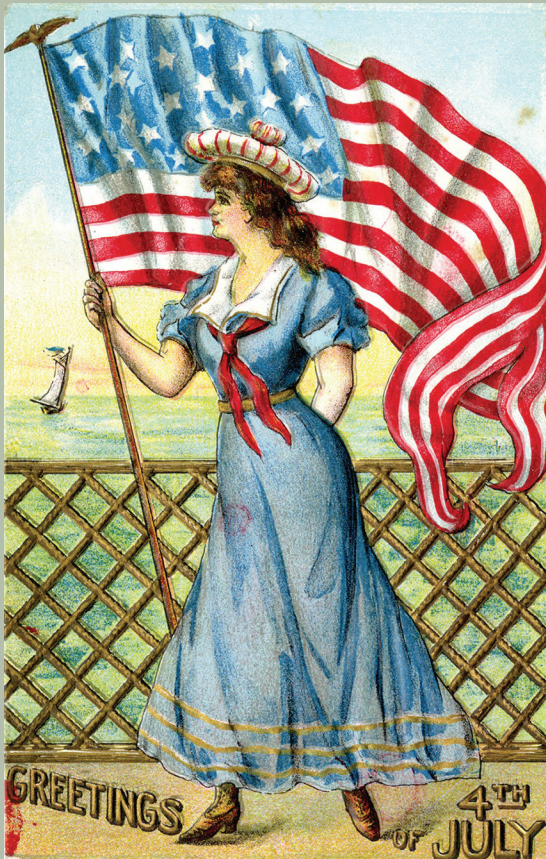


JULY



It's the height of summer and here in the States, it's time to celebrate Independence Day and the red, white & blue.

IMAGE: AN OLD PENNY POSTCARD FROM OUR COLLECTION.

1 CANADA DAY

It's the national day of Canada. Formerly known as Dominion Day.

3 DOG DAYS OF SUMMER THROUGH AUGUST 15

It's traditionally the hottest part of the year, ruled by Sirius, the Dog Star.

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Fireworks for the Fourth of July, celebrating the 239th birthday of the United States.

7 TANABATA

Japanese festival on the seventh day of the seventh month: Wishes are written on colored paper strips and hung from the trees.

14 BASTILLE DAY

La Fête Nationale, le Quatorze Juillet... It's French National Day, commemorating the Storming of the Bastille in 1789.

15 ST. SWITHIN'S DAY

*St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain;
St. Swithin's Day, if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.*

16 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Sacred to Chile.

17 (ABOUT) EID UL-FITR BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

Feasting concludes Ramadan, the month of fasting.

23 NEPTUNALIA & SALACIA

This holiday of ancient Rome honors Neptune, the sea god, and his wife Salacia, goddess of the salty sea.

A good day to honor water and all it means to us.

25 ST. JAMES'S DAY

Sacred to Spain. Oysters for dinner.

26 ST. ANNE'S DAY

Feast day of Anne, mother of Mary.

29 ST. MARTHA'S DAY

Martha teaches us to engage life fully, and to not worry so much about appearances.

31 LAMMAS EVE

Lammas brings the first of the harvest festivals and the understanding that summer, too, will pass.



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