



Laura Jane Musser and
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R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

February 1, 1957

Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o The Dorset Hotel
30 West 54th Street
New York, N. Y.

My Very Dear Lotsie:

I have been looking for and hoping to receive a letter or telephone call from you, for I am very anxious to know how you and Mrs. Starin are enjoying the time that you are spending together in New York. There is so much to see and you have a few friends there that Mrs. Starin will be glad to meet, and I know that the time is passing very fast for you both. It will not be too long before you return, if you follow your plans and then you will tell me all about the things that I would like to know, what you did and saw in New York.

There is very little news to write you. ~~Mrs.~~ ^{Mrs.} Hartmann came in one evening and we had a game, which passed the time and made it pleasant for me.

We enjoyed seeing on TV a presentation of "This is My Life" and it was very good. I know you don't care much for TV but I think you would have enjoyed this TV production.

Edgar is taking good care of Dickie, but I am sure that the little bird will be glad to see you when you return, for by this time he must be familiar with your care and he will be glad to have you do what Edgar has been doing for Dickie while you are gone.

I hope you will have some nice information from the few friends that I have in New York, to give to me when you return.

With my love and devotion.

Sincerely yours,

RDM*S

R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

June 18, 1957

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Barclay
48th & Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

My Dear Lotsie:

I have been hoping that you would return about the 22nd of June but I am quite disappointed that you have decided to make a much longer stay in New York than I thought you would. It is going to be a long time to me to the 28th of June to see you, and I wish that you could have returned before that time.

It has been very cold and rainy here and we have had quite a number of thunder storms and we worried about the floods that occurred in other parts of this State and feared that the river might come up very high and flood the lower part of our grounds. It has stopped raining now but it looks threatening.

There is no particular news of interest that I can give you.

Sarah, Mary's daughter, is in Pittsburgh and she wants to make you a little visit before she returns to her home in California. I hope you will be glad to have her come, for she thinks so much of you and she will be very much pleased to visit the Green House and see your collection of dolls and other nice things that you have there.

I had a visit with Neil and Grace and Bert Hartmann for a short time and that helped to break the monotony of the home life.

I know little Timmie would like to have me send his love and kindest regards. He is looking forward to a ride on your shoulder when you return.

Joe is very dependable and does all the automobile driving that I care to have.

I am bothered a little in walking but get around fairly well at home and here in the office.

I understand that Uncle Hunt intends to visit Mary for a few days but he does not say anything about coming to Little Falls.

Mrs. Starin and little Debbie called and Debbie left a Father's Day present for me, some nice playing cards, which I greatly appreciated.

I don't think you can keep Oscar busy for what I pay him, but I presume he will have more to do when the gardens can give him more work. I know you will see to it that he is doing enough to earn what we are paying him.

R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

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Our good friend George Schaust has asked me several times to go to the lake with him, but I find it so difficult that I don't even care to go there.

I always liked to go to New York but now it has little attraction for me. The only time I can remember when I enjoyed being in New York was the time I spent at the Shelton Hotel, many years ago. They had good meals there and the prices were reasonable.

I love to receive letters from June and Billy, but I do not know just what Billy is doing now.

Well, here is looking forward to your return to your home again and I hope we will have many happy times in the years to come.

With my love and best wishes, I am as ever

Your devoted

Daddy

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

June 7, 1957

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Hotel Barclay
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New York, New York

My Very Dear Lotsie:

I hope you have had a very nice trip to New York and that you have seen some interesting places on your way there. I presume that you will spend a couple days in New York and then go on to Washington. I hope that you will have a wonderful time at our Capitol City and at Mount Vernon and at other places of interest.

We have had nice weather while you have been gone and everything looks well about the place. Joe is trying to keep things in good shape and I think he has proven to be a pretty good man.

We had quite a good parade here yesterday, Dairy Day, and there were some nice-looking girls who were candidates for Queens, etc. The best part of the parade was some beautiful horses. The bands were very ordinary as they were from the different high schools and did the best they could under the circumstances.

Pauline and Betty are doing good work and I manage to get along the best way I can. Of course you are missed but I felt that it would be a good thing for you to get away and break the monotony of the life at home.

Please let me know what your plans are so I can write again. We all miss you and hope you will keep well.

With love and devotion.

Devotedly yours,

RDM*S

Daddy

Hi Laura Jane!

into every thing - when he got
to take her help in after him, it
didn't suit him, so and he got
thru the wind and send her
the way.
Should have written sooner to
thank you for your beautiful
plant, but we were working in
the garden and I added the
leaves into my progress
no writing!
We are doing terrible things
down south & are ever working
the river & before they are out of
the river -
With love - Alice

Dear Laura Jane

I want to thank you
for the perfectly beautiful
Easter Lilies you sent me and
how delighted I was to receive
them. We're all enjoyed them
so very much and now ^{when} they
are thru blooming will put

them out in the yard and
will enjoy them out there
next spring. The ones in the
yard arent ready to bloom as yet
but we had such floods
of rain the past month etc
a wonder the things all didnt
just rot away.

Three weeks ago we had a
terrific wind storm and ahead
of said storm came millions of
peach butter that struffed things
and still going strong. They came
from Texas and wish theyd go back
Drew and Veronica had a nother
little boy and he's just darling
thats five boys and Vicki. She
is as tall as Sam and Drew fr
nearly as tall. Dennis who
will be two years old May 7th.



LOUISVILLE ST



Miss Laura Jane Musser,
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Little Falls,
Menn.

1006 Currier St
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Dear Brother Drew & Laura Jane:

Because of being a little under the weather and late in thanking you for the lovely Easter Lily and card, I am making this thank you note a combination one.

The Lily was one of the most beautiful I ever have seen and its odor scented the entire down stairs.

The greeting card is one I cherish so much for it carries a message and thought that brings moral support and encouragement. So I am most grateful to you both for your kind consideration.

Doctor and Mrs McPherson have returned to Kansas City after a years venture living in Branson Missouri. They found out the move was a mistake.

especially at their ² age. I am so glad to be able to call Dr McPherson and know that he will come to the house any time, instead of my having to go to the office. He came this morning and gave me a liver shot. He always inquires about you all and sends his regards.

Wonder whether you enjoy your T.V. as much as I do? I start in with the early morning program and continue as long as I am at home and interested. One can always turn the knob for a change of picture and feature. The Giant Step is one of my favorites.

Some friends of mine and I went to see "My Fair Lady" last week and enjoyed it very much. The house was packed and the applause surely

was most satisfactory to all concerned. The theater has always be most attractive to me and such a treat. I so well recall the many times Edwin and I spent our extra cash on these entertainments when we went to New York and Chicago. Such pleasant memories.

Suppose the frosts are over now so you can start your flower and vegetable gardens. You had such wonderful peas and Lima beans, and strawberries that appeared as a delicious short cake. Our weather is too severe to try to have any flower garden. Roses come early and are the one flower that survives the heat. If I had more shade perhaps I could have some roses, but they need care and some one who knows more than

I do about gardening. Trust you
are both quite well and that you
will have a fine summer doing
what ever brings the most pleasure.

Thank you again for the lovely
Easter remembrance.

Much love and good wishes
Laura.

April 30th 1957



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WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

Feb. 2 - 57

Dear Lottie -

Here's hoping this will overtake my last - the last is found - and such a find! The glasses are perfectly stunning and will provide great homecoming joy - the "muddlers" (what a name for such lovely objects) are particularly lovely - with their gold Greek coin heads - I thank you heaps!

Just time for a line of explanation. The box arrived when I was not here - was too big to leave in obvious sight (K.B. had a great part of the time,

using my study - maybe it happened
then) anyway - it was put
under the couch in the study
whose cover conceals all beneath
it was only by a happy chance
I was searching for a lost student
exam book & went under the
couch - this morning! Many apolo-
gies & regrets for my last letter
which I hope will not push
you into action before you
have this one -

It was a wonderful gift
anyway. To find such a beautiful
Santa - totally unexpectedly - in
the midst of reading blue bks!
Thanks a million -
love

Margaret

GARET E. TAYLOR
ALLOWELL HOUSE
LESLEY 81, MASS.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota.

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WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

Jan. 31 - 1957

Dear Lottie -

It was good to have
your cheery card in Hawaii - where
we all thought of you and your
father and drank 'your healths!
But speaking of that last, & "Home-
comings" - you refer in your note
to some adjunct to the same
sent to Wellesley as a Christmas
gift - a lovely thought, and
I appreciate it no end - but
alas it never arrived - I inquired
at the College P.O., as occasionally
things are delivered there even
tho' addressed to the apt., but
it wasn't there either - I thought
I should tell you so that you

would understand why I was so
Vague in my appreciation! Very
bad luck - tho' of course I could
still turn up from some dark
corner of the P. O. where it may
be resting - anyway, my thanks for
the thought!

Hawaii was superlative - it is
nice to know you can envisage
the place there - we had a marvel-
lously happy reunion - from
that with Sally in Seattle on -
and even tho' it meant only
2 weeks there. it was enormously
worth while -

It looks as tho' Jim were
committed to the future for at
least a few years - the trustees
have agreed to support a new
expansion & building program -
all Jim asked for - on the
understanding he will stay - It

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is a wonderful vote of confidence
in his work - and shows he has
really created something! They
also bought a ~~house~~ ^{colony} at Kona
just before we left - a wonderful
chance came up. I ^{the} ~~part~~ they
had been looking for - Kona is
the place by the sea they go for rest
& swims - about an hour's drive -
we spent a week there -
I'm so swamped with work
now I've hardly taken breath since
returning - Exam period ~~now~~
and I am proctoring my freshmen
while I write - I get my big
lot - 53 - tomorrow morning -
then I shall be submerged!
It has been a good term
in spite of the pace - KB has

been well - I've heard some
good symphony & had our
walks - tho' no long ones -

I am glad your fall - winter
has been a good one & was so
glad to hear your report of your
father -

Thanks again for Santa - even tho'
he got lost! Much love
Margaret



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls
Main.

MARGARET E. TAYLOR

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