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Mr. William B. Pinney  
State Liaison Officer  
Board of Historic Sites  
7 Langdon Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Mr. Pinney:

We are pleased to inform you that the Plymouth Historic District in Windsor County, Vermont, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators George D. Aiken and Winston L. Prouty and Representative Robert T. Stafford have also been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for the property owner. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

Entered in the National Register

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: VERMONT	
COUNTY: Windsor	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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 44	COUNTY: Windsor	CODE 027

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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 44	STATE: VERMONT

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 44	COUNTY: WINDSOR
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 <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Board of Historic Sites			
STREET AND NUMBER: 7 Langdon St.			
CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier	STATE: Vermont	CODE 44	ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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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 5 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)

Aboriginal

Education ☐Political ☒Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐

Landscape

Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

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

See continuation sheet.

## 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			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	72°	44'	10"	43°	33'	15"		
NE	72°	42'	12"	43°	33'	15"		
SE	72°	42'	12"	43°	31'	0"		
SW	72°	44'	10"	43°	31'	0"		

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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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

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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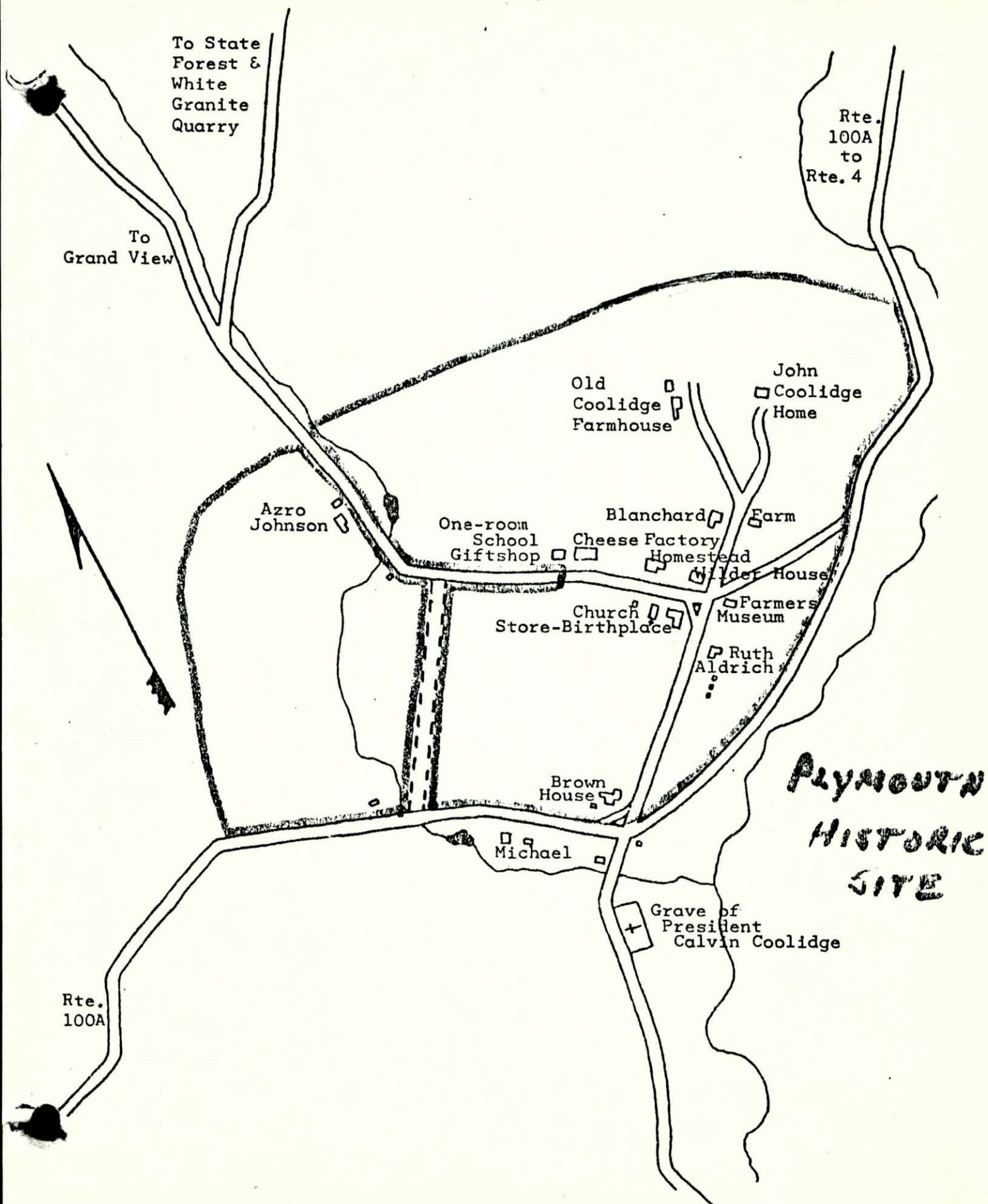
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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL DISTRICT

STOCK PHOTOGRAPHS OF BUILDINGS, BUILDING INTERIORS, VIEWS, PORTRAITS, ETC.,  
RELATED TO THE CALVIN COOLIDGE/PLYMOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT

NEGATIVES ARE IN THE FILES OF THE AGENCY OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Calvin Coolidge House:	Stock #45, BFK #106-109	
Post Office/Store	BFK #110, AVZ #116	
Visitor Center	BFK #111-112, BFK #126	
Visitor Center - interiors	BFK #113-125	
Cemetery	BFK #127-128	
Calvin Coolidge Birthplace	ASF #1, AVZ #112	
Church	AVZ #117, WD #8	
Wilder House	AVZ #113	
Farmer's Museum	AVZ #115	
Cheese Factory	WD #9	
Craft House	WD #10	
Street View	AVZ #114	
Portrait of Calvin Coolidge	Stock #45	
Calvin Coolidge House - interiors: bedroom, library, kitchen		Stock #45
Bird's Eye View of Plymouth	Stock #65	



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Plymouth H.D. - Wilder House    NW  
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Plymouth H.D. - Wilder Barn SE  
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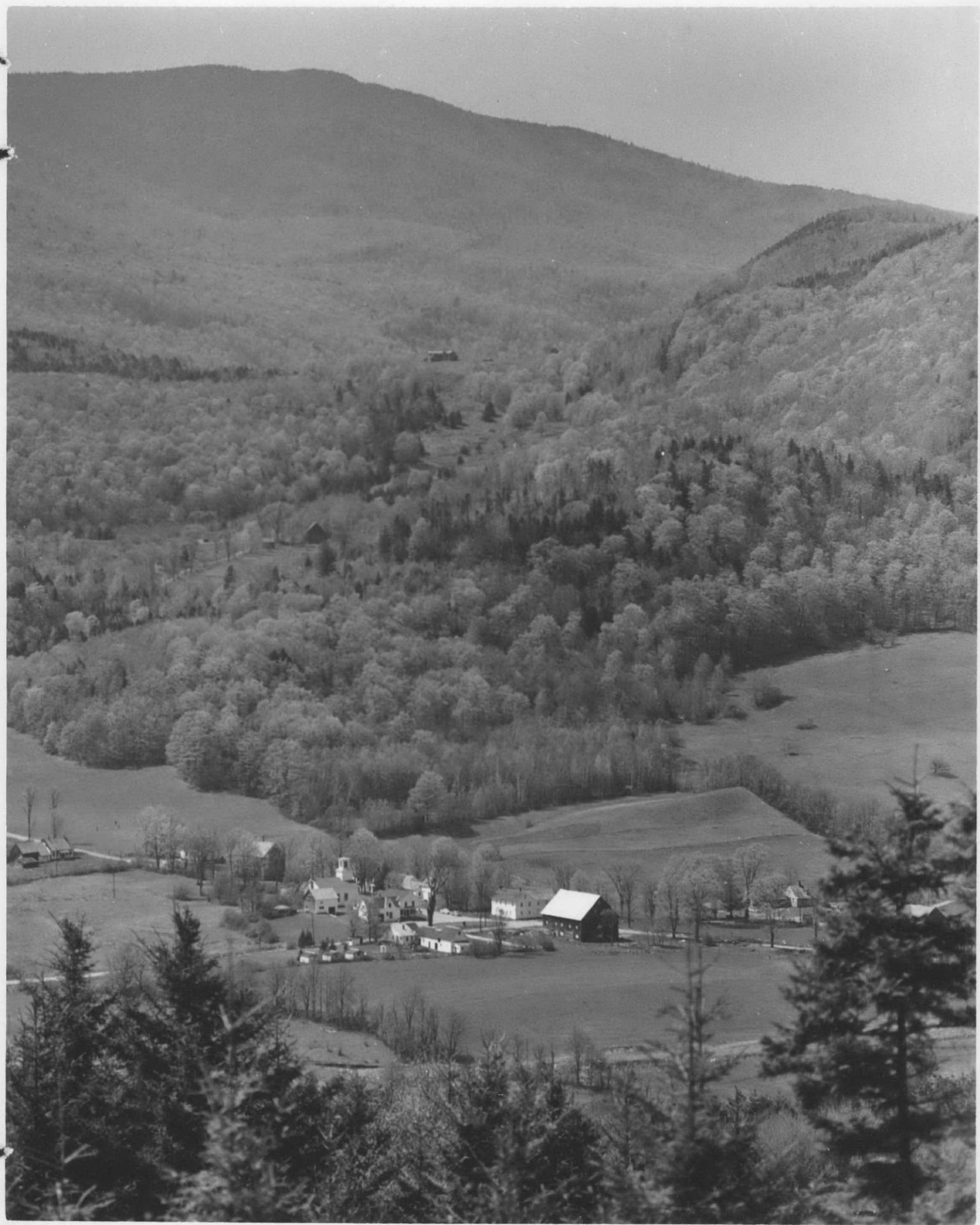
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AGENCY OF DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

MONTPELIER, VERMONT

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

65 Town of Plymouth, Vermont. Birthplace of Calvin Coolidge, 30th President  
of the United States.

MAP #2

Member of



To State  
Forest &  
White  
Granite  
Quarry

Rte.  
100A  
to  
Rte. 4

CALVIN COOLIDGE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

MEMORIAL AREA

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, VERMONT

To  
Grand View

Old  
Coolidge  
Farmhouse

John  
Coolidge  
Home

Azro  
Johnson

One-room  
School  
Giftshop

Blanchard  
Cheese Factory  
Homestead

Farm

Wilder House

Church  
Store-Birthplace

Farmers  
Museum

Ruth  
Aldrich

Brown  
House

Michael

PLYMOUTH  
HISTORIC  
SITE

Grave of  
President  
Calvin Coolidge

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