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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

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HISTORIC

Calvin Coolidge House

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

19-21 Massasoit Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Northampton

VICINITY OF

1

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Massachusetts

025

Hampshire

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Henry Littlefield

STREET & NUMBER

19 Massasoit Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Northampton,

VICINITY OF

Massachusetts 01060

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds for Hampshire County

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Northampton

Massachusetts 01060

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites and Buildings Survey

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1965, 1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Washington, Boston

D.C., Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Calvin Coolidge House was built in 1900-01 by J. W. O'Brian. It is a two and one half story duplex house, painted yellow and trimmed in maroon. The house is located at 19 Massasoit Street, in a residential area of houses of similar date and construction.

The facade of the house is asymmetrical and is dominated by the two projecting entrance porches which grace the corners. The entrance porch on the left, the side which was occupied by Calvin Coolidge, is a pedimented shelter, supported by Doric columns. It is skirted on two sides by lattice work and ornamented by railings and turned balusters. The entrance porch on the right side of the house has similar ornamental detail, but is distinguished from the pedimented porch by its flat roof. Between the porches are two single-tiered, hexagonal bay windows, one projecting from each apartment. The left bay is hipped roofed; the right is covered by an extension of the front porch. Except for this instance the fenestration is identical throughout both halves of the house. All the windows have wooden surrounds, and most are six-over-six sash. The louvered shutters that once flanked the windows are gone. Four inch clapboard covers the house and it is topped with a slate-covered, bellcast hipped roof.

The interiors of the duplex are similarly designed. The main entrance on the Coolidge side leads into a three foot square vestibule, which provides access to the main entry room. From this room a wide archway opens into the front parlor, which has a hexagonal bay window and Doric pilastered mantel. A similar archway at the rear of the main entry room opens onto the dining room, where the exterior wall is graced by a low window seat. Triangular shaped pantries fill both corners of the room, while an enclosed service hall passes to the right of the dining room and connects the main entrance room to the kitchen in the rear.

Access to the second floor is from the main entry room via an open three-flight, balustraded stair with a paneled newel. The stair opens onto a large landing above the main entry room of the first floor. To the left, above the parlor, is a bedroom. To the right of the landing is a second bedroom, a bath, a closet and a hall that leads along the right wall to a third bedroom that is situated over the kitchen. The stair continues in two flights to the attic, where there are two storage rooms and another bedroom.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Calvin Coolidge House is historically significant as the residence of the 31st President of the United States. Calvin Coolidge resided in the house from 1906 to 1930, leaving only to serve in state and national offices in Boston and Washington, D.C. It was in this house that he reared his children, launched his state and national political careers, and resided during his first months after vacating the Presidency of the United States.

Equally significant are the character of the residence and the arrangement under which Coolidge occupied it. Just as Coolidge was quiet and frugal as President, this house is a relatively simple, frame structure. More importantly, Coolidge's principal residence was a duplex house. He occupied only one side of it which he rented. He moved from the dwelling reluctantly in the spring of 1930 largely because it became an attraction for out-of-town motorists whose gawking prevented the former President from relaxing by rocking on his front porch or strolling up and down the street. The house is unique among principal non-official residences of incumbent and retired Presidents of the United States.

The significance of this house is perhaps most evident in the words of Calvin Coolidge himself, "The days passed quietly with us until the next autumn, when we moved into the house in Massasoit Street that was to be our home for so long. I attended to the finishing of it myself, and when it was ready Mrs. Coolidge and I walked over to it. In two weeks our first boy came on September seventh...We liked the house where our children came to us and the neighbors were so kind. When we could have had a more pretentious home, we still clung to it. So long as I lived there, I could be independent and serve the public without ever thinking that I could not maintain my position if I lost my office. I always made my living practicing law up to the time I became Governor, without being dependant upon any official salary. This left me free to make my own decisions in accordance with what I thought was the public good. We lived where we did that I might better serve the people."

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

✓ Andrea M. Gilmore and George R. Adams, American Assoc. State & Local History

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

DATE

July 1976

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Elizabeth Reed Armand*

TITLE Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 10/1/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/12/76

DATE 12/10/76

Property Calvin Coolidge House

76000262  
Hampshire

State Mass. Working Number 10.27.76.4397

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 2  
Maps 1

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**HISTORIAN**

accept  
B. Brown  
11/11/76

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept  
Lebovich  
12.1.76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

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Federal Register Entry 2-1-77

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Calvin Coolidge House

Northampton, MA.

*Hampshire Co.*

1975

George R. Adams, AASLH

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Boston, Massachusetts

Photo #1

Looking southwest towards the facade

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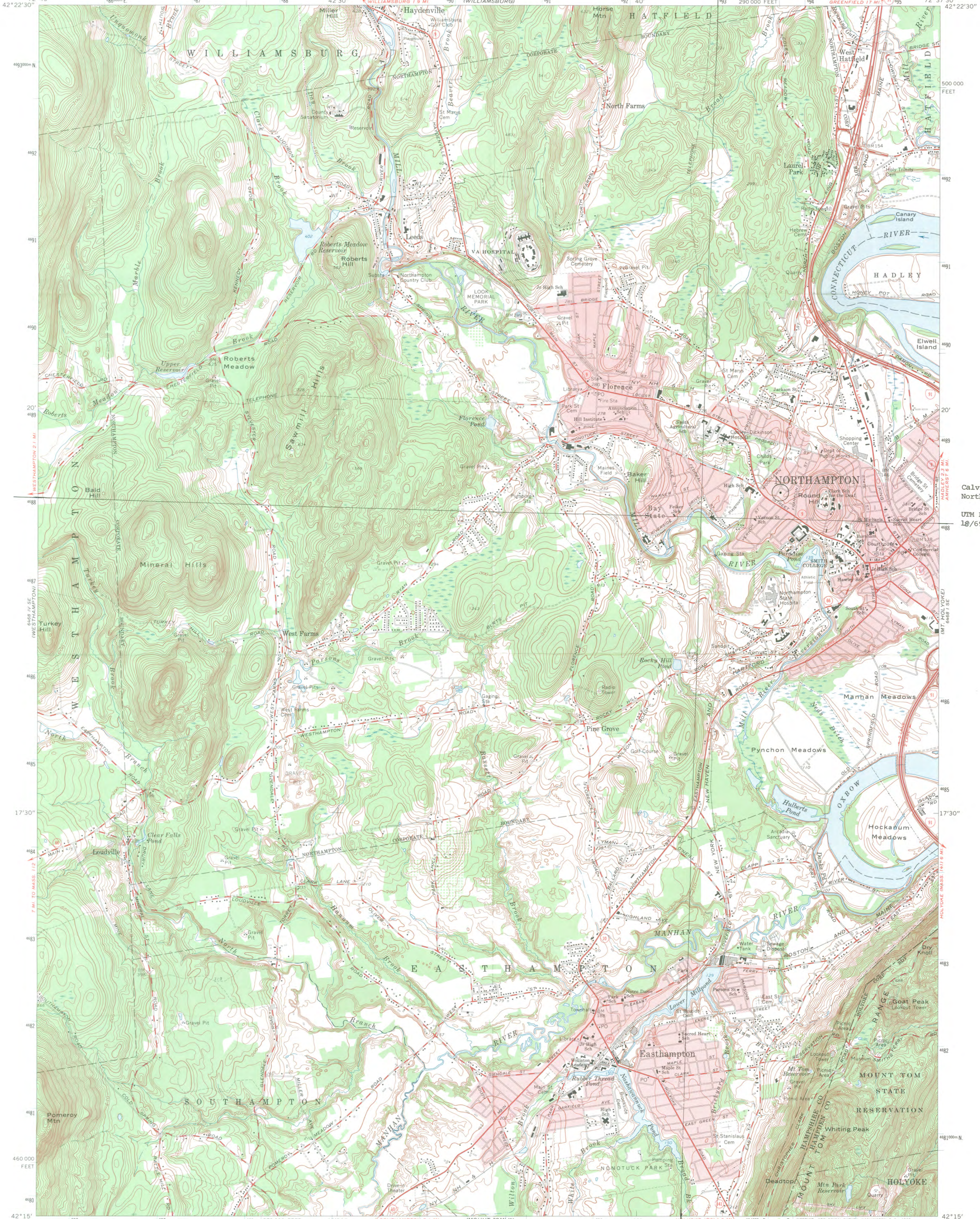


Calvin Coolidge House  
Northampton, MA. *Hampshire Co.*  
1975  
George R. Adams, AASLH  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
Boston, Massavhusetts

Photo #2  
Looking southwest down Massasoit Street

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Calvin Coolidge House  
 Northampton, MA.  
 UTM Reference:  
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
 Topography by planetable surveys 1935. Revised 1964  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 18, shown in blue  
 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -  
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Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

The Office of Congressional Liaison has asked us to thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Oliver R. Hayes concerning the establishment of a Presidential Library for President Coolidge and the historic preservation of the Coolidge home, The Beeches, in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The establishment of Presidential Libraries is a prerogative of Congress. If legislation should be introduced for a Coolidge Presidential Library, then Congress would pass on the merits of the proposal. Existing Presidential Libraries are administered by the National Archives and Records Service.

Establishment of The Beeches as a unit of the National Park System also would require legislation in Congress. Historic sites and buildings so established must meet the criteria of national significance listed on pages 13-15 of the enclosed copy of "NPS Criteria for Parklands."

The enclosed folder, "The National Register of Historic Places," and the fact sheet describe the grants-in-aid program authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended, which might be of interest to Mr. Hayes in connection with the preservation of The Beeches. A property must be listed on the National Register and must be consistent with an approved State historic preservation plan before it can be considered for a matching grant under this program. Since State funds available for matching generally exceed the Federal appropriation for grants-in-aid, only a portion of all grant applications can be approved.

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Nominations to the National Register, as well as applications for grants-in-aid, are made by the State through the State Liaison Officer for historic preservation. The Massachusetts State Liaison Officer is the Honorable John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133.

We appreciate your interest in the programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Robert M. Linn

Acting Associate **Director**

Enclosure

*(Constituents ~~Material~~ material returned)*

cc:

Honorable John F. X. Davoren,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133)w/cy inc.

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Director, Northeast Region)

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SEP 9 1972

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

The Office of Congressional Liaison has asked us to acknowledge your inquiry in behalf of Mr. Oliver R. Hayes concerning preservation and expansion of the Calvin Coolidge Collection presently housed in the Forbes Library in Northampton, Massachusetts.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Hartzog, Jr.

Director

P.S. If you need to contact someone further concerning this matter, please call the Division of Legislative Services on code 183, extension 38067, or Area Code 202, 343-8067.

cc:

LOS (2) w/c of inc.

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(CL-1885)

Mr. Oliver R. Hayes  
Librarian  
Forbes Library  
Northampton, Mass. 01060

Action  
For info only

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LIBRARIAN  
OLIVER R. HAYES  
SECRETARY  
JAMES K. McDONALD  
TREASURER  
LAWRENCE E. KELLEY

# United States Senate

Sept. 12, 1972

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Respectfully referred to:

Department of the Interior

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DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR  
SEP 21 AM '72  
SECRETARY

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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*Superior*

# FORBES LIBRARY

NORTHAMPTON, MASS. 01060

*Dear*  
*Mary*

TRUSTEES

- JOHN F. MURPHY, JR.
- ROBERT M. MORIARTY
- JUDITH A. HUBLEY



- LIBRARIAN  
OLIVER R. HAYES
- SECRETARY  
JAMES K. McDONALD
- TREASURER  
LAWRENCE E. KELLEY

August 7, 1972

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
 Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Because you are preparing to sponsor a bill to preserve and renovate historic sites for the 1976 Bicentennial celebration, I would like to bring to your attention a worthwhile candidate for this possible Federal Program.

The Forbes Library has since 1920 developed a growing Calvin Coolidge Collection until it has become the largest resource for material on Coolidge in the country. In 1956, a special state appropriation made possible the reconstruction of a room in this library in which the President's memorabilia, papers, books and photographs could be housed together properly and made available to the public. Some \$29,787.67 were required for that stage of growth.

Soon to be available, as an appropriate site in to which to expand the Coolidge collection, is the one house owned by Mr. Coolidge during his entire career in Massachusetts. He called it The Beeches, a beautiful tree-lined estate in Northampton with a commanding view of the flood plain, Mt. Tom area, and Connecticut River. At present, it is owned and lived in by Mrs. Mary Bailey who purchased the house and grounds from the President's widow after his death in 1933.

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survey. This survey would establish both the feasibility of such a plan and a means of implementation.

I have therefore three questions to raise: 1) how might funds for this survey be obtained; 2) how might The Beeches be acquired as a national historic site; 3) how might a plan be implemented by which the present Coolidge collection would become a Presidential Library? On this last question, as you know, every United States President from Mr. Nixon back to Mr. Hoover has a Presidential Library maintained by the Federal Archives and Records Service. In each case, private and state help was required in some combination to purchase a site, a building, hire a staff, and insure that the resulting facility would be, in fact, maintained by the Federal government.

It seems to me that a survey is the first step and I have written to the Governor of Massachusetts, the Federal Archives and Records Service and to one of the six Mellon Foundations inquiring as to their interest in and the availability of funds for a professional survey. The last two sources have indicated a negative reaction as "outside of our scope." The Governor has yet to reply.

Lastly, the State of Vermont would like to claim Mr. Coolidge as "their" President and considerable preparation has been made in Plymouth, Vermont to establish this claim. Their shrewdness if successful would limit the future scope of this State to establish a Coolidge Center and library. Mr. Coolidge left Vermont at the age of 18 for Amherst College and after graduation developed his whole political career from Northampton. It is to Massachusetts that the benefits of this career belong.

Perhaps your active interest in this project could make the difference in initiating a planned growth toward a national status both for the Forbes Coolidge Collection and The Beeches in Northampton.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Oliver R. Hayes*  
Oliver R. Hayes  
Librarian

Encl.

# THE CALVIN COOLIDGE MEMORIAL ROOM



FORBES LIBRARY

Northampton, Massachusetts

The Memorial Room is open

9 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. Weekdays

2 to 6 P. M. Sundays and Holidays

*(Closed Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas)*

## CALVIN COOLIDGE

### A Chronological Summary

Born July 4, 1872, Plymouth, Vermont

Died January 5, 1933, Northampton, Massachusetts

- May 23, 1890** Graduated from Black River Academy, Ludlow, Vermont.
- June 26, 1895** Graduated from Amherst College, and on September 23 began reading law with the Northampton firm of Hammond and Field.
- July 2, 1897** Admitted to the bar in Northampton and later became a member of the Republican City Committee for Ward 2.
- December 6, 1898** Elected City Councilman from Ward 2.
- January 18, 1900** Elected (by City Council) City Solicitor.
- January 17, 1901** Re-elected City Solicitor.
- January 16, 1902** Defeated for City Solicitor by Theobald M. Connor.
- June 4, 1903** Appointed Clerk of Courts of Hampshire County.
- 1904** Chairman, Republican City Committee, Northampton.
- October 4, 1905** Married Grace Anna Goodhue at Burlington, Vermont.
- December 5, 1905** Defeated for School Committeeman by John J. Kennedy.
- August 1906** Rented half of the double house at 21 Massasoit Street.
- September 7, 1906** John Coolidge, first child, born.
- November 6, 1906** Elected Representative to the Massachusetts General Court.
- November 5, 1907** Re-elected Representative.
- April 13, 1908** Calvin Coolidge, Junior, second child, born.
- December 7, 1909** Elected Mayor of Northampton (beginning a continuous course of public service to March 4, 1929).
- December 6, 1910** Re-elected Mayor.
- November 7, 1911** Elected State Senator.
- November 5, 1912** Re-elected State Senator.
- November 4, 1913** Re-elected State Senator and subsequently elected President of the Senate by the Senators.
- November 3, 1914** Re-elected State Senator and President of the Senate.
- November 2, 1915** Elected Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts.
- November 7, 1916** Re-elected Lieutenant-Governor.
- November 6, 1917** Re-elected Lieutenant-Governor.
- November 5, 1918** Elected Governor of Massachusetts.
- September 9-11, 1919** Boston Police Strike. Governor, Coolidge came to national attention because of his stand for law and order. In a telegram to Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, he declared, "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time."

- November 4, 1919** Re-elected Governor.
- June 12, 1920** Nominated for Vice-President by the Republican National Convention meeting in Chicago. Warren G. Harding, U. S. Senator from Ohio, was the Republican candidate for the Presidency.
- July 27, 1920** Official notification of the Republican nomination for the Vice-Presidency at Allen Field, Smith College, Northampton.
- November 2, 1920** Elected Vice-President of the United States.
- March 4, 1921** Warren G. Harding inaugurated as President, Calvin Coolidge as Vice-President, of the United States.
- 2:47 A.M., August 3, 1923** Upon news of President Harding's death in San Francisco (7:30 P.M., August 2) Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as President by his father, a notary public, in the homestead at Plymouth, Vermont.
- June 12, 1924** Calvin Coolidge nominated for President (by Marion L. Burton, former President of Smith College) at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, nominated for Vice-President.
- July 7, 1924** Tragic death, caused by blood poisoning, of Calvin Coolidge, Junior, at the White House.
- November 4, 1924** Calvin Coolidge elected President,
- March 4, 1925** Inauguration as President.
- August 2, 1927** From summer White House at Rapid City, South Dakota, issued statement, "I do not choose to run for President in nineteen twenty-eight.
- August 27, 1928** Signing of the Pact of Paris, the Kellogg-Briand Pact, considered at the time a significant forward step in international relations. Under it 62 nations renounced war as a means of international policy. The pact was ratified by the U. S. Senate and signed by President Coolidge January 17, 1929.
- March 4, 1929** After attending the Inauguration of Herbert Hoover as President, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge returned to live at 21 Massasoit Street, Northampton.
- March 4, 1930** Coolidge Dam, near Globe, Arizona, dedicated by ex-President Coolidge. It was the largest multiple dome dam in the world with a capacity of 1,200,000 acre feet,
- May 17, 1930** The Coolidges moved to The Beeches on Hampton Terrace.
- January 5, 1933** Death of Calvin Coolidge from a coronary thrombosis.
- April 17, 1936** Appropriation by the Northampton City Council to purchase exhibit and book cases, establishing at Forbes Library the first memorial to Calvin Coolidge.
- October 12, 1939** Calvin Coolidge Memorial Bridge, linking Northampton and Hadley dedicated. U. S. Senator David I. Walsh gave the principal address and Governor Leverett Saltonstall was the ranking Commonwealth official.
- June 16, 1956** Coolidge Homestead in Plymouth, Vermont, presented to Vermont by Mr. and Mrs. John Coolidge as a state shrine.
- September 16, 1956** Calvin Coolidge Memorial Room in Forbes Library dedicated. Dr. Claude M. Fuess, biographer of Calvin Coolidge, gave the address and Governor Christian A. Herter delivered dedicatory remarks.
- July 8, 1957** Death in Northampton of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge (Born, Burlington, Vermont, January 3, 1879.)

Forbes Library began its Calvin Coolidge collection in 1920 when Governor Coolidge was nominated as Vice-President on the Republican ticket. Mr. Coolidge took an active interest in this work and deposited family pictures as well as many souvenirs and gifts received during the Presidential period. The official White House portraits by Howard Chandler Christy are a prominent item. In 1935 Mrs. Coolidge added many valued mementoes.

For the historian the library has on file the correspondence of Mr. Coolidge as Governor and Vice-President, the texts of virtually all of his speeches, proclamations, and addresses of all periods, the stenographic transcripts of his Presidential press conferences and other "off-the-record" remarks. Scores of scrapbooks of newspaper and magazine clippings reflect the period.

In 1956 a special state appropriation made it possible to bring together and display in one hall the Calvin Coolidge collection. Cases matching those bought by the City in 1936, manuscript display tables, and fireproof safes now exhibit and protect the late President's material.

The collection approached comprehensiveness with the acquisition by Forbes Library in 1965 of a complete microfilm copy of the Calvin Coolidge Papers photographed from the originals in the Presidential Papers Section of the Library of Congress. The 190 microfilm reels reproduce 284 manuscript boxes and 3 volumes of Executive Office correspondence.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kittredge Mansion	North Andover Essex County
Royalston Common Historic District	Royalston Worcester County
Coolidge, Calvin, House	Northampton Hampshire County
Train, Samuel, House	Weston Middlesex County
Rocks Village Historic District	Haverhill vicinity Essex County

Hon. Michael J. Harrington

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Paul Tsongas  
Hon. Edward P. Boland  
Hon. Silvio O. Conte  
Hon. Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon  
Executive Director, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/1/76  
Reviewer

INITIALS: JB

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DOE DEC 12 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER:

Coolidge, Calvin, House

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 19-21 Massasoit St.

CITY, TOWN Northampton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF 025

COUNTY code  
Hampshire 015

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

INTERIOR  
 Substantially intact-1  
 unknown - 4  
 not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR  
 Substantially intact-2  
 unknown - 5  
 not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS  
 Substantially intact-3  
 unknown - 6  
 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -  EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED  
 Unexcavated

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED  
 Reconstructed  
 Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED  
 Unknown

ACCESS -  Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES  NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES  NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES  NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- house

now- house

## SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
 AGRICULTURE  
 ARCHITECTURE  
 ART  
 COMMERCE  
 COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION  
 ECONOMICS  
 EDUCATION  
 ENGINEERING  
 EXPLORATION  
 INDUSTRY  
 INVENTION

16/21  
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
 LAW/Gov't/politics  
 LITERATURE  
 MILITARY  
 MUSIC  
 PHILOSOPHY  
 POLITICS-GOVERNMENT

RELIGION  
 SCIENCE  
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment  
 health  
 recreation  
 settlement  
 socio/cultural  
 urban & commun  
planning

## Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:**

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

**ETHNIC GROUP:**

**NAMES:**

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) - owner - lawyer, state legislator, MA governor, 30th U.S. President

events

institutional

**DATES:**

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1900-01

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1906 - 1930

**SOURCE:**

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

**ACREAGE:**

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.1-.9

**COMMENTS:** (include architectural information here)

~~FRAME, RECTANGULAR, HIPPED, DORMERS, PORCHES, BAYS~~

Frame, rectangular clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, hipped roof sections, interior chimneys, gabled dormers, duplex dwelling featuring 2 entrance porches. Vernacular

**SIGNIFICANCE:** (maximum two sentences)

The Calvin Coolidge House was the home of state legislator, MA governor, and U.S. President Calvin Coolidge.