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## STAMPS WITH A VERMONT CONNECTION

For a number of years, the Vermont Philatelic Society has compiled a listing of stamps with a connection to the state. The late dean of Vermont philately, Lloyd Hayward of Montpelier, a former editor of *The Vermont Philatelist*, the VPS' quarterly journal, began the listing in the 1950s. It was continued by John Lutz, my predecessor as *TVP* editor. Sometimes years pass without a US stamp being issued with a Vermont connection. However, the 2013 Hanukkah stamp pictures an iron menorah wrought by Steve Bronstein of Marshfield's Blackthorne Forge.

The November 25 *Rutland Herald* online edition reported that the USPS informed him someone had purchased one of his menorahs at a Washington, D.C., craft shop and that it would be on the stamp ([WWW.RUTLANDHERALD.COM/ARTICLE/20131125/NEWS03/711259967/O](http://WWW.RUTLANDHERALD.COM/ARTICLE/20131125/NEWS03/711259967/O)). Bronstein, a native New Yorker graduated from SUNY New Paltz and moved to Vermont in the 1970s to work at the University of Vermont. He shifted from biology to working as a blacksmith, designing lighting, vases, clocks, and menorahs.

Sometimes a Vermont connection will pop up unexpectedly. A few years ago I stopped at a Ferrisburg church to take some pictures and discovered a plaque honoring Frederick Douglass delivering a speech there in July 1843, one of the "100 Conventions" sponsored by the American Anti-Slavery Society. Of course, we remember that he is on a twenty-five-cent definitive stamp issued February 14, 1967 (Scott No. 1290). Voilà, another stamp for our Vermont list.

The earliest stamp in our listing is the \$1 Lincoln Memorial stamp of 1923 (Scott No. 571). The Memorial was built of Vermont marble. All the stamps can be viewed online at [WWW.VERMONTPS.ORG/CONNECTIONS/CONNECTIONSHOME.PAGE.HTML](http://WWW.VERMONTPS.ORG/CONNECTIONS/CONNECTIONSHOME.PAGE.HTML). ■

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