

Genealogist's Letter to Santa (with apologies to A.A. Milne):

**Don't bring me new dishes;
I don't need a new kind of game.
Genealogists have peculiar wishes:
For Christmas, I just want a NAME!**

**A washing machine would be great,
But it's not the desire of my life.
I've just found an ancestor's birthdate:
I need now the name of his WIFE!**

**My heart doesn't yearn for a ring
That would put a real diamond to shame.
What I want is a much cheaper thing:
Please, give me Mary's LAST NAME!**

**To hear my heart singing with Joy,
Don't bring me a red leather case.
I don't think it's too much to ask:
If you love me at all, please bring me a Surname, with dates
--- and a PLACE!**