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Miss Laura Clay

White Hall

Madison County Kentucky

U. S. A.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE 1900

July 3, 1900

Dear Aunt Laura:-

I intended writing you a letter, but have been going so much have not had time.

We have been in Paris nine days now, and have had the finest time of my life.

Wright Brewster has taken us to several entertainments, and they Paris is so grand.

I hope you and Aunt Annie will be in the harbor when I come home.

I start home the thirteenth of this month and arrive in New York the twenty-first. Saw a Bennett



Illustration of the Exposition Universelle 1900 building in Paris.

have yet. They have  
promised to enlarge the  
lake which we hope they  
will.

We have had some  
Xmas weather here but  
it is raining to-day.

With many wishes for  
a happy Xmas I will  
close with much love  
for you.

Lovingly

Laura B. Garland

1908

Dear Aunt Laura:-

I am going to  
take you at your word  
about preparing a letter at  
Xmas time than a gift  
and write you out.

I have brought your nice  
long letter down for us to  
read and we were glad  
to hear from you.

The paper talk of Miss  
Wood being in Lexington  
and of her speech and  
your remarks. I hope

not be with us during  
the holiday.

Erskine is coming tomorrow  
afternoon but did not  
I say how long he expected  
to stay but I am afraid  
it will not be long.

Erskine Jr. has had a  
cold every since I came  
home so I can not see  
any improvement in  
his breathing and he is  
not walking any better  
but is sleeping better than  
before the operation and  
has more color.

We haven't any matter

you were pleased with  
her.

I hope you found the  
letter you wrote me about.

Mama is busy every day  
writing letters and at  
night she and Cousin  
Kate play Backgammon.

Aunt Mary seems well  
and has been busy making  
Xmas presents.

Aunt Belle came home  
from New Orleans night  
before last and was glad  
to get here she said.

I am sorry you will

Dear Aunt Laura -

I am writing to tell  
you of Eskie's death at the  
"Hospital Home" on Thursday -  
We brought her to Richmond  
for burial, on Friday aft. at  
4:00 P.M. Laura, Mother, and  
Sarah went to Frankfurt -  
Taking our Richwood Under-  
taken with them -  
Eskie died suddenly with  
a heart attack - having  
been very weak for several  
months. Green Clay & Nurse  
Bennett were two of the pallbearers.  
When I am again in  
Lexington I will try and go  
to see you - The boat is

a letter from Sister Mary -  
I wish you too, Lady a  
Merry Christmas -

Love from

Helena -

Bennett

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Dec 13" 1940.

Sept. 23rd, 1911.

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Helen,

I am receiving several calls for my photograph, to be used in connection with the coming conventions. I forgot, or did not think of bringing them with me, and I find I shall have to go to Mrs. Morris, the tailor, all next week, so that I do not expect to get to Richmond till Saturday.

Will you kindly look for those photos and send them to me? I think they are in the upper tray of my large trunk, and I send you the key. There are three little trays, and then one beneath. I cannot remember exactly where they are. If you cannot find them there, I do not think it worth while for you to look further.

If you find them, will you do me the further kindness to mail one of them, with a word explaining who it is, to Mrs. M. B. Fenwick, 204 Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas. On second thought, I enclose a letter to Mrs. Fenwick, in which you can enclose the photo.

Affectionately your aunt,

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Frankfort, Ky.  
Jany. 10, 1912.

My dear Aunt Laura:

For fear the matter might have escaped your mind I want to remind you that after talking it over with Mrs. Roark, and Mrs. Banks, we decided it was best not to change the contract with regard to Mrs. Weaver's appointment as organizer of rural Schools. The fund raised by the Southern Educational Association and our \$750. expires with the month of January. Mrs. Weaver was anxious to continue the work thru the month of February, but this will merely cause confusion, and as the weather is bad in February, and as she needs a vacation sometime, we decided it was best not to grant her request.

I am going to Richmond Friday to stay until Sunday, and will see Mrs. Roark in regard to the committee to interview Mr. Hamlett. My plan now is to appoint Mrs. Roark and you to serve with me on that committee, and Mrs. Breckinridge as an advisory member, since she is chairman of



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all legislative work.

It will be well also to get Mrs. Weaver to offer any suggestions that she thinks will be helpful in this matter.

Mrs. Weaver suggests that we have a larger committee, with Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Leech and others on it, but the board has already taken action in regard to this matter, and I think your judgment in regard to the small committee best.

The dates for meeting at Mammoth Cave have been changed to May 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, on account of the probability of the weather being disagreeable earlier in the month, and Mrs. Mitchell writes that the hotel cannot be made comfortable in cold weather. She also says that moonlight is a great advantage on such an occasion, and we can enjoy it during the last week in month.

With lots of love your devoted niece,

*Lisa B. Smith*

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 18th, 1908.

My dear Elise,

I received the three photographs in perfect order, and I am very much pleased with them. I enclose a check to pay for them; and I am going to ask you to pay some other things for me. First, I owe Mrs. Duerson 25cents for one meal I took there after I returned from Buffalo. After that one I took my meals with Sallie. Second, I owe for pressing my dress. I owe that man you recommended, and I do not know his name or how much he charged. Please pay these little bills for me, as I am quite annoyed at having forgotten them whilst I was in Richmond. Then, after you have paid for my photographs, please hand the rest to the P.A. Clay Infirmary, for my annual dues and donation.

I am glad you think little Erskine improved. Tell Laura I want to hear when he walks alone; I was quite interested in seeing him trying while here.

Laura wrote me you had gotten the leaflets I sent you. I saw Mrs. Beauchamp at the depot; and asked her on what basis the women guards are appointed for the women's wards in the penitentiary. She says there is no special law for it; but it is done by the authority of the prison managers, and she thinks has worked so well there is no danger of their being dropped.

Tell Sallie I greatly liked her open letter to the President; I got a dozen copies at once, and am sending them to my friends. I see it was copied in full in the Leader from the Herald. Persons here have spoken of it admiringly to me.

(Over)

On Monday and Tuesday I am going to have with me Mrs. Maud Wood Park, who is organizing for the National College Equal Suffrage League. She is to speak to the Transylvania students Tuesday morning at chapel exercises. I am afraid she cannot get a hearing at State University, on account of the holidays, which I regret very much; as Dean of Women, Mrs. Stout, has secured the consent of Pre. Patterson to give her a hearing. I am very sorry her other engagements made it necessary to come to Ky. during the holidays.

I am just as busy as I can be, collecting E.R.A. dues, and writing, and doing some little housekeeping. I cannot come to Richmond for Christmas; but I hope as soon as Mrs. Park's visit is over, you and Sallie will come to see me. A little change would do Sallie good. If she cannot come, however, do not you wait for her, but come when you can. I shall be so glad to see you.

Give my love to all, and with much to yourself, I am

Your affectionate aunt,

Near Richmond, Ky.  
Aug. 24th, 1911.

My dear Elise,

The telephone cut us off; so I thought I would just write and enclose my check for \$25 for the School Suffrage work. Now that the Democratic party has done so much for us we must not fail to do our part.

Later I shall send \$25 to Mrs. Hutchcraft for the legislative work; but now I think you should have a little money, so that you can act promptly on any advice that Tom, or Gov. McCreary or Mr. Sullivan may advise the Club women to do. When I come to town I would like to talk with you more about sending some one to the meetings you spoke of; or otherwise to push campaign work.

I have so much expense this year in connection with our National W.S.A. convention that I cannot promise to do more than I have said about the School Suffrage work; but I wish you would let me know whenever you find a useful piece of campaign work to do which needs money. I will help if I can.

If you decide to accept the invitation to Paris for the Board meeting I hope it will be quite early in October, as I would like to attend, but I shall not be able to leave home after the first week in October. However, you must not be controlled by that, as possibly I could not attend anyway.

Affectionately your aunt,

in Indiana any to the  
with Aunt Maria.  
She told me she  
would phone you,  
But she afterwards  
gave out going,  
The matter being  
too bad for the baby.  
Mr. Eugene Russell  
Leland Jr arrived  
at four o'clock on

c N. 6. 3

My dear Aunt Laura,  
For fear you  
have not heard  
the news of Laura's  
fine boy, born  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, I will  
write to tell you  
of him. Mary  
Bumann started  
me to Lexington

the morning, Miss  
the, Miss you, the  
eyes, soft brown  
hair, Laura and  
he are both doing  
as well as could  
be expected. This  
birth was a natural  
birth and there are no  
known reasons for  
any complications  
later. This will come

home next week.  
Papa washed Anne  
sheet given away and  
washed Lach. So you  
see he is better -  
Mr. Lan has no other  
news from Uncle Abner.  
In fact anticipated  
that Ann Bunce  
should be so sick again.  
Aunt Belle is now  
with her. I wish to  
see you from us all.  
Friday. Aff. them -