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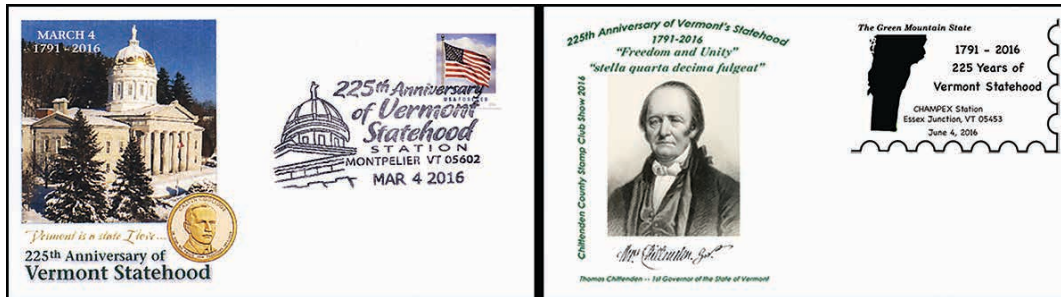
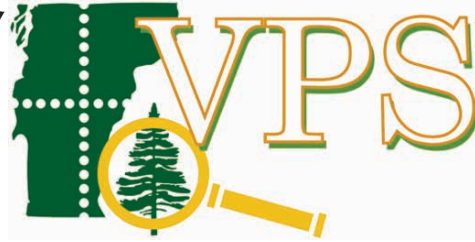
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COMMEMORATING VERMONT STATEHOOD

Vermont was admitted to the Union as the 14th state on March 4, 1791. As we know the USPS only commemorates statehood anniversaries of fifty, one hundred, one hundred and fifty, and two hundred years. VPS decided a commemoration should recognize the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary and sponsored a pictorial cancel and cachet on March 4, 2016. The cachet shows the statehouse in winter. This is actually the third statehouse that built soon after the second was destroyed by fire in 1857.

The cachet also pictures the Calvin Coolidge dollar from 2014 and his quotation “Vermont is a state I love.” The president was born on July 4, 1872, in Plymouth, and became president on the death of Warren G. Harding at 5:30 p.m. on August 2, 1923. Coolidge was visiting his father in Plymouth when he learned of Harding’s death. His father, a notary public, administered the presidential oath of office at 2:47 a.m. on August 3.

The cacheted anniversary cover is available for \$ 2 plus a SASE from Robert Edson, 693 West Hill Road, North Middlesex, VT 05682-9659. Make checks payable to VPS.

The Chittenden County Stamp Club is sponsoring a similar cachet and pictorial postmark on June 2 at *CHAMPEx*, its thirty-fifth annual stamp show in Essex Junction. The pictorial continues a general design that the club has used since 2007.

The cachet shows Thomas Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont during statehood. The two state mottoes are highlighted — “Freedom and Unity” and “Stella Quarta Decima Fulgeat” (“May the 14th Star Shine Bright”) alluding to the fact that Vermont was the fourteenth state to join the Union. The Latin motto was adopted in 2015 as a result of a school girl’s campaign.

A number of uniformed persons wrote to local newspapers asking why Vermont should have a state motto in Latin since the state is hundreds of miles from Mexico and has a small Latino population.

The cachet and pictorial cancel will be available in early June from Glenn Estus, P.O. Box 451, Westport, NY for \$2 and a SASE. Make checks payable to the club. ■