

Santa Claus Visits Sparta

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MUSEUM / ARCHIVE	Elgin County Archives
PART OF	Stollery Studio fonds
DESCRIPTION LEVEL	Item
ITEM NUMBER	46-3662 (2_56) 46-3663 (2_57) 46-3664 (2_58) 46-3665 (2_59) 46-3666 (2_60) 46-3667 (2_61)
ACCESSION NUMBER	2018-57
STORAGE ROOM	Archives 4th Floor Storage Room
STORAGE LOCATION	M7 S1 Sh3 B2 2_56 M7 S1 Sh3 B2 2_57 M7 S1 Sh3 B2 2_58 M7 S1 Sh3 B2 2_59 M7 S1 Sh3 B2 2_60 M7 S1 Sh3 B2 2_61
GMD	graphic material
DATE RANGE	December 14, 1946
PUBLICATION	2_56 and 2_59 were published with article in St. Thomas Times-Journal on December 16, 1946, page one. December 15, 2020: Posted to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	6 negatives : plastic

Photographs of Santa Claus visiting the village of Sparta on December 14, 1946. Images include a parade and Santa with groups of children.

Caption from St. Thomas Times-Journal: "Saunta Claus Pays Visit to Sparta Village."

2_56: "Santa Claus visited the village of Sparta, Saturday afternoon, guest of honor at a Christmas part arranged by the Sparta Community Society for the children and held in the 140-year-old mud-walled blacksmith shop that is being converted into a community hall by the Women's Institute and co-operating organizations. Santa Claus arrived in rural state, on a rubber-tired farm wagon drawn by a spanking team of gray Percherons, loaned and driven for the big occasion by Philip Denniss. The Percherons, Pat and Bob, seemed to enjoy the event as much as the children. They were really stepping high as they trotted in from the north and stopped at the main intersection to take on a full load of excited children. Before going to the community hall, Santa Claus very thoughtfully visited the home of little Ruth Anne Barnard, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Barnard, who was kept indoors with the mumps and could not attend the party. Santa and the wagon load of children greeted her from the outside."

2_59: "The children of Sparta and district, from toddlers to ten-year-olds, met Santa Claus in person to receive sacks of candy and rosy-cheeked Elgin apples from the jolly old fellow at a Christmas part arranged exclusively for them, Saturday afternoon, in the historic community centre. The reception and distribution of gifts took place in the pioneer blacksmith shop, with its sturdy mud and straw walls over two feet in thickness, that is being remodelled for community use by the women of the village. The Christmas party was arranged under the direction of Clare Greer, president of the Sparta Community Society, and DOn Kay, convener of the children's playground committee, with Phil Denniss providing the transportation. It is proposed to make the Christmas part an annual event. Santa Claus brought along a big book in which he announced he had a record of the behavior of every boy and girl at the party for the last 12 months."

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