

Here are the letters to Santa

Our 'sooty' Santa



With this issue the **Mercury** continues a Nicholas County tradition that has been followed since 1913, the printing of local children's letters to Santa Claus.

For 65 years the **Mercury** has been printing letters to Santa from Nicholas County and Carlisle children. Many of the kids who are writing this year are the grandchildren of those who wrote the first letters back in December of 1913.

The first letters to Santa were printed in the **Mercury** Dec. 11, 1913. Each year since that date the **Mercury** has called for letters to Santa with promises to print those it could and forward those it couldn't. And each year the children of Nicholas County have responded.

Over the years the requests have changed. In the first Santa letters dolls and guns were popular. Dolls and guns are still popular but it's doubtful many children of 1913 could have envisioned "Star Wars" and toys based on that movie.

One thing that hasn't changed is the "Sooty Santa," reproduced on this page. "Sooty Santa" has been a part of the **Mercury** even longer than the letters to Santa. It was on Dec. 16, 1937 - 41 years ago - that this wood engraving first appeared in the **Mercury**. Twenty-six years later "Sooty Santa" first adorned the second letters to Santa installment on Dec. 18, 1913, a week after the first letters were prepared.

This year, including the letter from Kindergarten, more than 100 children wrote to Santa in care of the **Mercury**. That total represents 85 individual children.

Some were sent addressed to the North Pole, some to Santa in care of the **Mercury** and some were simply addressed "Santa Claus, Carlisle." We think you will enjoy reading the comments and requests in this year's letters to Santa.

GREETINGS

May you enjoy every minute of a Merry Christmas and share its good times with those dear to you. Thanks all.

Norma Jean's Beauty Shop

Joyous Time

At this blessed Yuletide season we rejoice and give thanks as we welcome the Heavenly King. In celebration of His Birth we extend heartfelt wishes to all.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 5 years old. My name is Derrick. I have been real good this year.

Would you bring me a big truck, a car that runs on batteries, a Boom Crane, a siren, train, and tool set. Don't forget to leave me a surprise in my stocking.

I have a sister who is 10 years old. Her name is Sheila. She would like to have a Baby Beth Doll, a Battery Chuck, a radio, Barbie bicycle, and Barbie clothes. She would like to have a surprise in her stocking.

We will leave you some cookies, and cake under the tree. We will leave a carrot for Rudolph also.

Your pals,
Derrick and Sheila Livingston

Dear Old Santa, We are two little boys Scottie, age eight and Stevie age four. We've tried to be good boys but Mama says we're bad at times. We'd like for you to bring us both bicycle, house shoes, and a big trailer truck each.

Don't forget all our cousins and all other little boys and girls, and don't forget Mama and Papa, Fryman, Mamma Zorras and Mamma and Daddy. We will leave you something to eat under the tree.

Scottie and Stevie Zorras

Dear Santa, My name is Jarrod Wills. I am five years old. I live at 814 Kennedy High. I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year. Mommy and Daddy say I have been pretty good.

This year for Christmas I would like to have a Death Star Space Station, Battlestar, K-Wing Fighter, The Fighter, a Jawa, Princess Leia, Death Squad Commander, Storm Trooper, Hot Wheels Race Car and anything else you would like to bring me.

This year I have a new baby brother who is just a week old but don't forget to bring him a little something. Don't forget all my friends and family. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Love your little boy,
Jarrod

Dear Santa Claus, I like the toys you gave me last year. I hope for Christmas I want toaster, Goddies, UFO, shoes, "Chips".

Love,
Larry Campbell
Route 4
Paris, KY 40368

Dear Santa Claus, Dad wants a CR. Mom wants silverware and dishes. Aigler bag. Bring me something for a 9 year old boy.

Love,
Dorrie Crump
Route 1

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Todd T. Gannce. I'm 8 years old and go to Nicholas County Elementary.

I would like for you to bring me a Little Professor Calculator, Tonka Adventure Buggy, Farm Set and anything else you want to me.

I hope you stop off and see my two

comains I will leave something for you under the tree.

Love,
Todd T. Gannce
Route 4
Cynthiana, KY 41031

Dear Santa, First of all thank you for the gifts you brought us last year.

I would like to have a Batman, Robin and Spiderman dolls. Also some Star Wars dolls.

Please bring my sister a rocking chair, a doll and a telephone.

We would both like to have one big red wagon.

Also bring any surprises you think we might like.

Please remember all the boys and girls everywhere, and help us all remember the true meaning of Christmas.

We will leave a snack under the tree for you.

Merry Christmas,
Todd and Amanda Gannce

A. M. — Jent, typewriter; Kamel, clothes; Allan, Big Wheel; Julie, Snack the Cat; Millie, piano; Andy, Magic; Amy Lynn, Mandy doll; Kari, Baby Beth; Anna, Star War people; Debbie, Kim, Holly Hobble Oven; typewriter; Susie, bats; Tom, wreck; Nathan, Walkie Talkie; Jonathan, Battlestar; K-Wing Fighter; Collier, Gost; John, 3 Walkie Talkies; Collier, cleats; Todd, Prof. Calculator; Aigler, roller skates.

P. M. — Robin, Dancerella; Towana, Milk Cow; Lisa, Gobbler Crows Gost; Stevie, motorcycle; Ar, Ten blue cars; Brian, Incredible Hulk; Robyn, Baby Wet Care; Amy, Record player; Rebecca, Holly Hobble; Carla, Kitchen set; Kelli, Hungry Hippo game; Jon, Back hoe; Todd, record player; Mitchell, record player; Gary, Catch it Freddie; Mikie, Miking Cow; Julie, Light Rifle; Larry, Hungry Hippo Game; Julie Lynn, Barbie Dolls; Jonathan, Bike; Shawn, Bicycle.

Dear Santa, My Mommie is writing this letter for me. For Christmas, I would like to have me a Spiderman, electric football game and a blimp. I would like for you to bring my brother Billy a Big gun. I will bring you cookies and milk and an apple for Rudolph. I have been a pretty good little boy.

Love,
Jason Canity
Route 4
Carlisle, KY 40311

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Shane and I am 3 years old. I have been a very good boy. I help Mommy pick up my toys and she is helping me write to you.

For Christmas I would like a police cycle with a siren and some surprises. Please bring my baby brother Beth some toys too.

I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I say my

LOVE

makes the world go 'round... especially at Christmas!

Thanks to all.

Best Wishes

Holiday greetings call May the happy spirit of this season be yours forever!

Snapp's Standard Station

Donna's Styling Shop

REJOICE

It is our sincere wish that the Glory and Divine Spirit of the Holy Birth enrich the many holiday joys and blessings you share with your loved ones.

Nicholas County Feeder Supply

REJOICE

Let us exult in the miracle of the Holy Birth and celebrate the Glory that is Christmas! Peace and thanks to our patrons.

Fleming-Mason R.E.C.C.

Dear Santa, My name is Candy Mitchell and I've tried very hard to be good. I am 3 1/2 years old.

I would like to have a battery power pickup, that I can ride in like my Merry-Go-Copter and a Wonder Woman doll, and some surprise. Don't forget for the other children. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Love,
Candy

Dear Santa, I am 2 years old and the worst little boy you ever saw.

For Christmas, I want a farm set, Mickey Mouse, tool set and anything else you want to bring me.

Don't forget my Mommy and Daddy and Mamma.

Also don't forget John David because I give him a hard time.

Love,
James William Thacher

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old and in the first grade in Mrs. Pumphrey's room. I have tried to be good this year, but I don't always else you want to bring me.

For Christmas I want a farm set, Lincoln Logs, books, radio-controlled car, and any surprise you would like for me to have.

I will leave you a treat under the tree. Don't forget all other boys and girls and Mrs. Pumphrey.

Love,
John David Thacher

Dear Santa, My name is Robbie. I am four years old. I live on Route 4, Cynthiana, near (most of the time). My sister is writing this, because I am too little.

For Christmas I want a lot of little cars and trucks, and a garage for them, a barn with farm animals and equipment, a big loader construction set, a hot wheels race track, and anything else you want to leave.

Don't forget my big brothers and sister.

Thank you,
Robbie Doyle

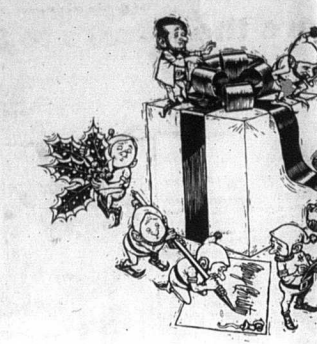
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Thank you Santa.

Markey Jones

Arriving with festive wishes for a truly enchanting holiday. Thanks to our many devoted friends.

Marshall's Restaurant



'That one goes to Carlisle'

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been real good this year and want you to bring me a baby that cry's real tears, blender, clothes, and any surprises that you want to bring me.

My brother Darren wants a race track, clothes, Kias tape, and any surprise that you think he will like. I will leave you cookies and egg nog under the tree.

Love,
Darren and Melanie Robinson
Route 1
Carlisle, KY 40311

Dear Santa, My name is Andrea and I have been a good girl. Even though I talked to you last week, I thought I should write and tell you again what I would like for Christmas.

Please bring me a big Ragety Ann Doll, table and chairs, cash register, games and surprises.

Please take a little break and have fruitcake and milk. I will leave for you. Thank you for all my toys you brought me last year.

I love you,
Andrea Galbraith

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Thank you Santa.

Markey Jones

Happy Holiday

Surrounded by the warmth and love of an old fashioned holiday we send wishes for a simply wonderful Christmas to our loyal friends.

Duncan Electric Shop

Dear Santa, My name is Susie and I am five years old. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a table and chairs, Dancerella, bats, a doll cradle and high chair, and doll luggage.

Please don't forget my country Mikey, Towana, Bobby, Bradley and Frances.

I love you,
Susie Truesell

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Your pals,
Derrick and Sheila Livingston

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's time to wish our patrons a jewel of a Christmas. You're pure gold and we thank you for your trust.

Sims' Jewelry

P. S. Please don't forget my little dog Buffy. She likes big bones.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Happiness is... remembering old times, dear friends and wishing one and all the very special joys that are Christmas! We think of you with warm appreciation and hope all the beauties of the season will be yours.

Deposit Bank

Our Second Century of Service