

# Memories of Christmas in Glasgow:

## *The National Store Santa*

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When interacting with people who grew up in Glasgow and Barren County, some of their most vivid memories center on the celebration of Christmas in downtown Glasgow. There are comments about many things. The annual Christmas Parade that got its start in the 1950's. How the stores were decorated for Christmas and that retail businesses stayed open until 8 PM each night prior to the holiday. Specific memories of toys and gifts wished for and of gifts purchased for others. The air being filled with the strains of Christmas carols from the courthouse carillon. Christmas shopping trips punctuated with stops at Leech & Davis Drugs or L.C. Ellis Drugs for a soda or Newberry's, George J. Ellis Drugs, or Holmes Restaurant for a tasty bite of lunch. The old courthouse outlined in brightly colored lights, which could be seen from the hill just outside

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**The window of Glasgow City Hall, formerly the National Store, on the east side of the Glasgow Square, features a Santa as a nod to memories of holidays past.**

