

History Around You



LITCHFIELD HISTORY



A history activity book that belongs to:

This was Litchfield's first hospital, built by Dr. Robertson.
What is it today?
Have you been to our new hospital?



Meeker County Historical Society, 1909

Can you find these buildings today?



Sibley Avenue 200 block, west side Meeker County Historical Society

Color these buildings as they are today.
When built, these three buildings all looked the same
but now one is changed. Can you find it?



Sibley Avenue, 200 block east side Meeker County Historical Society

Circle what is different now on these buildings!



Sibley Avenue, 100 block west side, 1972,
Meeker County Historical Society

This is the oldest building downtown.
It was built in 1870, one year after Litchfield was started
by the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.
Do you know where it is today?



Meeker County Historical Society

We don't know the names of these men.
We don't know when this was taken.
We just know it was taken in Litchfield and that these men
operated a "hand car" for trains.
What types of transportation do you use today?

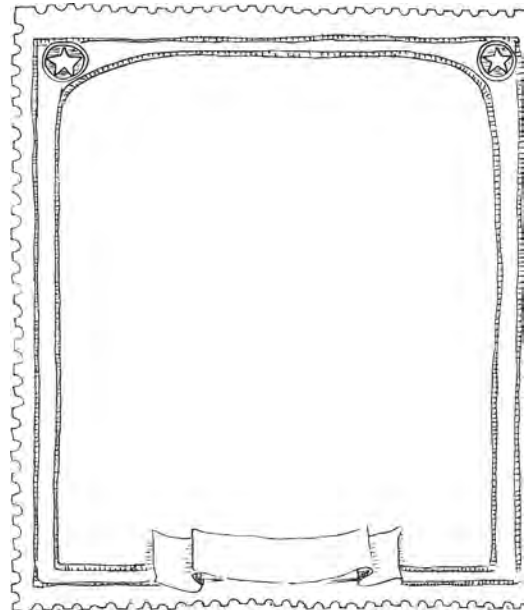
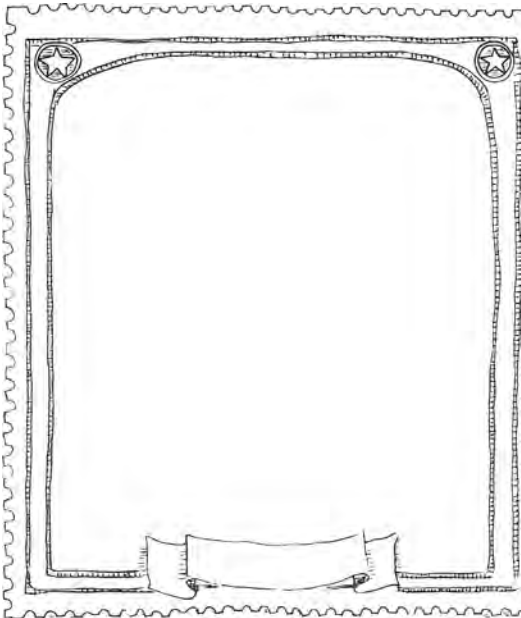


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Land 'O Lakes started in Litchfield in the 1920s.
Can you color the bottom picture to look like the top one?



This is our post office.
Many letters are mailed here each day.
Letters are a way to record history.
Design and color your own stamps below.



This whole class fits in one car.
Can your whole class fit in one car?
Count how many students are in this class.

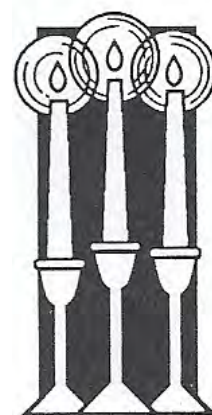


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This is the Trinity Episcopal Church,
It was built in 1871.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Circle what you see in a church.

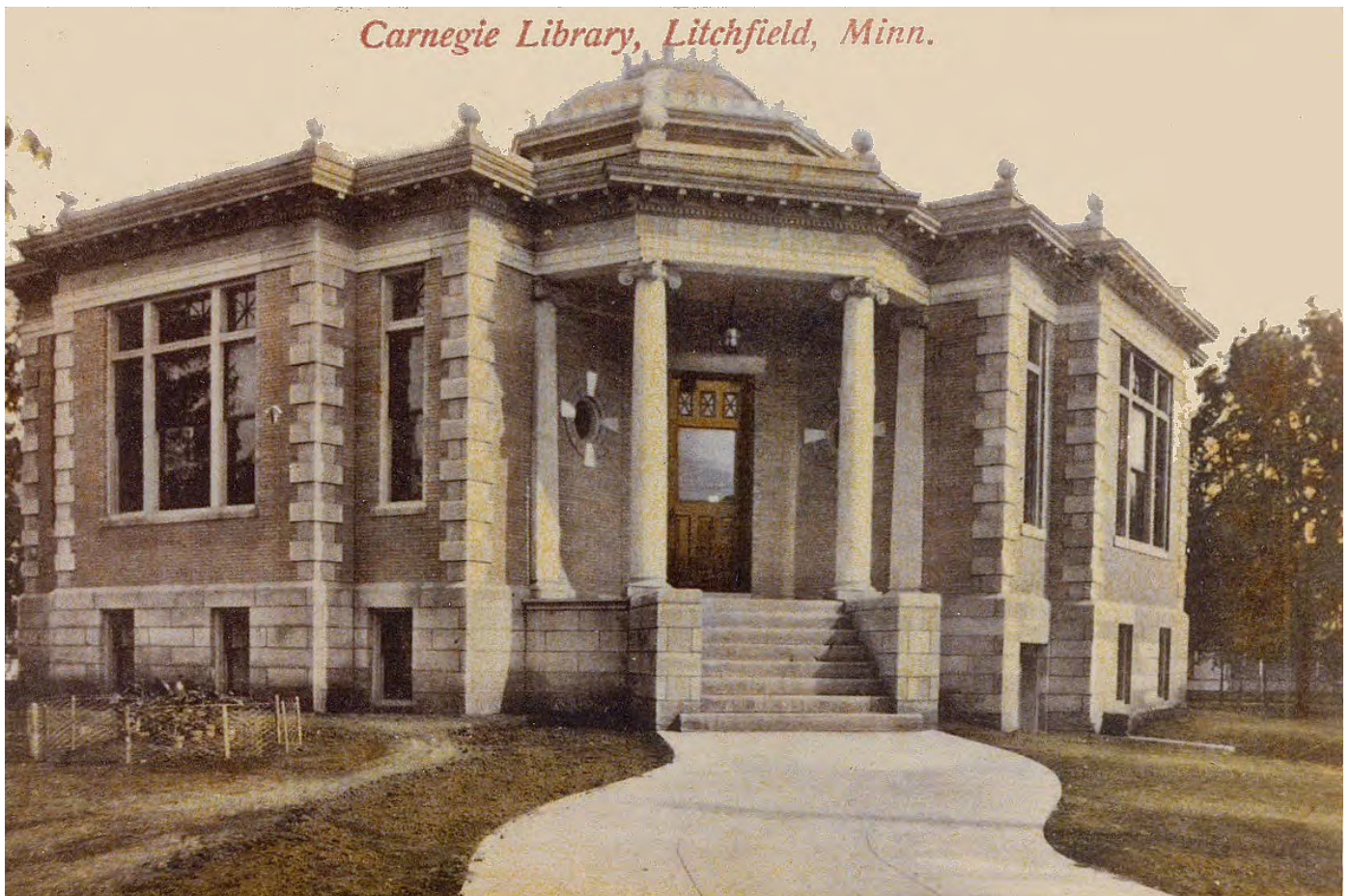


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This library was built in 1903.
It was a gift to the Village of Litchfield
from Andrew Carnegie.
Have you been to Litchfield Library?



Carnegie Library, Meeker County Historical Society

This is the gazebo at Anderson Gardens.
Go inside and read the story about where it came from.



Anderson Gardens

This is how people enjoyed Lake Ripley in the 1890s.
How do you enjoy Lake Ripley today?



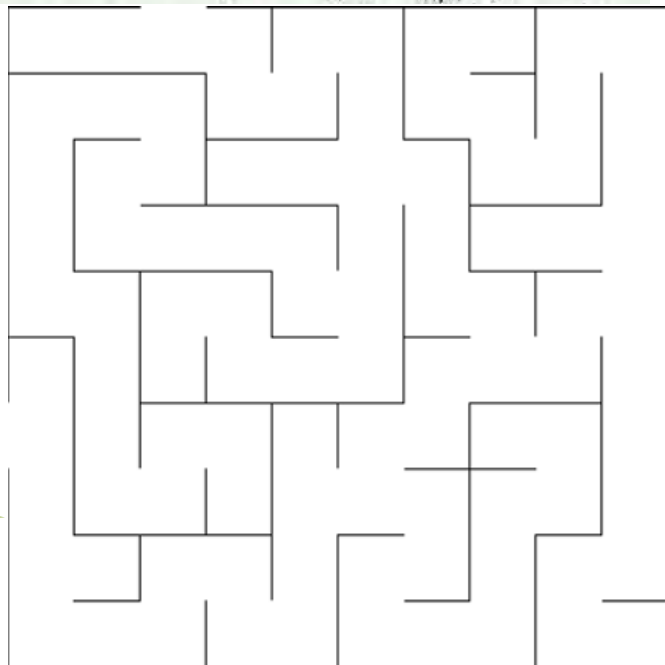
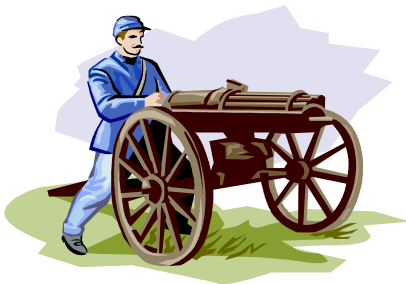
Brightwood Beach Resort, Meeker County Historical Society

The Litchfield Opera House was built in 1900.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Circle how many different shapes you see on this building.



Meeker County Historical Society, 1908

This is the GAR Hall.
It was built in 1885.
Can you help the soldier through the maze?



Before there was 911, this red light was turned on for an emergency. The police would look at the light and call the telephone operator to find out the emergency.
Circle the red light.



Meeker County Historical Society

What season is this?
What do you remember about this season?
Read about the 1959 Christmas decorations in the
Historic Context Report at the library.



Christmas decorations, 1959 Meeker County Historical Society
Bonnie Dille Collection

Draw what you like about Litchfield.

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