

# Letters to Santa Claus From Our Little People.

## Merry Old Patron Saint of Childhood Deluged with Letters from Children of The County Record's Big Family Circle

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### LATEST WORD FROM OLD SANTA

Busy All the Time and Has Not Slept Since December 1.

Arcti, Esq., December 10: Santa Claus has been forced to the great task of his mail-order business to leave an extra snow drift in our town just to keep a cold from coming. Letters from the children of the county record's big family circle have been coming in so fast that he has had to work day and night to get them all.

The children's letters are the best thing he has seen since he was a boy. He has to be up at one hundred and twenty-three hundred miles per hour to get Santa's mail to all the children of the world. Santa may have part of the night to write the letters sent him from all over the world by millions of little children.

Santa gives a hearty "ho, ho," at the foolish boys and girls who try to make him think them good little children when they're really naughty ones, for this summer has not been an idle one up in Santa's home town. His clever little men have built a marvelous, huge staircase, which twines in spiral fashion about and leads up to the tip top of the North Pole. Every day Santa climbs up these stairs and takes up his post at the top of the pole. From this point of vantage his eye easily sweeps over the world which lies beneath him, and with the extra power of the new batteries the midnight sun acts as a searchlight, which enables him to see every child at play, at school and at home.

This saves Santa a great deal of time and trouble and will prevent him from making any mistakes about good and naughty children when he comes around on Christmas eve night.

Andrews, S C, December 3, 1913. My Dear Old Santa Claus:—

Another year has passed around and Xmas is almost here again and I find that it is time for me to write you another letter.

Dear Santy, what have you been doing all the summer? I've been real busy doing different things on and around the place; you know, I live on the farm and I'm very industrious.

Guess you will be very busy getting letters from now until Christmas. Do you enjoy it or do you not? It looks like snow, but hope it doesn't snow on you, dear old Santy.

Please bring me a watch, chain, and a red paper bell.

Lake City, S C, December 2, 1913. Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to bring me a doll and a doll's trunk and some scraps for my doll's dresses and some candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. If you think I am writing for too much leave off some.

Yours truly, PAULINE HASELTON.

Lake City, S C, December 2, 1913. Dear Santa:—

I guess you are busy buying things for boys and girls. I want you to bring me some ribbon and a doll and a pair of gloves and some scraps and some fruit and candy and a doll trunk. I am 8 years old. Good bye. Write soon.

From loving, MYRTLE HASELTON.

Lake City, S C, December 2, 1913. Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to bring me a doll, a carriage and some other toys, some fruit and candy and nuts. I am six years old.

Your friend, ROBERTA HASELTON.

Gourdins, S C, December 2, 1913. Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a doll, doll-bed, piano, some fire-works, candy, nuts and fruit. I remain, with lots of love and best wishes from,

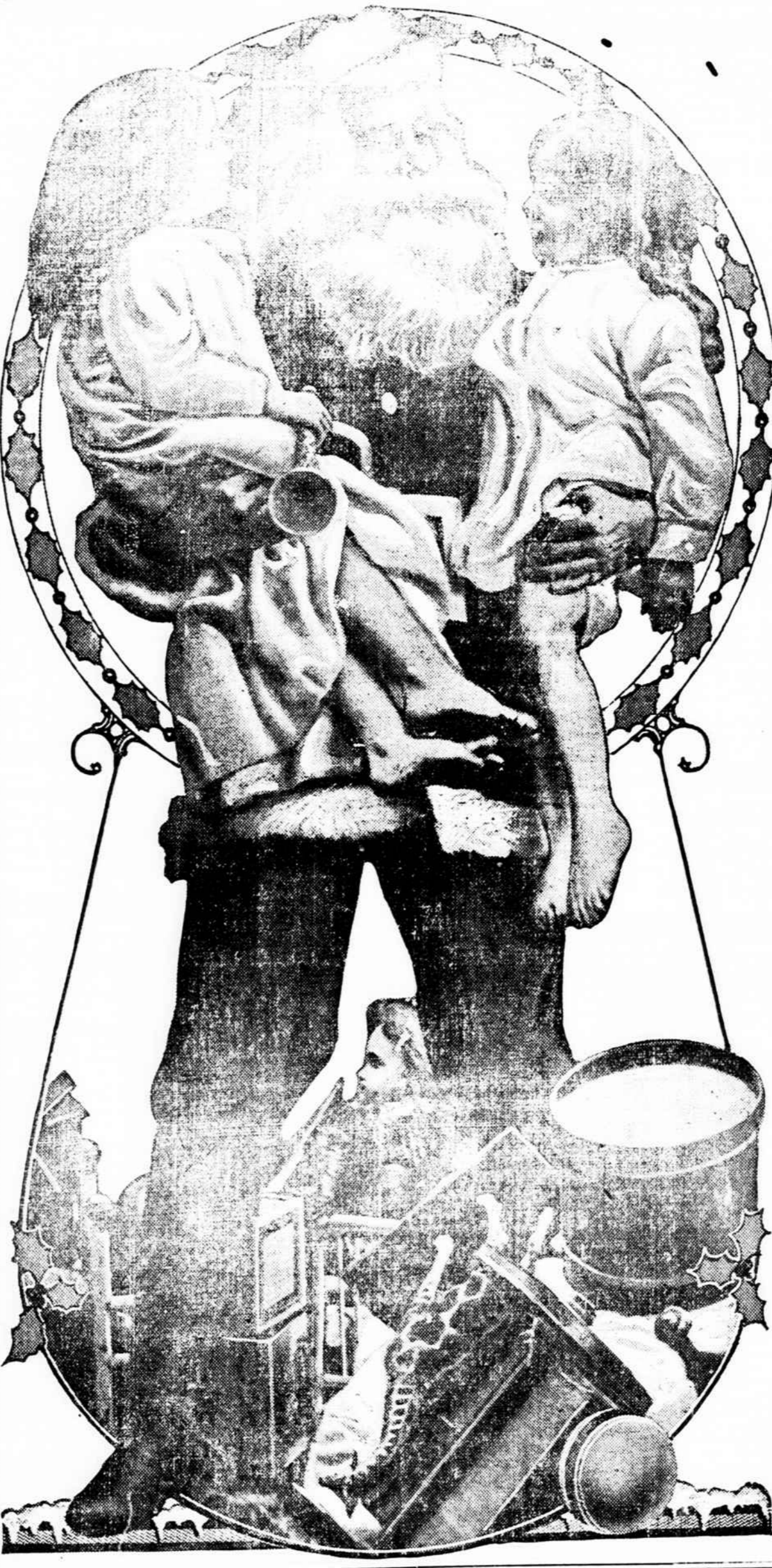
Your little friend, ZOULEME SHIRER.

Gordon, S C, December 2, 1913. Dear Old Santa Claus:—

I am writing you a letter to let you know what I want. Please bring me a doll stove and doll, if you can. Clarence wants you to bring him a tricycle, and Stella wants a doll.

WILLOW GORDON.

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Rhems, S C, December 8, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am writing to tell you some of the things that I would like for you to bring me. There are a great many things that I would like to have. One thing is a large doll that can say mama and papa. This I would like to have very much. Another thing which I would like to have very, very much is a little doll baby piano. But I believe I would like the doll best. I must close. I wrote this myself.

From your little friend, SALLIE WILSON.

Gordon, S C, December 2, 1913.

Dear Old Santa:—

I am writing you a letter telling you what I want. Please bring me a bicycle, if you can.

ASHTON GORDON.

Gordon, S C, December 8, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to bring me a big doll, and a doll carriage with a top, and a dollie bed, so she can sleep some, and lots of fire-works and fruit, and I will be pleased, Santa. I am a little girl 8 years old and would sure love to see you. With many thanks to you for these things and to our dear editor for his space, I am,

CRESSIE C STANCILL.

Cades, S C, December 6, 1913.

Dear Old Santa:—

I am a little boy 7 years old and study hard. I love my teacher. Christmas is drawing near and I want you to please remember me. Bring me a rifle, fire-works, jumping jack, fruit and nuts.

MARION THOMAS.

Lake City, S C, December 8, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I thought I would write to you. I am going to look for you Xmas. I would like for you to send me a dolly, a pair of little vases, some candy, some fruit, some kind of mucions, a little kitty, and a Teddy bear. I am a little girl 8 years old and I would be so proud and thankful to you, Santa. I am your loving little tot.

DELLA PARKER.

Cooper, S C, December 5, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to bring me a little air rifle, some fire-crackers, some sky-rockets and a knife. I wish you would bring me a toy watch. Please bring me a little toy ship and a little train.

DERRILL DANIEL.

Nesmith, S C, December 2, 1913.

Dear Santa:—

I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me something nice. Bring me a little gun, not a great big one, so I can shoot bears. I want some fire-crackers to bust in cook's ears, a horn and drum to make sister get mad. Bring me some candy, oranges, apples, names, wishes and negro toes. Now, Santa, don't you think I am a good little boy, cause I never asked for much?

Bring my little brothers something, cause dey wast dood as me. I'll put out the fire, so you want burn my toys. Put them in the biggest stocking.

Your little friend, WILLARD NESMITH.

Trio, S C, December 1, 1913.

Santa Claus,

Care of The County Record,

Kingstree, S C.

Dear Editor:—

I am a little girl ten years old. Please send my name to Santa Claus. I will be proud of anything that Santa Claus may send to me.

I will close by saying best wishes and success to you and Santa Claus, and hoping you and Santa Claus a merry and good Christmas.

Respectfully yours, HATTIE KIRTON.

Cades, S C, December 2, 1913.

My Dear, Dear Old Santa:—

How much I wish Christmas was here because you will come and give us such nice presents. I want a large doll, also some furniture and other things for her house, lots of toys, fruits and a large package of fire-works. I think if I get all of these I will get a stocking full, so I will close.

Your little friend, JOE BESSE McELVEEN.

Heinemann, S C, December 1, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a doll 33 inches high, a doll carriage, a doll stove and a chair.

With love from, EMILY CLARKSON.

Heinemann, S C, December 1, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a doll 38 inches high, a doll cloak and some doll dresses, a doll hat and a doll tea-set. Please bring me a doll kitchen cabinet and a doll carriage too.

With lots of love, MARY CLARKSON.

Nesmith, S C, December 2, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas. I want a little bureau, a wash stand and a pair of scissors.

I am a little girl ten years old and live here with my grandfather. So if you bring these things to me don't forget and leave them somewhere else, so somebody else will get them.

Your little friend, BERNICE DICKER.

Sutton, S C, December 3, 1912.

Dearest Old Santa Claus:—

What are you doing these cloudy days? I am going to school, and have been for a month, to Lenuid's school. Our school isn't going to last but four months but I wish it was eight, for I sure like to go to school.

Santa, I love my teacher just as good as I do you, for you give me presents every year.

I have just been going four winters and I don't know much. I am eleven years old.

Please bring me a toy stove and sleeping doll and signet ring.

I hope you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Your friend, LONNIE LAMB.

Cades, S C, December 8, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I will write you this morning to let you know that I want a horse and buggy, a pistol, an auto and some big fire-crackers, Roman-candles and some fruit.

From SAMUEL MCKENZIE.

Taft, S C, December 7, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little girl and I want you to bring me a ring, a work-box, a pair of vases, all kinds of fruits and candies and anything you think would be good for a girl. I am 12 years old.

Your friend, PAULINE FOXWORTH.