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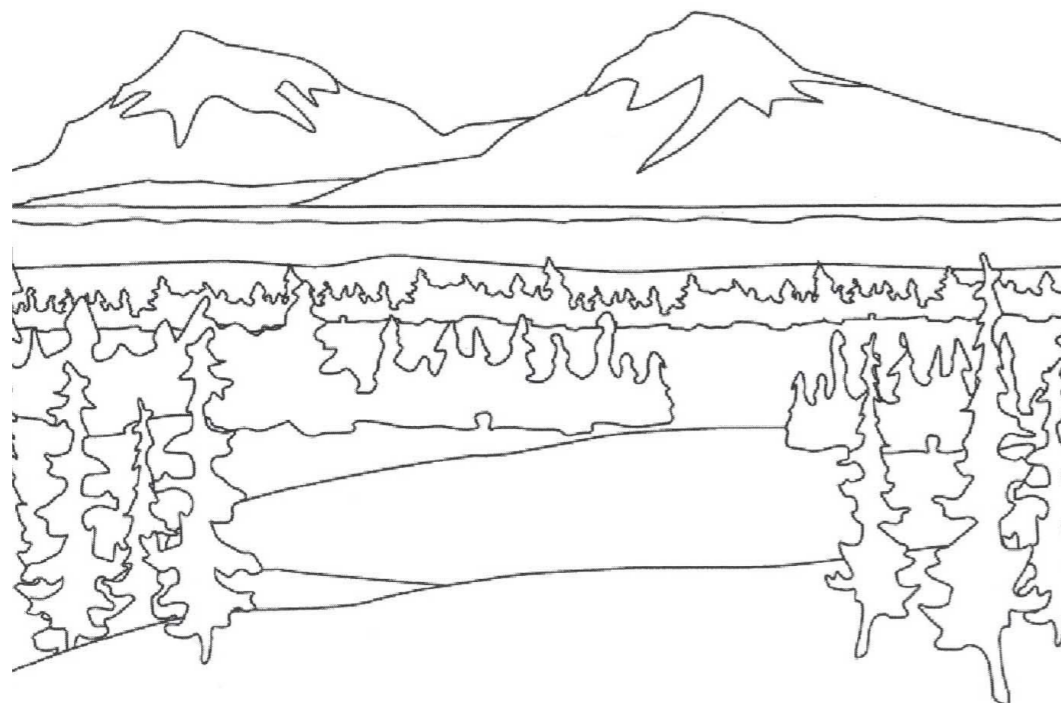


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BLACKSBURG MUSEUM AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION

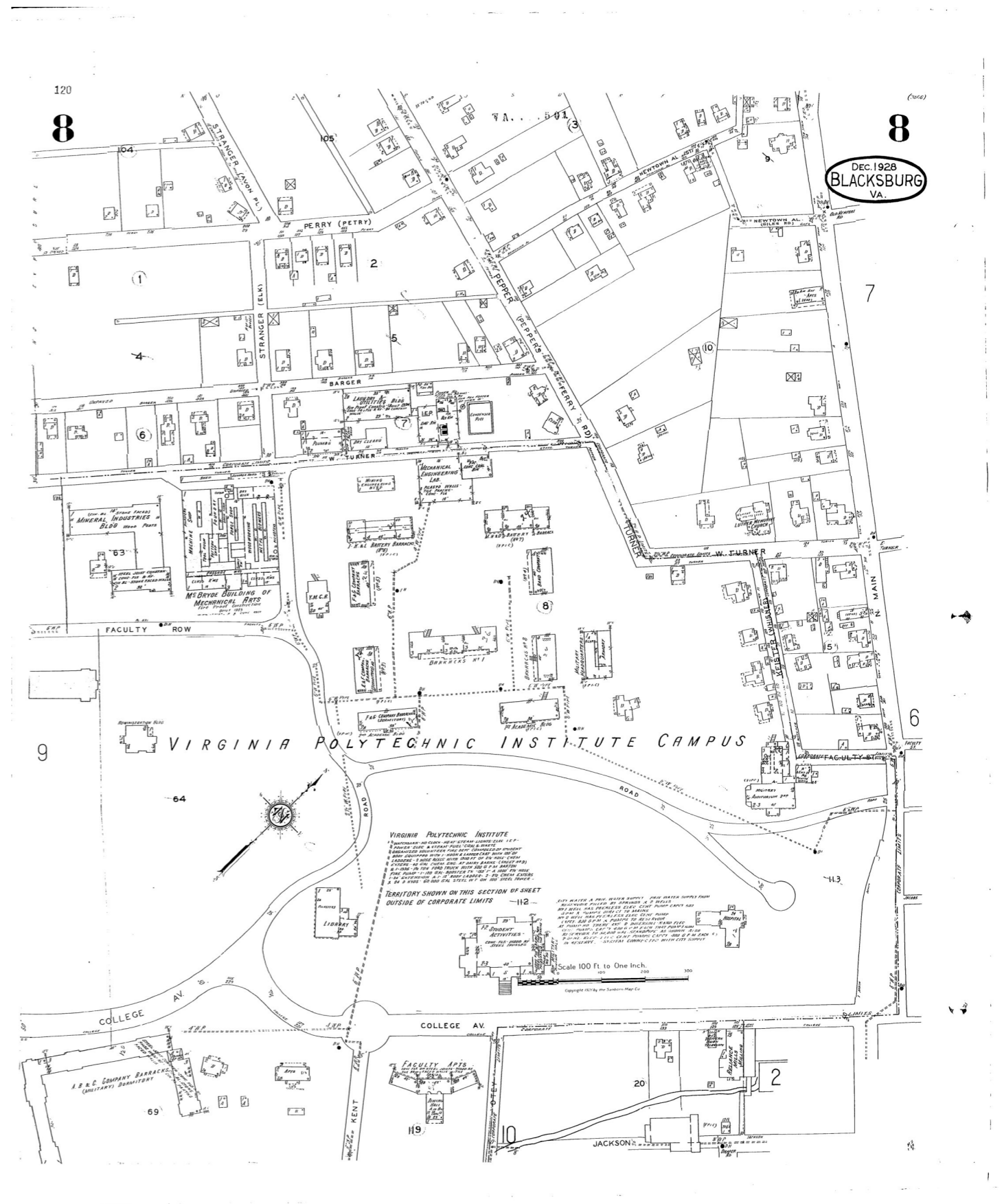
Blacksburg is located on the Eastern Continental Divide. This means that in some parts of town water will flow to the Atlantic Ocean, and in some it will flow to the Gulf of Mexico!



The town is near the New River and is between Price Mountain, Brush Mountain, and Paris Mountain.



NEWTOWN MAP



See if you can find College Avenue as it was in 1928!

ST. LUKE AND ODD FELLOWS HALL

THE ODD FELLOWS HALL



St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall is a museum of African American Culture and the former social gathering spot for the African American community. In 2009 the town restored the hall and officially reopened its doors. The exhibit on display is titled From Civil War to Civil Rights, chronicling the lives of African Americans throughout the years, some of whom lived in Blacksburg's historic New Town!



Blacksburg Newtown circa 1936

Blacksburg Historic 16 Squares



Blacksburg was developed because it was situated along one of the East-West routes through the Valley of Virginia. Originating from the "Sixteen Squares" which were the first organized, developed land that made up the town, Blacksburg has grown far beyond its original

ALEXANDER BLACK HOUSE



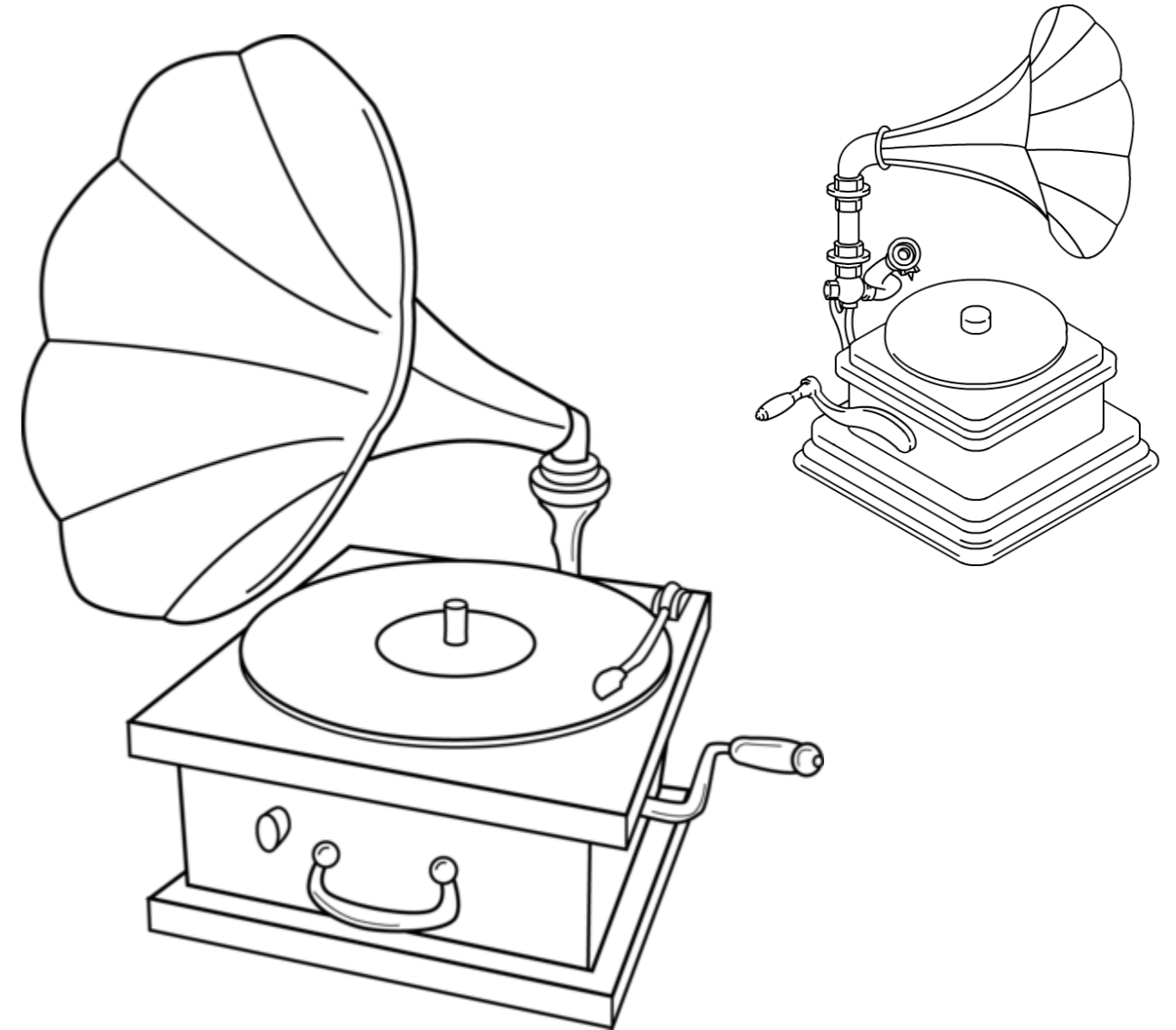
Built in 1897 by Alexander Black, this house was a funeral home until 2002, when it was bought by the town of Blacksburg.

In order to make room for a new parking garage, the house was then picked up and moved across the street in one piece!

The house is now a museum promoting local history, art, and culture.

DID YOU KNOW?

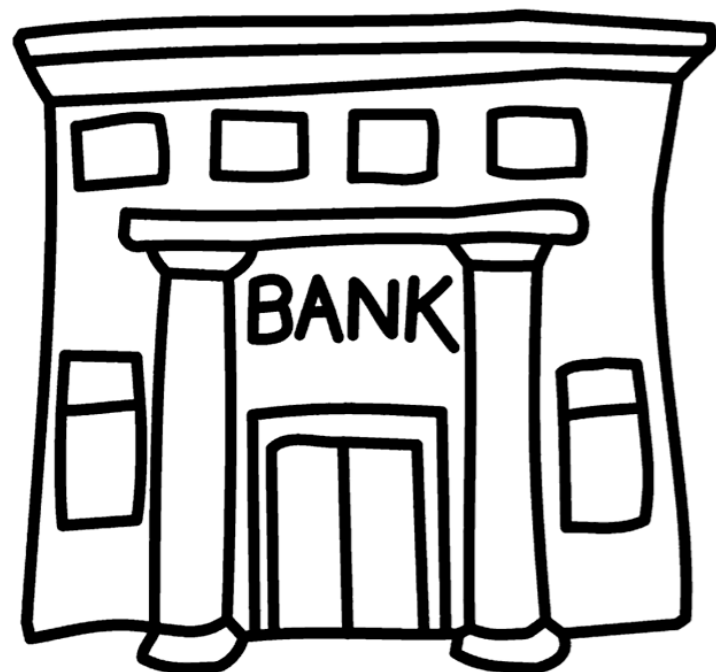
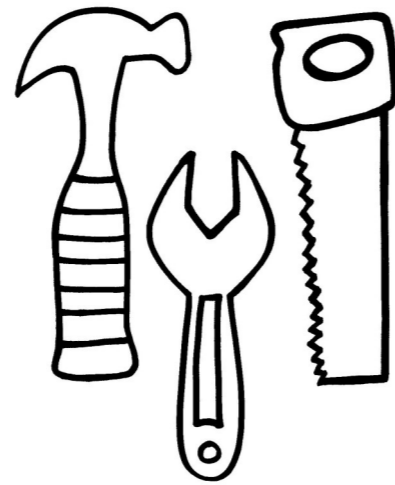
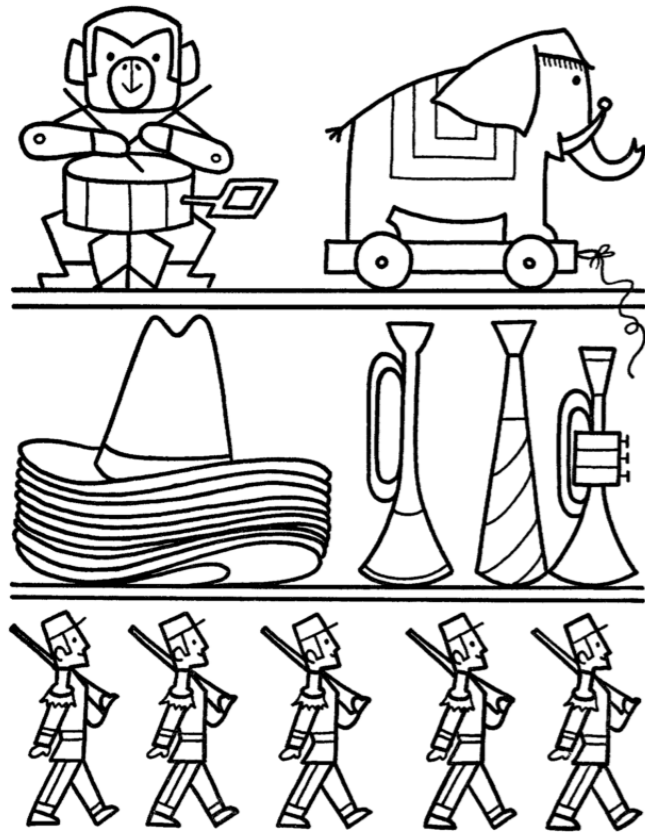
A Victrola was a specific brand of record player, made between 1901 and 1929.



When Alexander Black had his store, people would have bought these to listen to music. Can you name some things you use to listen to music now?

ALEXANDER BLACK

Alexander Black was a businessman in the late 1800s. On the first floor of his store on Main Street he sold hardware, Christmas toys, electrical goods and specialties. The second floor was filled with furniture, radios, Victrolas, and other articles for the home.



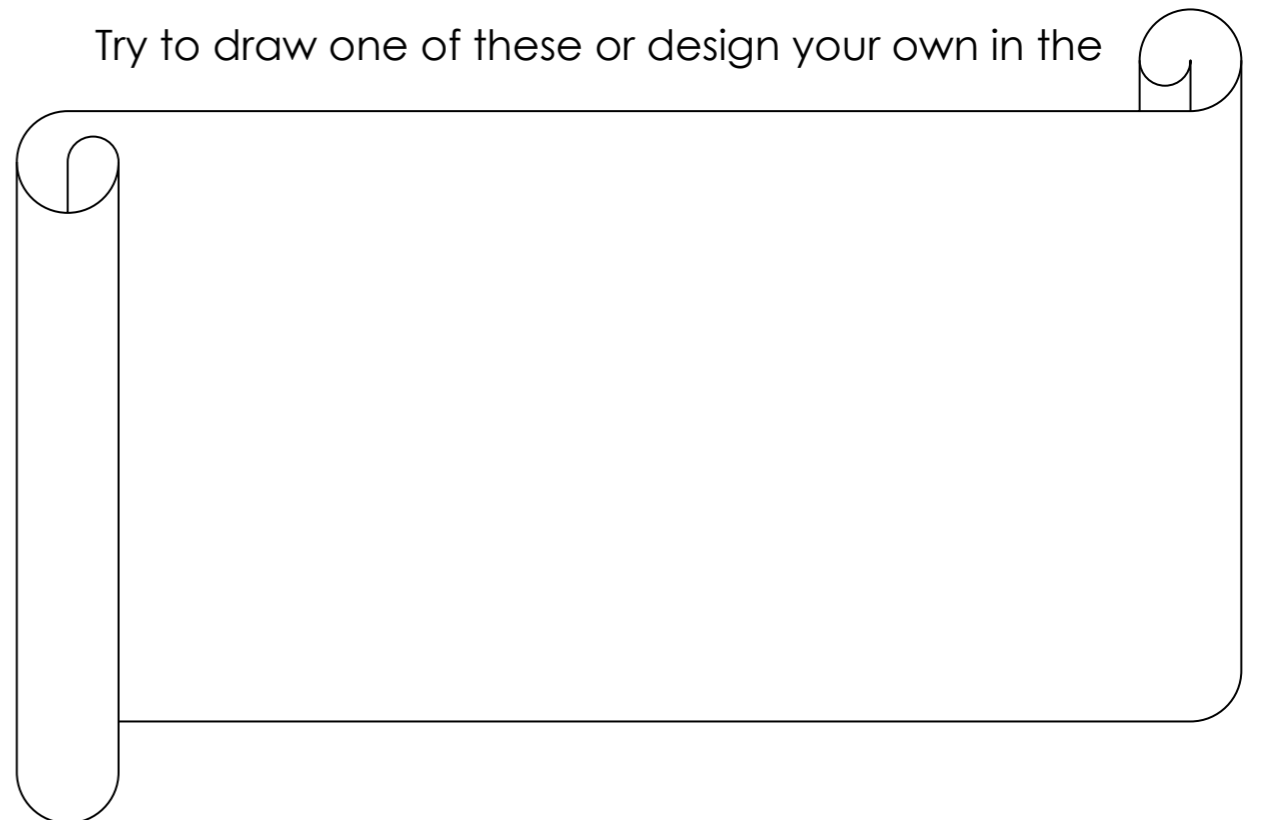
Alexander's success was credited to "square dealings and low prices."

In 1900, Alexander founded the Bank of Blacksburg and was its president until 1935.



The wallpaper in the Black House is a guess at what the wallpaper might have looked like when Alexander Black lived here in the late 1800s.

Try to draw one of these or design your own in the



ALEXANDER BLACK HOUSE: WHATS INSIDE?

The house is decorated in the Victorian style. This style often includes a blending of historical European elements with aspects Asian and Middle Eastern design.



Victorian refers to the reign of Queen Victoria in England between 1837 and 1901.

VICTORIAN STYLE

This page shows an example of a classic Victorian drawing

