



Remember when...? – New Year

Description

Do you have a family tradition for New Year? Do you have particular memories about New Year celebrations in the past?

On New Year day, we would always go to my great-grand-mother. That was a long trip (for me) as it was one hour drive from home. I would usually see Mémère only a couple of times a year, and New Year was one of those times.

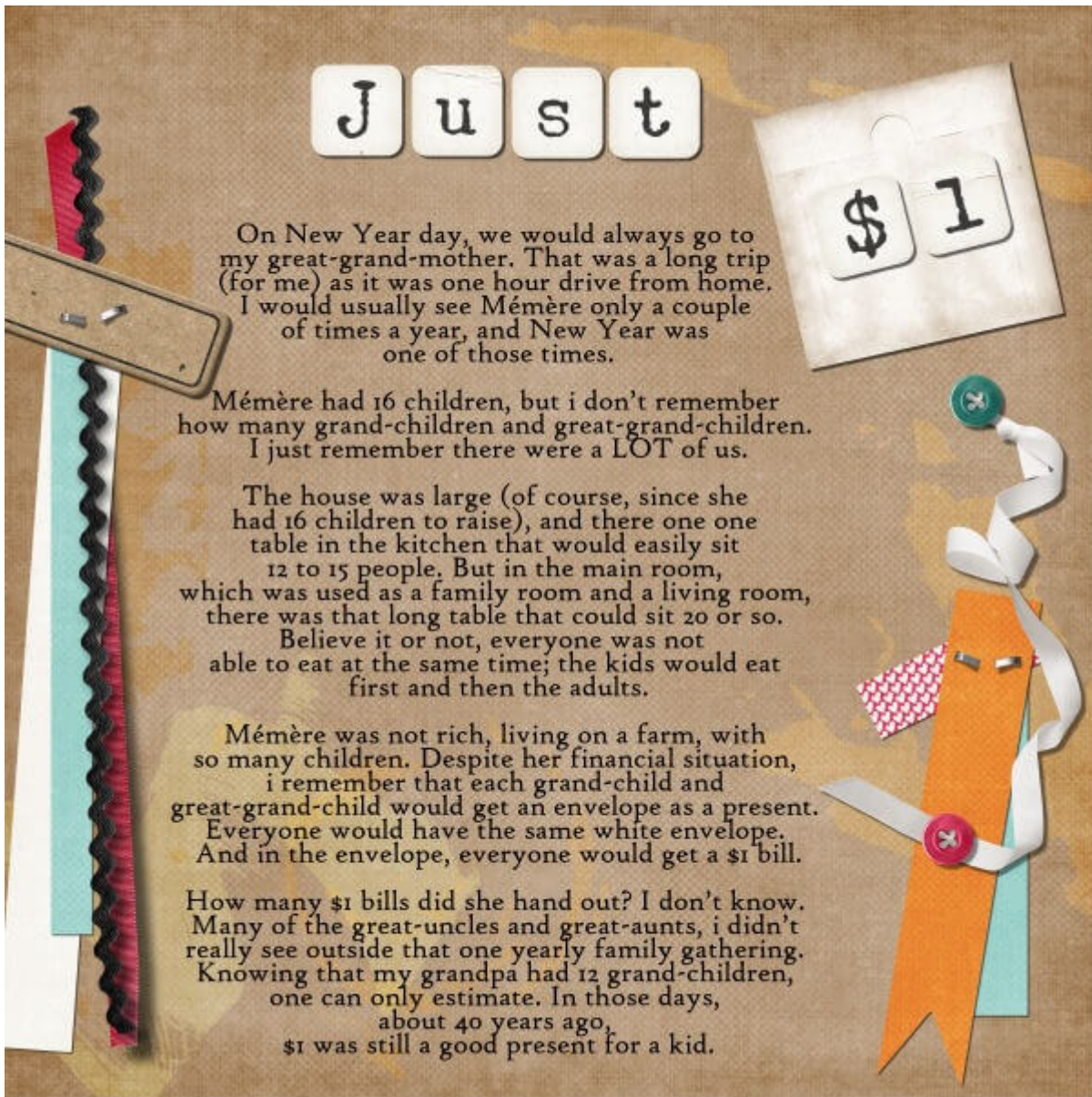
Mémère had 16 children, but I don't remember how many grand-children and great-grand-children. I just remember there were a LOT of us.

The house was large (of course, since she had 16 children to raise), and there one one table in the kitchen that would easily sit 10 to 12 people. But in the main room, which was used as a family room and a living room, there was that long table that could sit 20 or so. Believe it or not, everyone was not necessarily able to eat at the same time; the kids would eat first and then the adults.

Mémère was not rich, living on a farm, with so many children. Despite her financial situation, i remember that each grand-child and great-grand-child would get an envelope as a present. Everyone would have the same white envelope. And in the envelope, everyone would get a \$1 bill.

How many \$1 bills did she hand out? I don't know. Many of the great-uncles and great-aunts, i didn't really see outside that one yearly family gathering. Knowing that my grandpa had 12 grand-children, one can only estimate. In those days, about 40 years ago, \$1 was still a good present for a kid.

Here is my layout for this week.



How about you? Do you remember a particular family tradition you had for New Year? Do you remember a particular person or event happening at that time? What about food? Locations? Jokes from Uncle Joe? Share with us in the comment below. Give us a summary, or a link to a layout, or just to a blog post if you don't want (or have time) to create a graphic project with it. It is still a story to share.

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