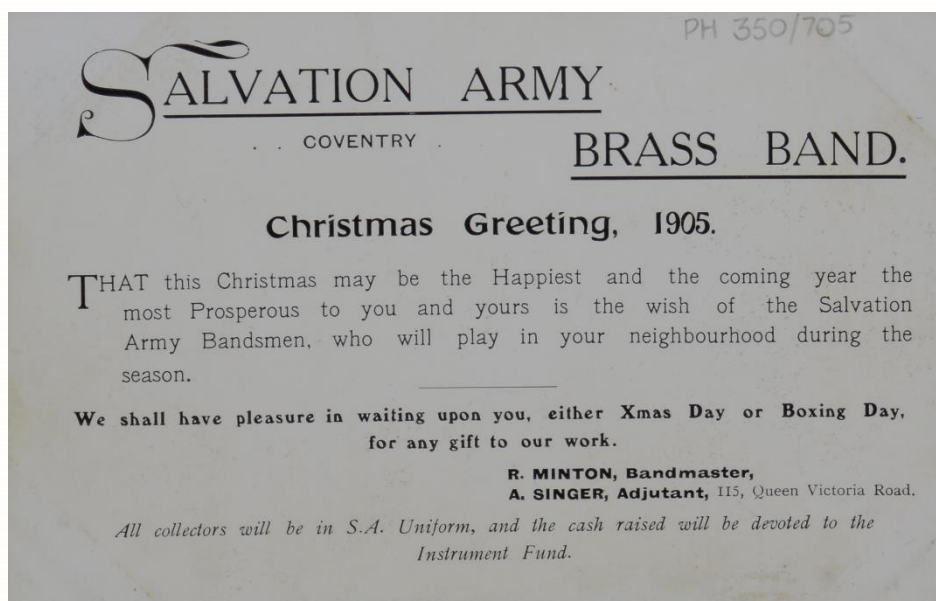


### **Postcard of Coventry with the Season's Compliments, 1905 (PH350/705)**

December's Document of the Month features a postcard from 1905 of Coventry's Salvation Army Brass Band. This postcard acted as a Christmas greeting to its recipients, as well as an opportunity to raise awareness of its charitable efforts. On the back of the postcard is the note, "yours is the wish of the Salvation Army Bandsmen to play in your neighbourhood during the season."<sup>1</sup> It also gives the name of the Bandmaster, R. Minton, as well as the band's Adjutant, A. Singer.



### **History of the Salvation Army in Coventry**

The Salvation Army was formed in 1865 by William Booth, a Methodist minister. In November 1878, Booth sent Catherine Reynolds and Honour Burrell to Coventry in order to create a Salvation Army Ministry and preach the Army's Christian mission. They soon became known as the "Hallelujah Lassies".<sup>2</sup> However, the Salvation Army and accompanying band were not always greeted warmly. According to the Coventry Herald newspaper, on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1881 a number of "roughs" sought to try and "upset them and take possession of the entrance of the building".<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Warwickshire County Record Office, *Postcard of Coventry With the Season's Compliments (Salvation Army Brass Band Christmas Greeting)*, PH0350/705

<sup>2</sup> Coventry Telegraph, *How The Salvation Army Was Started in Coventry*, <https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/how-salvation-army-started-coventry-9409348>, accessed 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

<sup>3</sup> British Newspaper Archive, *Coventry Herald and Free Press May 6<sup>th</sup> 1881*, <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000385/18810506/067/0002>, accessed 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**Frank Butterworth: son of John, original bundle of Christmas and valentine cards sent or received by him (CR1680/21)**

In addition to the postcard selection, this month's Document of the Month includes some extra festive cheer in the form of Frank Butterworth's Christmas card collection, c1870.