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**Crackling Yule log has its roots in the pre-Christmas past**

The Yule Log merrily crackling on the hearth is a traditional Christmas image, an apt symbol for the warmth and brightness of the holiday season.

And, like so many of the most beloved Christmas customs, the lighting of the Yule Log seems to have its roots firmly embedded in the pre-Christian past.

While the light generated by the Yule Log is believed to symbolize the light which illuminated the heavens at the time of the Nativity, it is also a descendant of the sacred hearth fires which were first kindled by the ancient Romans.

These fires, which were kept burning at all times, were the very heart of the household, metaphorically as well as literally, since they constituted the dwelling place of the ancestral spirits whom the family worshipped.

At the same time, the origin of the Yule Log is intertwined with the

Druidic worship of vegetation spirits who lived in trees—particularly oaks.

At the appropriate season, the Druids would choose a log and bless it, praying that, once lit, it would continue to burn perpetually.

Around this log hovered various superstitions. For instance, the Druids believed that all who took part in the ritual of cutting down and lighting the sacred log would be protected from witchcraft during the year to come.

It is possible that, in burning the sacred log, the Druidic worshippers were seeking to propitiate their gods, to ensure the continuance of life-giving sunshine for another year.

Also, it was generally believed by the Druids that the log's ashes possessed magical fertilizing powers, making them of great importance to a people whose sustenance was



BRINGING IN THE YULE LOG... a traditional ingredient in Christmas Eve merriment. Illustration courtesy: The New York Public Library Picture Collection.

so directly related to vegetation.

The Yule Log, incorporated into the Christmas celebration, retained many of these Druidic traditions, in one form or another, in the various countries where it was an intrinsic part of the festivities.

In Yugoslavia, for example, people frequently burned one smaller log for each male member of the family, in addition to the large log, whose kindling was a central ritual in the Christmas solemnities.

The English believed that it was essential to light the Yule Log using the previous year's brand—this, most probably, was a greatly watered-down version of the Druids' eternally burning log.

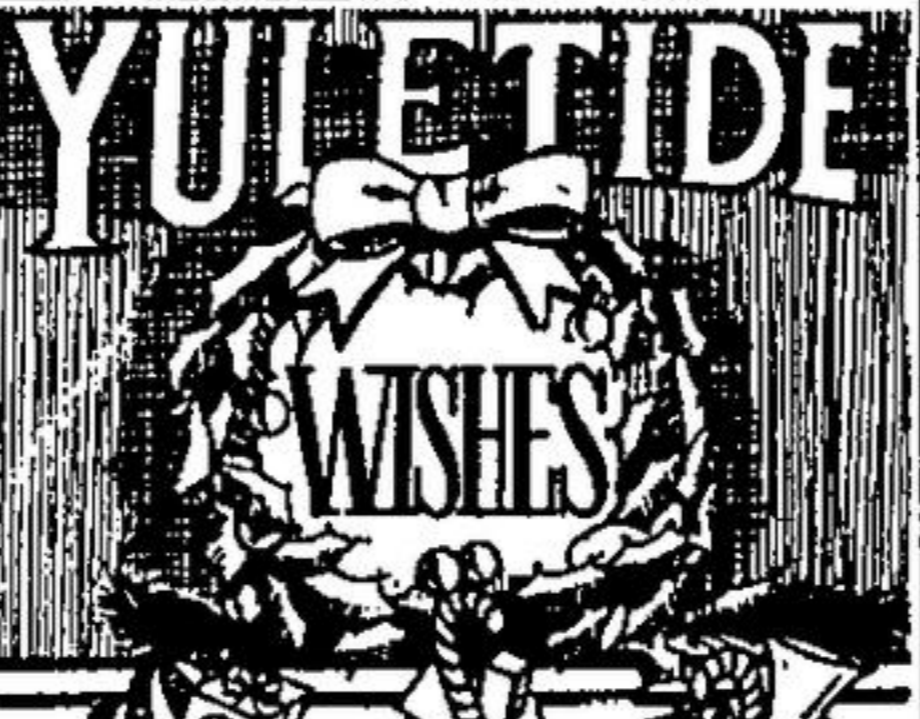
In Provence, in Southern France, the entire family would go out together on Christmas Eve, in search of a suitable log, which would be carried home with all due ceremony.

Solemn caroling would accompany this activity, as well as prayers that the house, and all of its inhabitants and their endeavors, be blessed in the year to come.

Before the log was thrown onto the waiting fire, the youngest member of the family would douse it with wine, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Finally, the log's ashes would be retained, as they were considered to have powerful curative properties.

**YULETIDE WISHES**



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