

Historic Holiday Cards

Holiday History with Raleigh Historic Sites



Create some cheer with your own holiday card!

Holiday cards might seem like they've been around forever, but the first holiday card was only created in the 1840s! By the end of the century, holiday cards had become a yearly tradition. In fact, so many companies started making them that by the 1920s the card designs were even kept secret so no one could steal ideas! A lot of thought was put into the cards. The folding cards that we have today were originally made so that people had enough room to write to their friends and family, but not so much space that people who might be too busy felt like they had to write a full letter. Next time you make or buy a holiday card throughout the year you'll know that you're taking part in a tradition that goes back nearly 200 years!

Try making your own holiday card!

Find paper to decorate with your own designs, holiday greetings, and add some ribbon or anything you think would bring some holiday cheer! Here's some ideas for decorations you can find to glue onto your card:

- Ribbons
- Sequins
- Buttons
- Glitter
- Stickers



Want to color a card instead? Use one of our templates!

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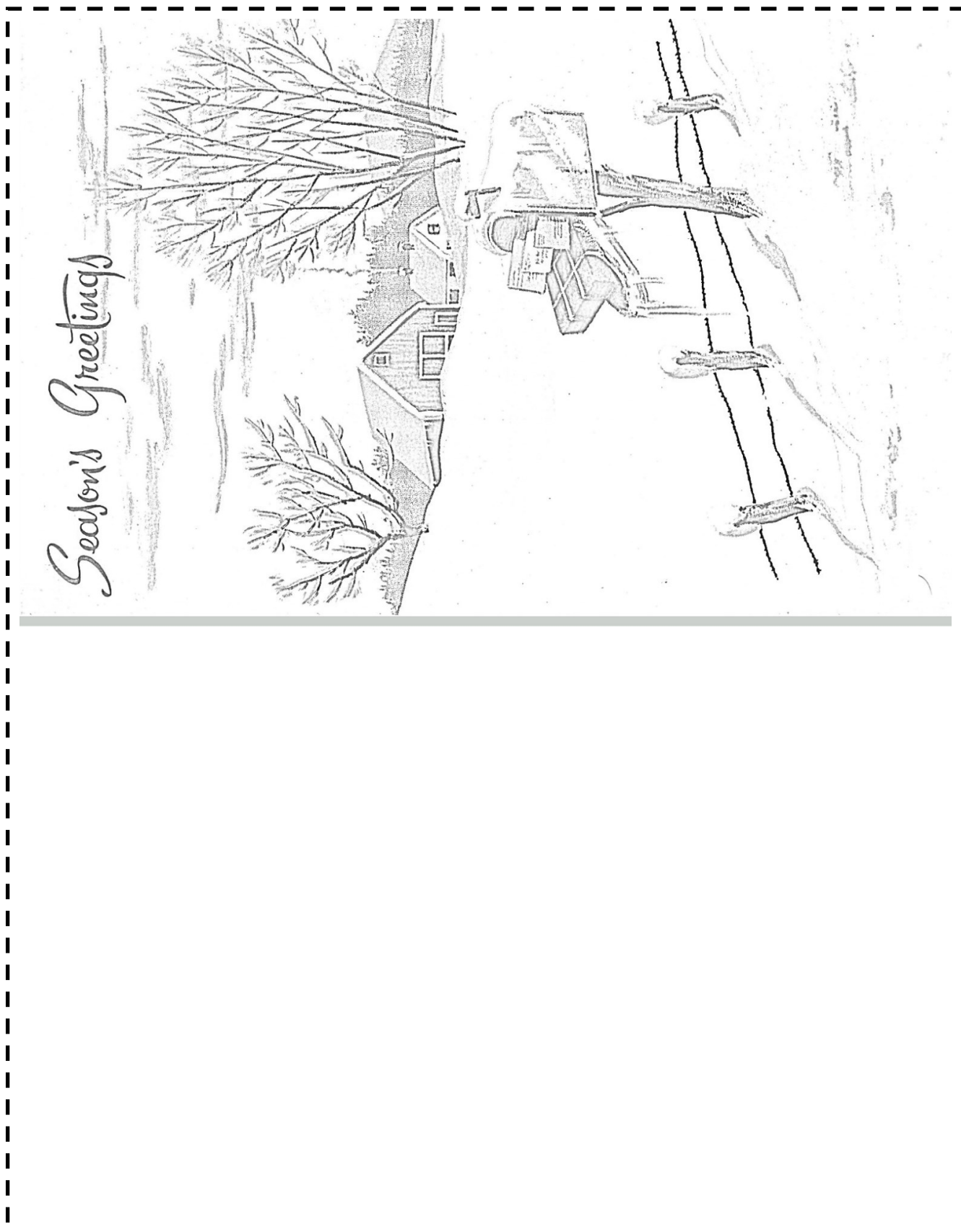
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A black and white illustration of a winter night scene. In the foreground, a large, stylized musical staff with a treble clef is decorated with holly leaves and berries. The staff contains the lyrics "HO - LY NIGHT" and "IS - IN - T". In the background, a snowy landscape features a small church with a steeple, a fence, and evergreen trees under a starry night sky.