

40-08-170<sup>th</sup> St

Flushing N. Y.

Dear Aunt Laura, - Wednesday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1940

Since moving back East I  
have become very much interested in the  
collection of "old glass" as a hobby -  
Especially "decanters" cornucopia pairs +  
crown ones - and pressed glass - I'm  
writing to ask if you have a decanter  
in some small piece that belonged  
to the Gray side of the family - as I  
should certainly love to have it for  
my collection for sentimental reasons -

If you have some "piece" you will  
be generous enough to let me have  
I'll certainly appreciate and value it.  
If so send it by "express collect"!

Our family all keep well - Had a lot  
of company during the World's Fair, it  
was fun and we are really <sup>enjoy</sup> ~~loving~~  
things have quieted down -

I do hope this finds you well  
with love and best wishes for the  
Holiday Season -

Your Affectionate Niece

Charlotte L. Vernon.

Our Mr. B. expressed a pair of small pressed  
glass dishes.



so like her mother and such a pleasure and  
comfort to me. She goes to a country day school  
so she may be with young people of her  
own age and is so happy in it.

Victor seems, is as you may know Pennswood  
Society with American Richman: and is so  
happy and interested in his work: I am  
has been in amateur since 1914-

So let me hear from you at least once  
in awhile and thank you very many  
times. With love.

Yours Affectionately - Charlotte

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Thursday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 40

Dear Aunt Laura, I can't tell you how happy  
I was when your mighty nice letter came  
to know that you were in good health and  
of your generosity in wanting me to have  
and in sending me so promptly the  
two beautiful dishes. Fortunately I had  
only to wait until the next day for  
their arrival and how thrilled I was  
when I opened the package: they are  
indeed beautiful and of unusual  
design and more than came up to  
my expectations. I shall indeed always  
cherish them for having belonged in  
the Gray family and because they were  
yours as well as Grandmother Gray.

You may rest assured they will  
always be among my prize possessions.



I have recently learned that on certain days during certain months you can take such "purchases" to the Metropolitan Museum in New York and that they will give you the date - period and history of such interesting pieces. After Xmas I'm going to look into it more thoughtfully and will in time let you know my findings.

I'm enjoying being back East and situated as we are here in Flushing it takes little time and only 5¢ subway fare to get into New York: where there are so many interesting things to see and do.

The World's Fair which was so well worth while was on our door step and I enjoyed it each and every time I went: always something new to be seen - as well as the many friends and relatives we saw partly because of it.

My sister Mary Johnston and Ed spent three weeks with us this summer: which was a treat for both of us.

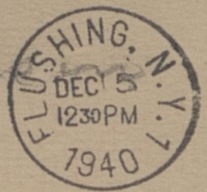
My daughter Valerie and her two boys were with us as well as Virginia + her husband.

Uncle J + his family didn't get up as they are now in Houston Texas which is quite a distance.

Betty - little Betsy is of course with us: now 24 years old: such a dear little girl



Charlotte Vernon  
Vernon.



Miss Laura Gray.  
193 North Hill Street  
Lexington,  
Kentucky -



Mon. Oct. 24.

1932

MRS. E. D. JOHNSTON  
704 ADAMS AVENUE  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Dearest Aunt Laura,

Aunt Julia  
has just sent me the  
silver <sup>bowl</sup>, reputed to have  
been won by Lexington,  
left to me by Father in  
his will. I wonder if you  
could tell me something  
of its history. I was surprised  
that it had no inscription  
on it. It has Elisha Warfield's



initials on one side. I can't  
make out the middle letter,  
Is it "M"?

I have n't [you a silver  
tray won by Lexington? If so  
has it any inscription? Could  
it be possible that the tray  
and bowl were awarded at  
the same time?

I was so sorry not to see  
you when I came to Idy.  
in May to see Father. I  
had intended stopping by  
on my way home, but



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was prevented by ear trouble.  
Now that Father is gone I  
feel as if you were the  
only link binding me to  
1 day.

With much love

Your affectionate niece,  
Mary Clay Johnston.

Ans. Oct 31.



Sun. Nov. 13,  
1932

MRS. E. D. JOHNSTON  
704 ADAMS AVENUE  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Dearest Aunt Laura,

I want  
to tell you how much I  
appreciated your sweet  
letter.

If you ever come across  
any authentic information as  
to the bowl, I would certainly  
be much obliged if you  
would let me know. Doesn't  
it seem to you that if the



bowl were a prize that there  
would have been some sort  
of inscription on it? Do you  
suppose there would be any  
record in the Racing Association?

I know you were pleased  
at the splendid Democratic  
victory and especially that  
Hy. was in the right column.

I don't think anyone can  
deny that at present all the  
brains are in the Democratic  
Party.

I wish all my children



might have the privilege of  
knowing their Great Aunt.

MRS. E. D. JOHNSTON  
704 ADAMS AVENUE  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

NOV. 13, 1932  
If you woud come to see us,  
I may drive the whole family  
up for a day some time when  
I can get them together.

This is Douglas' last year  
at Boston Tech and I'm  
glad to say he has made a  
fine record. Charlotte is in  
training at St. Luke's Hospital,  
New York. Theresa is teaching  
dancing at Wecatu, Ala., about  
fifty miles distant, and I'm

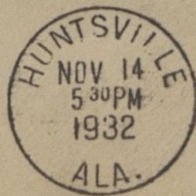


glad to say is near enough to  
come home for her week ends.  
Clay is home this winter, as  
due to the depression we didn't  
see our way clear to sending  
him back to college. He wants  
to study medicine and has  
yet a year and a half pre-  
med. Billy, who is just  
sixteen, is still in high school.  
So that accounts for the whole  
family.

With much love from both  
Edward and myself,

Aff. Mary Clay Johnston.





Miss Laura Clay,  
193 Mill St., No. 1,  
Lexington,  
Ky.