



Good day!

That might have been the way David Conklin could have greeted another farmer, or Daniel Kissam a patient. Not exactly the way we greet each other now.

How do you greet your friends?

If you have never visited any of the historical buildings that are part of the Huntington Historical Society, you may not know about David Conklin or Daniel Kissam, so let us fill you in.

The David Conklin Farmhouse



David Conklin was a farmer who lived in the Conklin House right here in Huntington around the time of the American Revolution. David Conklin and his wife Sybel, along with their eight children worked the farm that was part of their property. Today you can visit their home as a museum and see what their lives were like.

This picture shows what the Conklin Family's house, which was built around 1750 and later expanded to make it larger, looks like today.

The Dr. Daniel Kissam House



Daniel Kissam was a doctor who moved to Huntington in 1795, along with his wife and four children. Dr. Kissam's house was a nicer and bigger house than David Conklin's one room house. Just like the Conklin Family's house, you can visit the Kissam Family's home as a museum.

Here's how the Kissam Family's house, which was built in 1795, looks today.

How Did They Communicate in the 1700s?

Now back to the way we would have communicated in the colonial times. Not only were the ways people spoke to each other different, but the way we wrote words on paper was also very different. When you want to write something now you might grab your favorite pen or pencil. If you lived in the 1700s, you would grab your favorite quill.



A quill is a feather that could be used with ink to write. The shaft, or pointy end of the feather would be cut at an angle and just like a straw, a little ink would flow into the quill and you could write. When you ran out of ink you would dip the quill in a small ink pot or ink well and you would keep on writing.

Can you imagine it? Now imagine writing the Declaration of Independence using a quill pen!

Try It At Home!

We want you to be able to make your favorite pen, pencil or marker into a quill pen. You can print out the activity on the next page, or download it at:

<https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/quill-pencil-coloring-page/>

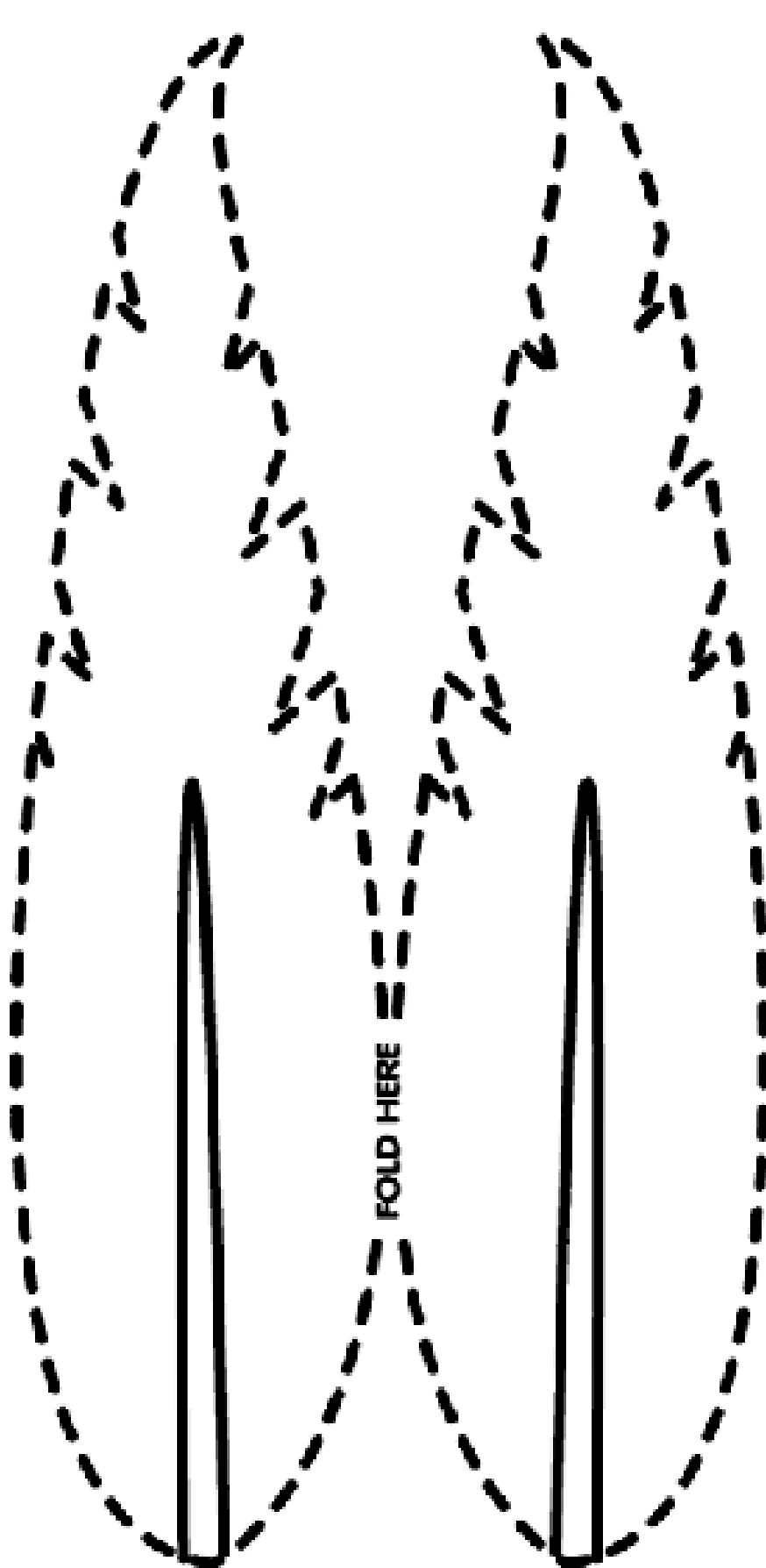
Decorate the feather, cut it out and attach it with tape to your pencil or pen.

A helpful hint: Tape down your pen or pencil on the inside of the feather and then put glue on the edges of the feather and fold together to cover your pen or pencil.

We'd love to see your creations! You can post photos to our Facebook page, or email them to info@HuntingtonHistoricalSociety.org.

If you want to learn more about Huntington's history, come visit our house museums when they're back open or join us for summer camp.

<https://www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org/passport-to-the-past-summer-camp.html>



QUILL PENCIL

Use Crayola® crayons, markers, or colored pencils to color the feather.

Cut out feather and fold around a crayon, pencil or colored pencil.

Tape in place.