

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: VERMONT	
COUNTY: Windsor	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.12.50.0001	DATE 12/2/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Plymouth Historic District

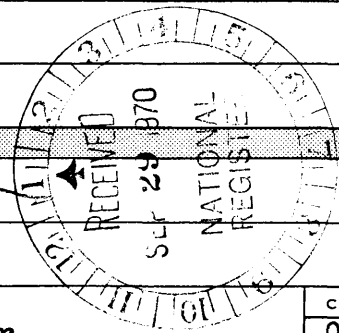
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Route 100A - No street number

CITY OR TOWN:
Plymouth

STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50** COUNTY: **Windsor** CODE: **027**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: **State of Vermont, Board of Historic Sites
various private owners**

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Route 100A - No Street Number.

CITY OR TOWN: **Plymouth** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Town Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Route 100 - No number

CITY OR TOWN: **Plymouth** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2,624**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
State Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: **1967-1968** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Vermont Board of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:
7 Langdon St.

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Plymouth Historic District is a bowl shaped valley in the Green Mountains consisting of approximately 2,624 acres. It is bounded on the east by East Mt., on the south by Blueberry Hill and Soltudus Mt., on the west by Mt. Tom and on the north by Wood Peak.

The Village of Plymouth, Vermont, lies in the center of the district. It contains 15 buildings ranging in age from early 19th century to late 19th century. All are historically related to the site. A list of these buildings with a brief description follows:

The Birthplace of President Calvin Coolidge - A small room house built about 1840. This building is in the process of restoration and when completed will be furnished with original artifacts from the Coolidge family.

The Coolidge Homestead - This was the home of President Coolidge's parents and the dwelling in which the President grew up after the family moved from the Birthplace house when the President was 4 years of age.

Plymouth General Store - A typical 19th century country store was owned and operated by Col. John Coolidge the father of the President. The second floor of the Store was used as a meeting place, dance hall, and as a summer White House by President Coolidge.

The Wilder House - Built about 1830 this building served as an inn and the home of President Coolidge's mother, Victoria Josephine Moor. The building now serves as a state-owned hospitality center.

The Wilder Barn - One of the original farm buildings of Plymouth, it is outstanding for its size and construction. Now state-owned this building is utilized as a museum of 19th century farm tools and machinery original to the Plymouth area.

The Brown House - This very large New England farmhouse was built in 1868 by the family of Carrie Brown Coolidge who became the stepmother of President Coolidge when he was 19 years of age.

The Aldrich House - This small Cape Cod style house with 5 attached barns and sheds was lived in by Carrie A. Brown.

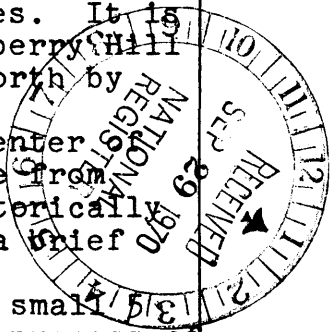
Plymouth Blacksmith Shop - A small frame building which originally served the blacksmith needs of the farm village of Plymouth.

Plymouth Church - Built in 1840 and located in the center of Plymouth Village, the church is now owned by The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.

Plymouth Cheese Factory - The sole remaining industry in Plymouth, the cheese factory is now owned by the President's son John Coolidge and is one of the few small cheese factories in Vermont still producing cheese by the old hand methods.

Plymouth Schoolhouse - A typical New England 1 room schoolhouse of frame construction.

Azro Johnson Farm - Built about 1840 the Johnson farmhouse is of a stone construction characteristic of this area of Vermont.



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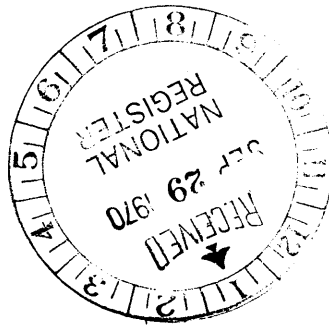
7. Description cont'd Plymouth Historic District

The woodlands of the farm dominate the skyline to the west of Plymouth Village and both the land and the buildings are considered important to this historic site.

The Old Coolidge Farm - Built about 1800 by the grandfather of President Coolidge, this dwelling is the oldest surviving building in Plymouth Village. The house is a Colonial, center chimney style in an excellent state of preservation and is still owned by the Coolidge family.

The John Coolidge Home - A remodeled 19th century building moved to the site of the original Coolidge cabin which was built by the first Coolidge to settle in Plymouth. The dwelling is now owned and occupied by John Coolidge.

Of the above listed buildings 6 are owned by the State of Vermont and maintained as part of Plymouth Historic Site, 2 are privately owned, 1 is owned by the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation and 5 are owned by Mr. John Coolidge. Nearly all are scheduled for eventual acquisition as part of this site.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

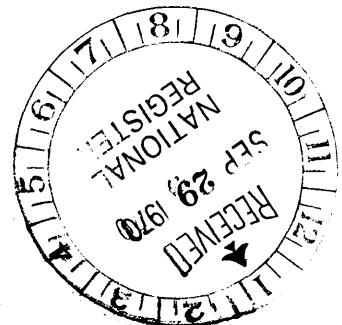
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **NA**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Architecture</u> |
| Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

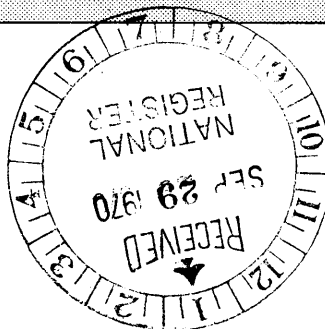
When standing in the center of Plymouth Village, one may view in all directions the forested mountains and ridge lines which comprise the boundaries of Plymouth Historic District. The village retains, in a perfect state of preservation, the atmosphere of 19th century rural Vermont. It is historically unique in that its buildings include not only the birthplace of a president of the United States, but the homes of his ancestors who were among the earliest settlers of the area. The Homestead in which the President grew up remains authentically furnished precisely as it was on the night of August 3, 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was administered the oath of office as President of the United States by his father, Col. John Coolidge, a notary public. Visitors come in ever-increasing thousands yearly to view Plymouth and be stirred anew by the historic events which took place there. As time passes the Plymouth Historic District is held in higher and higher regard not only as a shrine to a President of the United States but as a perfectly preserved symbol of a bygone era in American history.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William B. Pinney, Director

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont State Board of Historic Sites** DATE: **12/17/69**

STREET AND NUMBER:
7 Langdon Street (revised 9/22/70)

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **44**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name William B. Pinney

Title Director of Historic Sites

Date Sept. 22, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Cunnally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date _____

ATTEST:

William B. Pinney
Keeper of The National Register

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Date _____

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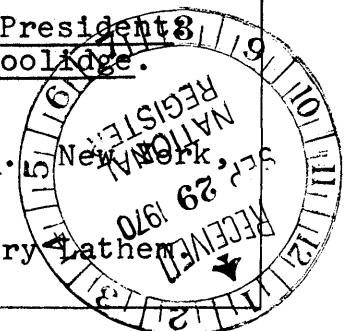
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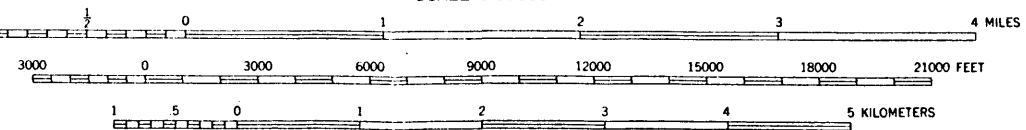
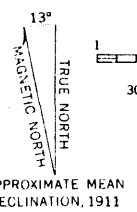
43° 32' 10"

43° 30'

Wallingford 72° 45'

72° 43' 23"

R. B. Marshall, Chief Geographer.
Frank Sutton, Geographer in charge.
Topography by R. D. Cummin, T. F. Slaughter, and W. H. S. Morey.
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Surveyed in 1910-1911.



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