Christmas on the Potomac
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To help our patrons and staff get in the holiday spirit, Modern Political Collections mounted an exhibit this past December of Christmas cards from the papers of former Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn. Dorn served in the S.C. General Assembly (1939-1940). He represented the state's Third District in Congress (1948-1974), ran for Governor (1974 and 1978), and served as Chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party (1980-1984). The papers of William Jennings Bryan Dorn contain several hundred cards received from Presidents, members of Congress, foreign dignitaries, and other prominent individuals.

A Christmas card from the Dorn family, showing an interior view of their historic home, Barratt House, located near Greenwood, S.C.
Cards from President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower:

Presidential greetings, Dec. 1959

"Our Lane in Spring, Gettysburg, Pa.", Dec. 1968
The exhibit chiefly features cards of United States presidents, from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Gerald Ford, and South Carolina governors, from James F. Byrnes to James Edwards. We invite you to visit the Library next December when we will again mount an exhibit of historic holiday cards.
Gerald Ford and family, ca. 1970s

Wishing You
A Most Pleasant Christmas Season
and
God’s Blessings Throughout the New Year

Betty and Jerry Ford, Mike, Jack, Steve and Susan