ago and Daddy went to the
funeral - to the burial service where
he saw all of the family who were
interested there -

Have to go to dinner now but
will finish this after -

Mary will be here for Thanksgiving
I think - Helen keeps asking me whether

Mary is coming next -

Daddy is packing heavy clothes to go to Cross Lake with George S. - this afternoon and Bay Long Cay + Neil Woodworth are also going - So hope they will have good hunting and some good Card games.

Your Postals to Alice and me just came this noon - from Copenhagen - We were so happy to receive them - Aarhus must be a lovely city with all of its parks and being the home of the Dowager Queen of Denmark - It was nice of you to take the man you met and the woman to those two concerts - Hope Marion C. did as beautifully as in Stockholm - Will she be on your boat coming home? - Wonder if you will meet M. Mollerup in Florence! - Regina came over to see us a minute with Florence - She had some darling photos of her baby - you have Italy, yet to see don't get sick with that fever - don't forget the Cammille Tea you enjoyed - just a letter over a month and you will be home - Can hardly wait - My dearest love to you my Darlingest. Mother

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It gives us quite a heart ache to think of you so very far away from us and ^{so} alone especially when you are not well and when you need the best of Medical Care and attention.

However it is only the fearful person that is apt to be subject to many of the ills of this mortal life of ours.

If you could see Mother and the rest of us 'devour' your lovely letters & get such a great joy from them you surely would feel amply repaid for all the hardships you have endured in writing them.

Margaret and Cliff spent a day and a night with us. Leaving yesterday afternoon for St Paul and then for their home. Aunt Laura spent Sunday the 14th of Sept with us here in L.F. and we went to Mpls the following Thursday and spent that day with her. Sunday morning afterward she left for Muscatine where she will be for 10 days or 2 weeks.

We thoroughly enjoyed Cousin Margaret & Cliff's visit - They were so dear and kind. Mother had a few guests in that evening.

We were trying to make some plans for the winter with Cousin Margaret & Cliff. This would include Aunt Laura at some interesting place in Texas, Arizona or California.

But that may fizz out if we lose
our enthusiasm. Mother is thinking of
going to Battle Creek Meets and spending
2 weeks at the Battle Creek Sanitarium.
She needs to have a diet that will not
hurt her down to 94 but will help
her reduce 15 to 20 lbs. Others have done

well in reducing. Cousin Margaret has been
one of them so Mother is going to make
another noble effort.
You are ~~carefully~~ ^{boldly} making a fine record
as an ideal traveler.

That experience is extremely valuable
in giving any one force and confidence
and it teaches us how we can be econom-
ical in making our plans and purchases.
You probably have a good idea now what
will be required to take care of the two
Months and the one week you will have
abroad. Mother and Mrs Postma are
to a Child Interest Club meeting this PM
at Gladys Ryan's home. Tomorrow they will
go on the 26th
by a trip to Mpls and then on the 26th
Gertrude & I will leave well about 8
two days with us returning Monday the
29th. On Saturday Oct 4th Helen &
Paul Gillespie will arrive here after
a football game at Minneapolis. Say
7:30 PM They will be the guests of Grace

and Neil Woodworth for over night & they
will leave the next morning Sunday for
home so they will have quite a short
visit with their friends here.
The winter blasts are getting closer & closer every
moment. We have just escaped 2 frosts.

We like our New Dura quite well. For
he is not at all lazy so we have been
able to do a large amount of necessary
work - cutting ^{all the} grass, including the Island
and Chicken yard. Repairing the damage
by the spring floods and many other necessary
jobs that we could not have done had Richard
been still loafing on his job.

Mary and Roger thought they had found a prize
in a German D.P. woman that wanted
a house job. She proved to be a flop
and a worthless house keeper so she
was summarily dismissed and their old
Margaret came back and all is very
happy now. - It must be a hard task to
take care and feed & educate a family &
now - We must stop this reckless and
unpardonable waste. If we can not get
a change and Elect Gen Eisenhower Pres we
will surely be in a deplorable condition
with taxes paralyzing savings & the will
to work & hope for the future welfare of us

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all - This is not meant to be a political
talk or scare. Things must change
economically morally with more Dignity
and desire to work and save for the
actual needs of existence.

The furor that is being raised about a
fund that a group of Ben Huxons friends
contributed to a necessary expense but
not for political favors is just too
bad for both parties and Candidates.

We have a poor system of advertising
abroad all the bad things and little is
done to give the true facts that this
Country has a spiritual life and that
there are hundreds of thousands of good
noble people within its borders.

We get many of the misavory ones
from abroad. I know you are wise
in not talking politics with strangers either
with regard to our Country or their own.
You have made us so happy with your
precious letters & others too.

Summer I am sure misses you & the
game of peas porridge, hot &c.

Well I am hoping that this letter will
find you somewhere in the best of
health & enjoyment. With dearest love
& devotion from us all
Affectionately Your Daddy (Mytheos)

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

Hidden Hill
Sept 15th 1952

My Darling Lottie -

at last a letter from you and
how we loved it. Read it aloud to the
family - Aunt Laura - Louis & Babe Diffenbach.
Who was here - Daddy & I went to the city on
Thursday - Had my treatment in the A.M.
Then to Aunt Laura's. She took Alice & me
to the basement and we had a grilled cheese
sandwich & I a choc. ice cream soda. The
Schausts came about 6 P.M. for dinner
with us & we played cards after wards -
The Schausts had wanted us to come to Berlin
for the night but Daddy didn't want to or to
Friday m. The Schausts came after us about
6 P.M. and took us to dinner at the Ringo -
which we enjoyed very much. We Early Sat A.M.
and came home in time for lunch. Louis
& Babe were here & stayed until this morning.
I said Goodbye to them last m. - I was
tired stayed in bed till 10:30 then gave Timmy
a bath - which he didn't enjoy. Tried to
bite me several times - but didn't succeed.
Ruth Heltman brought Mr. Rosewall to school

Music Director) over and he sang several songs - He has a beautiful Baritone voice. Singing "The Lord's Prayer" in Church, which was lovely. You would enjoy meeting him and meet when you come home. He was interested in hearing about your trip. He is a Presbyterian but is coming to our Church. I am so happy you are so self-reliant and not lonely. Marian Anderson wrote a little note to me and told me how happy you were and how well & strong you looked. I thought that was dear of her to do that. Know you and she had a good time on the boat going over. Can imagine she is quite a philosopher & meets life calmly for the most part. Am. could learn much from her - your dining room companions sounded most agreeable. Then your Ping Pong Companion must have been fun. Then your swimming partner also your dancing partner must have been fun. It must have been interesting to assist to your dining steward business. What fun the deck hands remembered. You from 1950 - Having Oscar Hammerstein II on board must have been interesting. Marian was lucky to be invited to the cocktail party given by the Capt.

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Did the rough ocean bother you much -
 Hope you didn't take cold when the weather
 turned so cold - Didn't the boat take
 longer to make the crossing than before,
 5 1/2 days was what the Bremen took
 So Mr Hurolt met Maria to go to Sweden
 and the Amer. Express Agent met you -
 The Hyde Park Hotel must have been my parent
 & so near to the Buckingham Palace -
 So the Royal Family were in Scotland
 Your 2 days right merry in London sound
 most delightful - Then the town which
 lasted all day which began with a subway
 ride to the suburbs where you passed
 Jane Austen's home and then by bus
 where you drove out to Stoke Poges, the
 Church & village. But Thomas Gray made
 immortal in his Elegy in a Country Church
 yard - Mr Gregory who he preached there
 of that & how many should read it - How
 boys from there were lost in the last 2 years.

The room in the town school with
the rooms dating back to 1600 & something
reserved as a museum - to see
the whipping bench where the boys knelt
his hands behind him & is lashed with
a thin cane or strap - sounds like Dickens
and to see the Chapel where Handel's
Messiah was performed for the first time
I remember reading about that in
one of your books - & the organ dates
back to 1827 & has 3000 stops -
the stained glass windows that have
been beautiful & one put in in 1747
when the one had been shattered by
a bomb - So you went into Windsor
Castle for lunch - I remember so well
the Queen's Doll House when I was with
you girls in 1937 - I never remember
having met the Daileys in Casper - it's
too bad that gossip like she told of Aunt
Marian got around - Can't imagine her
telling that she was related to the Pillsbury -
it was interesting to have seen that
the tombs of King George the IV & King George the V

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at Windsor & the guide remarking
that the child of George IV was born dead
that if she had lived - Queen Victoria
would never have been Queen -

So you have a Buns penny - to
characterized the way women wore
their hair -

It would be interesting if you could
stay for the Coronation of Elizabeth
June 5th

Know how much the Deilys
enjoyed the theater you took them to -
& you to the dinner at the Piccadilly
Hotel - I had lunch one day at the
"Cheshire Cheese" and I enjoyed it
very much - then your dinner at
Leons - Am glad you shopped at Selfridges
where you by the way came from & our car robes

your trip on the Great Train for Holyhead
& being so cold with your berth
with no sheets, 1 blanket & a pillow
you must be very careful not to take
cold - ask for more blankets but
they probably didn't have any more
then. Dublin - You saw much more
taking a slight seeing tour than Daddy
& I did on our honey moon - It was
my interesting that the "Peat Bogs"
are responsible for the perfect state
of the Great moor & 2 human bodies
in perfect preservation - Hope
my letter to you in Bergen came
so you received my first letter -
This letter will go to Stockholm
so trust you will receive this -
We love you dearly & dearly &
how we do miss you - Devotedly
Mother



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My darling Lotcie -

This is after supper and have just
let Timmie out. Went to Child Tretment this
afternoon at Gladys Ryan's. I asked her
what the program was to be and she said
just "talk" so we had a nice time visiting -
Margie Siewert called out that her Mergery
received a postal from you before she
went back to college - they all are so happy
to receive a word from you - Grace said
she had a postal from you which pleased her
Grace is driving down with me tomorrow
to meet her relatives and drive by bus to somewhere
in Wisconsin - Shirley goes with me too -
Alicia is getting over her cold but not well
enough to go down tomorrow - Aunt Laura
isn't here - Love to Muscatine -

Monday Cousin Margaret & Cliff Musser came

To visit us. I had a party for them that
m and they enjoyed it & Lot - I love
them both dearly - They drove back
to John & Betty's that P.M. Couldn't persuade
them to stay longer - They missed having
you home - They enjoyed your letter from
Bergen - as did m all - You should
have gotten our letters from or rather at
Stockholm - At Gladys everyone inquired
my particularly about you -

Mrs. Lordahl told of John's just had
another girl baby - Both Barbara & Joan
live in Grand Rapids - Michigan - I think
Barbara has six schools which she has
to look after - My it is black as a pocket
outside and only 6:45 P.M.

Alvin & I may go to Battle Creek Mich
next Monday m - I am sure they can
heal my leg more than anyone else.

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Don't like to lean Daddy all alone out he
has a good time others in are gone -

Alice & I will drive a mile ahead
to N.Y. - Where will we get the key to your
apt? Is someone living there now?

Marion Nellismore came to see us
a day or two ago and she is flying
to Europe next week - Will spend most of
her time in Italy and give them some
creation designs in China or - anything
else they want - She will stay at the
"Grand Hotel" in Florence - and she is
so anxious to see you -
She doesn't want her father to know
what is flying over! Where she gets
on the plane at night & takes
sleeping pills so she will be out and

Sleep soundly if I took 2 at one
time I would fear I would never wake up -
Your Mamma is just as fat as when
you left so must diet -

Mercy me I forgot to send Jimmy
his birthday check so must try & do
it this morn - Margaret wrote that they had
moved to another home where he tries to be more
independent & has more time to him self -
Bay Fongley is coming over to play
Cribbage with Daddy tonight -

Margaret Musser brought us 2 books -
"A Silver Chalice" by Cronin - and "A Man
Called Peter" also " " -
The latter I have read -

Bay tried to kiss me just a minute
so had better stop writing and go to bed
Daddy wrote you a long letter to Cousin Lillian

all my love to my precious daughter & her mother



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proud of it when I introduce
Fidel Club -

Mrs & Mrs Hill and the
daughters also Port & Frank -
had Easter dinner with us -
the first time they have had
a meal with us ^{at home} like
them very much - Sheila staying
with the Clovis Sunday morning
But I think had left her and -
the Hills had left her and -
Shirley & Mary Lewis called
so we had a nice day -
Fred is so good now you
got home & help me with this -
Daddy is going now so
nice close - We are ready
don't stop to you darling
Best love
Mother.

Lead Fork Mine -
April 15th 1952

SWP

My precious Lottie -

I have just been reading
to Daddy and he is sound asleep
on the chair - So I can write
to you - This is a gorgeous day
and it has been the same for 3 days -
Nearly every trace of snow is gone
so we are ready for summer -

Mr Stetzel, the organ tuner has
just been here and says the Church
organ is in perfect condition - I
haven't been able to get Mrs Butts yet

This Friday I have to
entertain "Fitch Club"
wish you would be there
for it - Child Interest
Tomorrow, I entertain that
about 2 miles from Tomonau
at Grace Buchanan's - Mr
Hieb will talk to them -
about India -

Mr. all just so sorry about
Sammy falling from the
window sill into his 3rd story
room - the tried to operate
on his arm - a muscle
was unwound - so he was
under the ether 4 hours - but
slept all night -

The Lily you sent to us
was the most gorgeous one I
have ever seen - shall be so

but it sounded fine early - Called
Mr Hieb and I said Adahaid that
it O.K. so trust it is - the
3 tickets came for the Opera - in
the 6th Row. Hope that isn't too
far front for you - Alice that
it has to be so but think we will
all enjoy them a lot -

The river is so high it is up
to the garden but is now going
down - St Paul has suffered a good
deal from it and many persons
had to be moved - Ask God to
save our high ground so soon
we are having the morning

to go to Europe this summer
and he said he would take it up
with Mr. Wilson at once - I thought
I said that you wanted to go
to Sweden and perhaps Norway
and Holland but he could write
to me what he thought you would
be interested in - that you
wanted to join a nice group -
you can write me which month
you want to go - June July or
August and how long you
wanted to be gone - it
makes me lonesome now & think
of you going over there - but
know you should go while you
are young -

Must this to go now
so must close - Please write
at once to me - All my love
to you Darling - Devotedly
Mother

Linden Hill
Leeds Falls Minn.
April 22nd 1952

SWM My precious Patsie -

It was a joy to talk to you
last Sunday - you always have
so much that's interesting to
talk about -

The Schauerts were with us
last Sunday and they inquired
all about you and when you
were coming home - they always
bring us so much - a turkey
some cheese and a little chicken
ash tray with a little black skunk
on it for Daddy - He has just
come home so I will finish
this later -

After dinner - Pretty soon
you will be back and won't
be all repairs - But Frank
and I are building a house next
to the Moehlers on the River
Bank - So far just excavated

it will be on 1 floor and
think they are very happy
about it. Daddy had a talk
with him one day and said
he that they should have
some property here. When
But spoke of it first she
just burst into weeping
said "How wonderful it has
been living next to us all
these years. We had been so
wonderful to them". Well,
we all tried to say something
to give her comfort and
now think she is quite
excited about it. But said
something about it one day
to me asking if any one in
our family wanted it and
I told ^{her} you had said that
you would like it. Well
at the time I didn't want
her to take it too seriously

but she felt Frank to be immediately purchase
the lot. I really am pretty sad to help them leave
we but think perhaps as the end of me & the
best thing for all of us - What do you think
of it? Regina Hotel Mother is here with them now.
I suggest his to come to Fair. But last Friday but no
she said she just couldn't. We have had so much
rain and now it is clouding up again but in
did have several long days last week. It is
not very warm as yet but in fact is a few
days in me really than Spring - Can.
Spending a little you know the distance
in Cuba. I told Geo. Schmitt about your meeting

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It will be quite a long
time before you will re-
turn - winter will be here
and all our beautiful flowers
will be gone & our trees will
bare & bleak. Our New Drive
is fine & most helpful.

Richard & wife who planned
on spending 2 years in Califor-
nia has returned here after
a one month trip with.

Now that we have your
travel log we can tell your
friends where to write.
We have sold our cows &
it is quite lovely around
the barn. Feed is so expensive
and I am sure it is
time for us to cut down
on the work. Pauline Olga
Cheryl your dear
Matter, Paul, Laura & me
in most affectionate
& devoted love
(2) Daddies

608 Highland Ave
Little Falls New
Sept. 5-53

Dear Previous Dear Ladies
It has now been two weeks
since you left us on your
trip long and we hope a
most happy and memorable
Itinerary - We just received the
complete detail of your trip
abroad.

It surely will be a most
interesting one but there are
quite a number of changes
in locations and the trans-
fers will keep you quite
busy. You can now fully
judge the difference in going
with a party and by traveling
alone as I did the last time
I was abroad. I certainly
prefer the company & help of
Guides &c.

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Since you left Margaret
the Children have returned to
Pittsburgh. Little Deey became
quite sick on the train & Mary's
New dress got "soiled" just
before they landed at Pittsburgh.
Alice left last Thursday
the 28th for Pittsburg and is
having a grand time with
Mr. Seepsh. She returns
next Thursday the 11th.

Things about the House is
about as usual. Ratter full
but cozy. Aunt Laura made
us a grand visit of several
days about a week ago and
is coming again this noon
to spend ^{this} Sunday. She loves
to be with us cordently -
Alan Thompson entertained
for Mrs. Hartford who is

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leaving for California to
recede then permanently.
Mrs. Paul Bolander of Texas
arrived here about a week
ago. & she is so happy to
be here with her old time
friends. She loves it in
Houston Texas. & work. We
could have had your call
so near.

I am sure Miss
Young for he runs around
where you used to be in
the back bedroom.
We had several fine visits
with Mr & Mrs Gregory -
They are so dear & are de-
voted friends of yours.
Mr Olson of the Travel Prop
refunded \$920⁵⁰ for our
payment I made. It is
a squire & honorable man.

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

March 27, 1952

Miss Laura Jane Musser,
101 West 57th Street,
c/o Buckingham Hotel,
New York, New York.

Dearest daughter Lotsie:

We were so happy to learn that you had a really delightful time in Sarasota after we left. We thought it would be rather lonely for you and that the time would be wearisome until you left that Monday noon for New York.

You most agreeably surprised us by telling of the good times that you had with new found friends and especially with Margaret and Cliff and Marian and Glenn etc.

Had the weather been warmer and not so windy, we could have spent more time on the beach and taken picnic lunches to different places, where it would be a real pleasure to be.

We had a nice trip home and Timmy was wildly joyous to see us.

We expected to entertain four boys for two nights and two breakfasts, who are attending a Pilgrim Fellowship conference, but so many young fellows came that they had to put them all on cots in our gym at the church and place the girls in different homes, so instead of four boys we have four girls for the time stated *(Tonight & Tomorrow Night)*

I hope to get some time to write you personally and make more references to your work and your accounting, commercial and business transactions. From your statement over the phone, I think you are getting into some of the basic things in accounting and I think you will be pleased with the results.

Mother, Alice and all join me in affectionate and loving greetings for you.

Sincerely,

*Your Daddy who loves
you devotedly.*

RDM/rg

Little Falls, Minnesota, U. S. A.
September 20, 1952

Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o Hotel Castle
Stockholm, Sweden

My Dearest and Most Precious Lotsie:

You have favored us with your grand letters beyond our fondest expectations, within the past ten days. Three of your most interesting and enjoyable letters have reached us and it is a great satisfaction to learn how much historic and other fine information you are gathering from many of the notable sights that have given England, Scotland and Ireland such a historic past and made the production of its historians, poets, novelists and dramatists so far outstanding beyond what other countries have produced, with the exception, perhaps, of instrumental music and perhaps other things that could be attributed to its enjoyment by voice, etc.

We went over some of the points that you visited in Scotland and partly in Ireland, and it gave even a greater appreciation to your letters than we could have gotten out of the description of places that we haven't seen. We hope this letter will reach you in Stockholm, if not on the 23rd., that it will be there on the 26th. when you return from the side-trip that you are making from Stockholm.

I think you will find that it is not quite as comfortable and satisfactory to live or travel abroad as it is in your own home country. You speak about being cold different places where you should not have been. You were without accommodations of baths when they are so plentiful here in our country. But there is a lack here of historic interest that you could not get in any other way than by going to the places where they have been created.

Since you have been away, we have had visits from the Gregorys, Aunt Laura and several others, including Alice's brother and sister-in-law, Louis Deppman and his wife. They left last Monday and we had a very enjoyable visit with them.

We received a letter from Mrs. Gillespie, stating that she and her husband would be in Little Falls, some time in the near future, but I think that they are going to spend a day or two with the Woodworths. We 'phoned them to come to see us but it seems that they had made other plans. However, they may stay a day with us after all.

Aunt Laura is leaving Sunday for Muscatine for a week or ten days and then she will go to Kansas City and be there for several weeks. We may go to some point near Kansas City for about two weeks to be with Aunt Laura. She does not like to go so far away and it is our plan to have Frank take her to where we may decide to be and then return immediately to Kansas City, as he does not like the South.

We are cleaning up around our home and now are repairing the damage done to our place by the high water, and we have all of the

Miss Laura Jane Musser.

grass cut nicely and it looks very attractive. They are enjoying your outdoor sliding canopy and it is one of our big attractions.

Last night was our really cold night and that indicates that winter is heading our way. We have had some very nice flowers and their blooms gave us joy all summer.

Alice was taken down with a very severe cold on her return a week ago, and she has been in bed most of the time. However, she received your postal and was very happy to get it and is planning on writing you.

Bert and Frank are busy getting their new home in shape to receive them in about a month's time. We will miss them but I feel it is the thing for them to do, to build their own home, and have a real place of their own when Frank retires from business, which always comes too soon to a man that has lived a busy life.

I spent last Thursday with Aunt Laura and we had our usual good time. Mr. and Mrs. Schaust were always very thoughtful and good to us and other friends there were most kind.

Dr. Fred Holst seems to be living on and is in bed most of the time, and I do not see how he can possibly go through the winter, which brings us all a great and distressing heartache.

On the 20th., Gertrude and Will McNair will come over and spend Sunday with us. It is her birthday anniversary but she does not want anybody to know of that event.

I am so grateful to you for your thoughtfulness, for I know the hours and the hard work it takes to write letters when you are abroad. However, they are the wonderful and finest gifts you could make us and we share them with your and our friends here.

With our dearest love and devotion and our prayers for your happiness and the most wonderful trip Abroad

Devotedly yours,

RDM*S

Your Daddy
R. J. Musser
60 S. Highland Ave
Little Falls, Minnesota.

The Flandres -
Ocean City -
New Jersey -
August 29th

Dearest Laura Jane -

We think of you as sailing about now on your wonderful trip abroad. I'm only sorry I didn't jot down the name of the ship as I could write you "bon voyage". We shall be with you in spirit, however, during your wanderings. How wise you are to travel alone. Yet you'll make interesting friends during your journeyings.

This is also to tell you I have written to my friend, Mr. Arthur Bucher, owner of the beautiful hotel on Lake Como, letting him know you may be there. He and his wife are so nice - were here last fall at the Waldorf a while. We have known them years. So they would see that you are well taken care of. The address: Mr. Arthur Bucher -

Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni,

Bellagio - Lake Como - Italy.

{ It is to your advantage to take the American plan (full pension extra) }

They close October 15th. I believe you had better check that.

I do hope you make it. It is a superb hotel and better by far than the much advertised Villa d'Este, which is at the foot of the lake. Villa Serbelloni is in the finer scenery toward the Swiss Alps. It is like a handsome Country Club - a dream spot of the world. (King Farouk stayed there last year for some time.) Don't miss it or get diverted elsewhere in this region. Mother joins in fondest love

[Devotedly]
[a lovely two months' holiday]
[We return home Sat. 1st after a brief 11. m. trip]
- Dorothy