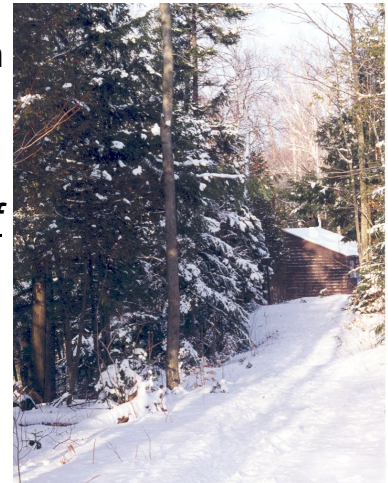


Settlement Christmas Gifts

It is 1861 and you are a child living with your family in the Buxton Settlement. It is harvest season and you know that Christmas is coming! Think about what Christmas in the settlement was like. You may wish to review Henry's House, Winter 1861-62 The Children of Buxton.



Make a Christmas gift list for your family. Write a paragraph to describe who you and your family are. Be prepared to explain your gift choices and how you were able to make them. Remember you only have the resources and abilities that your character has. Here are some questions to answer to get started:



***How long have you been settled in Buxton?
Who is in your family?
Who would you have exchanged gifts with?***

Sample (fictitious ten year old boy):

I am Jack Smith and I am ten years old. I came to Buxton with my family in 1858, we have been in the settlement for three years. I have two brothers, one sister, and both of my parents. I spend most of my time getting chores done on our farm and staying caught up in my studies. I have made a gift for each of my parents.

PERSON: Father **GIFT DESCRIPTION:** Goose feather quill

Why / How: A goose feather quill would be fine for writing. I found a nice goose feather and made the quill by splitting the end with my jack knife.

PERSON: Mother **GIFT DESCRIPTION :** Wooden cooking spoon

Why / How: A wooden spoon would be good for stirring in a pot over an open fire, because it wouldn't get hot like a metal spoon and burn someone's fingers. I found a good piece of pine and made the spoon by whittling with my jack knife.

1861 Christmas List

My character is:

PERSON: _____ **GIFT DESCRIPTION:** _____
Why / How:

PERSON: _____ **GIFT DESCRIPTION:** _____
Why / How:

PERSON: _____ **GIFT DESCRIPTION:** _____
Why / How:

PERSON: _____ **GIFT DESCRIPTION:** _____
Why / How:

Name:

Date:

Holiday Comparison

Consider how your holidays are different from your 1861 Buxton character. Does your family celebrate Christmas? If not, what holidays does your family celebrate? Write a paragraph to explain.

Create a list of what is the same and what is different between how people celebrate holidays today and how the early settlers of the Buxton Settlement did in 1861.

SAME

DIFFERENT

Name:

Date: