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### DISCOVERING AN UNKNOWN POSTMARK

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As the largest population center in Vermont, it is to be expected that Burlington would have more than one post office to serve its population. According to *Vermont Postal History: The Branches, Stations & CPOs of the Green Mountain State* by Paul G. Abajian and Jason G. Granger (Vermont Philatelic Society 2000), Burlington has had thirty-two subsidiary offices since the late 1890s.

In their 2000 listing, Abajian and Granger noted that six of the offices had no known postal cancels: Station No. 1 (Elmwood Avenue: 1897–1939), Station No. 2 (1899–1920s), Station No. 2 (Andersons: 1951–1960), Station No. 3 (1916–1927), Station No. 4 (1901–1927), and Station No. 5 (1902–1918).

We can now show a postal marking from Station No. 4, which was located at 1 Church Street. Stations such as this probably had no postmarking devices, but rather generic Burlington postmarks. However, they did need red concentric cancels for use on official documents, registered mail, and other such uses. These are the ones that most likely need the cancels.

Currently, there are also five non-Burlington stations that have no known cancels: Bennington Station A (1890s), Rutland Station 1 (1905–1916), Rutland Station 2 (unknown–1916), Saint Albans Station 1 (1912–1924), and Saint Johnsbury Station 2 (1905–1948).

#### FALL SHOWS

The *CROSSROADS STAMP AND POSTCARD SHOW* will be on Saturday, October 4, at the Mid-Vermont Christian School, 399 Gilson Avenue in Quechee from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Craig Lusso at 603-542-2247 or [CMRUSSO93@MYFAIRPOINT.NET](mailto:CMRUSSO93@MYFAIRPOINT.NET).

*CHAMPEX 2014* will be on November 8 at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Glenn A. Estus at 518-962-4558 or [GESTUS@VERMONTPS.ORG](mailto:GESTUS@VERMONTPS.ORG). ■