

Photo of the Month

Santa Claus is Coming to Town



Santa Train, ca. 1945
(Neg. # 16349, Courtesy of Sam Wood)

One of the most anticipated annual events during the 1940s and 1950s was the arrival of Santa Claus in Rogers by train. Throngs of citizens would crowd into the area around the Frisco station. When the train arrived, local children would jockey for position to get a good look at the jolly ol' elf. In this photograph, taken near the end of World War II, American soldiers also wait to see Santa, perhaps to thank him for the best Christmas gift they could have hoped for: being home!