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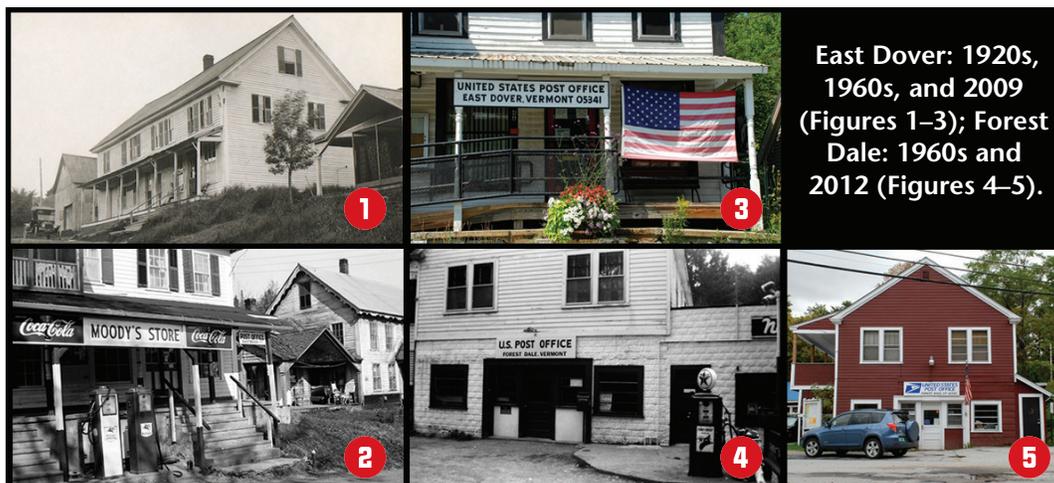
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TRACKING DOWN POS — THEN AND NOW

In the November–December 2015 *Stamp Insider*, I mentioned that the Post Mark Collectors Club published a CD of postmarks from every US state and territory. The PMCC also has a large collection of post office photographs on its website (WWW.POSTMARKS.ORG/PHOTOS) plus has also organized its photos on Flickr under the name “PMCC Post Office Photos.” —WWW.FLICKR.COM/SEARCH/?TEXT=PMCC%20POST%20OFFICE%20PHOTOS.

A few years ago, the Vermont Philatelic Society was given a box of negatives from the late 1950s and early 1960s of Vermont post offices. Using today’s scanner technology it is easy to scan these negatives without the use of a darkroom and obtain good digital photos which are used as space fillers in the VPS’s quarterly publication, *The Vermont Philatelist* and will be used in a forthcoming book on the *Postmasters of Vermont*, a complete listing of postmasters from the first postmasters in 1792 through the current day.

Some of the post offices from the negatives are easy to locate since the name of the post office is visible in the print. However, a few, while showing the word “Post Office” do not show the actual name of the post office. We have been printing these in the *VP* to see if anyone can identify them.

The East Dover, Vermont post office in Windham County was established in 1861 and has operated since that time. The post office has been located in the same building for at least a century as can be seen from three photographs, from the 1920s, 1960s, and 2009.

Likewise, the Forest Dale post office in Rutland County was in the same building in 2012 as it was in the 1960s. The building has been extensively renovated. ■