

M. Easy to spot and the next on your search
 Greek Revival in style is the Union Christian Church.
 The inside remodeled in Carpenter Gothic design
 By Willie Pierce, craftsman, who did this in hard _____ **3**

N. Cal's stepmother Carrie kept a _____ **17**
 nearby
 That still has bright flowers that catch the eye.
 A spinning _____ **7** is near
 the gate
 It shows the wind's direction and its rate.

O. Across the road in the house painted white
 History happened one hot August night.
 Sworn in by his father a public _____ **12**

Calvin became President here in 1923.
 P. Opposite the Homestead is a small weathered _____ **6**

Kept here were hand tools needed for a then-modern farm.
 Hammers, axes, chisels, wood planes, and vises,
 Young Calvin was taught how to use these devices.

Q. Up Messer Hill Road you now will travel
 But stop before your path turns to gravel.
 Here at the factory you can buy Plymouth _____ **10**

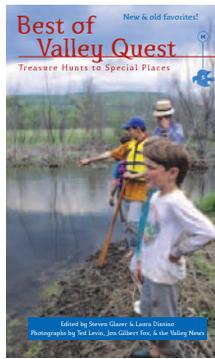
It's a granular curd type that is sure to please.
 R. Next door to the factory is the one room _____ **15**

Each student brought logs for the woodstove's fuel.
 Calvin's sister, Abbie, received her teaching degree
 At age twelve – that's pretty amazing, don't you agree?

Now from your answers, fill in the blanks below
 With the letters that are numbered, and then go
 To the side of this building with windows of height
 Here the treasure box waits if you've done it all right!

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10** **11** **12** **13** **14**
15 **16** **17** **18** **19** 

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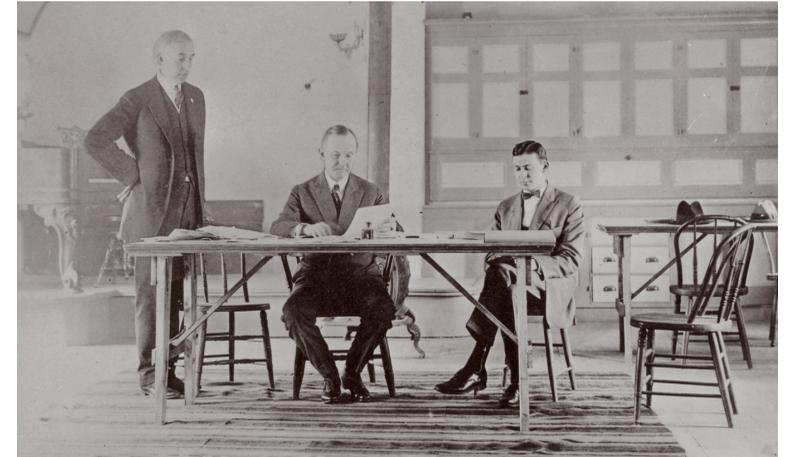
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Coolidge Quest

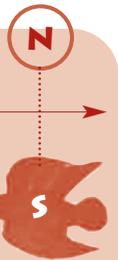
A Treasure Hunt at the Boyhood Home of the 30th U.S. President



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About Valley Quest

Valley Quest is a series of more than 150 treasure hunts that teach and share the natural and cultural history of the Upper Valley region. People of all ages enjoy Questing; and many have discovered that it is a special family activity. Follow intriguing maps and clues to find the Upper Valley region's secret places! A day out Questing will help you discover and learn about the landscape and heritage we share.



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 with Valley Quest

Coolidge Quest

This treasure hunt takes 1 hour

Overview

This Quest at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is free and stays outdoors. The historic site buildings are open from late May to mid-October. The Quest may be done in the off-season, but some clues will be missing and the Treasure Box will not be accessible if snow is on the ground. For more information, visit: www.HistoricVermont.org/Coolidge.

Clues

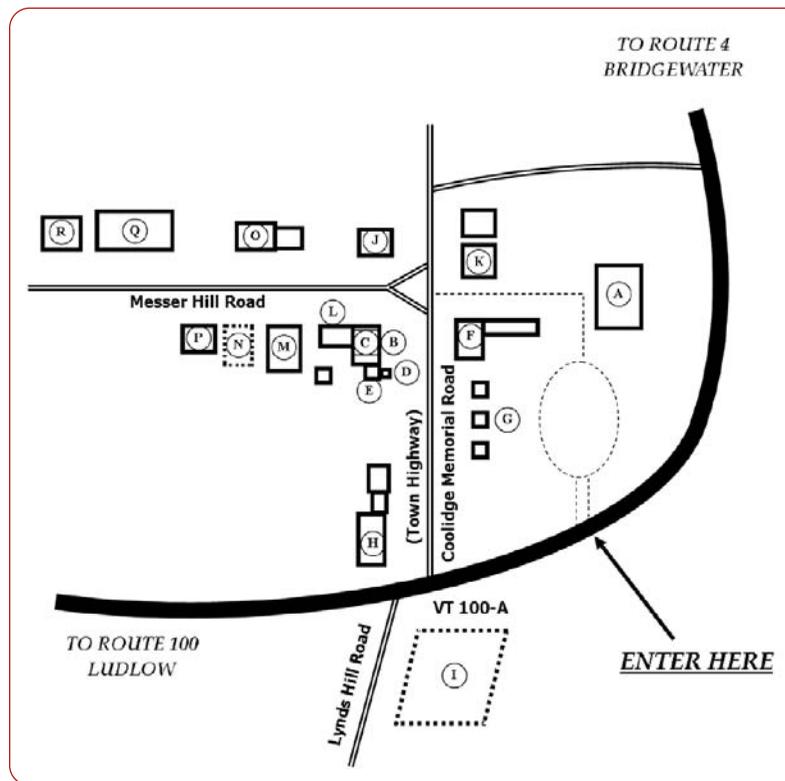
Complete the verses below as you walk through the village of Plymouth Notch and learn about the life of Calvin Coolidge. Use words from the following list to fill in the blanks. Some blank spaces are numbered. Finally, put the letters in the correct sequence to reveal the location of the hidden treasure box at the end of the Quest.

WORD LIST (Note: One word is used twice)

shop	Cilley	continuous	White
July	gasoline	whirligig	cheese
foundations	barn	school	store
Cemetery	notary	presidential seal	garden
pine	slope		

- A. Walk from the parking lot to the stone Visitor Center
When the door is open, we invite you to enter.
It is from these exhibits that you can learn
Much about Cal Coolidge and his presidential term.
- B. From the Center head up the path and you'll see
An old-time store once run by Florence

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- Here folks could buy sundries and just sit a spell
To chat about neighbors—there was much to tell!
- C. Above the store is a large, high-ceiling hall
Held here were dances and sometimes fancy balls.
As the President's office this room reached great fame
When to Plymouth the '24 Summer _____
House came. 13
- D. Right in front of the general store
Is a _____ pump where
according to lore 4
You could fill up your brand new Ford Model T
For under a dollar—how nice would *that* be!
- E. To the left is the post office, still serving Plymouth town
Its first woman postmaster was Carrie Coolidge, formerly Brown.
When Calvin was born in the house that is near,
His grandfather was postmaster that very same year.
Independence Day in Plymouth is special in one very, big way -
Calvin Coolidge is the only U.S. president born on this day.
It is here every year on the Fourth of _____,
Commemorative stamped envelopes you can buy. 14
- F. Just across the road and next on your way,
Was a fine business in Calvin's day.

The Aldrich House, sheds and barns joined together,
Is a fine example of " _____"
architecture." 9

- G. Here Midge Aldrich opened a tea room and gift _____ 16

And three cabins out back where tourists could stop.
Called "Top of the Notch" after the lay of the land
This business even had a roadside souvenir stand!

- H. Go south down the road and away from the town
On a knoll sits a large house built by a farmer, James Brown.
Brown was a partner in the making of _____ 18

This house is private, so view from the street please.

- I. When you get to Vermont Route 100 A
Cross the road carefully and look both ways.
Walk down Lynde Hill Road and on the left you will see
On a very steep hillside,
Plymouth Notch _____ 11

Not suitable for farming; the hill was too slanted.
Because of its _____ no crops could be planted. 2

So buried here are Coolidges from seven generations,
Calvin, of course, the most famous relation.
Climb up the stone steps – it hardly seems real
To find a simple grave bearing the

_____. 19

Thousands have come here from far and wide
To show their respect at this Vermont hillside.

- J. Now it's back to the village—you still have more clues
Still watching for traffic, but enjoy the fine views!
Straight ahead, a gold-colored house across from the store
Was the childhood home of Cal's mother, Victoria Moor.
It was here that she married John Coolidge in the front sitting room
In 1868 they surely made a lovely bride and groom.
- K. This home later owned by the Wilders, Cal's uncle and aunt
Their farm included the two barns built in the earth's slant.
Known as bank barns, the _____ serve as
first floor 5
- L. Then at street-level you will find the main door.
Turn around and now look at the back of the _____ 1

Attached is a small house filled with early décor.
Calvin Coolidge was born here on July 4, 1872;
A future U.S. president—but who then knew?