



This is the earliest known picture of Plymouth Notch.

Meet Calvin Coolidge in the Village of Plymouth Notch

Come back in time and meet Calvin Coolidge in the village of Plymouth Notch. His mother, Victoria, grew up at the Wilder House on the corner. This used to be an inn and was where she was married to John Coolidge.

Do you see the white Florence Cilley General Store? Calvin Coolidge's father was storekeeper there and lived with his wife in the small gray house attached to the store. Baby John Calvin Coolidge (later called Calvin or just Cal) was born there on July 4, 1872, the only president born on the 4th of July. The white Union Christian Church is in the center of the village next to the Birthplace.



After Calvin's sister, Abbie, was born three years later, the family moved right across the road to a larger house that became known as the Homestead. It's white, with a porch facing the road and an attached horse barn. Calvin and his sister, Abbie, grew up in this house. Calvin's mother died here when he twelve years old and his sister died when she was not quite fifteen.



The Homestead is also where Vice-President Coolidge was sworn in as President by his father, the only time in United States History that has happened!

Look just beyond the Homestead and you'll see the Plymouth Cheese Factory. Calvin's father and four other local farmers built it and made cheese from the milk produced on nearby farms. It's still making cheese today.

The white building just past the Cheese Factory is the Schoolhouse. A stone school was here before this one and that's where Calvin and his sister went to school. All eight grades were in one room with just one teacher!



Step into the Wilder Barn and imagine how it was when it was filled with animals, hay, and equipment. The animals and hay are gone. Now there is a collection of wonderful tools used to grow and harvest food. In the reconstructed, smaller horse barn (built exactly like the one that fell down) you can even see a stagecoach, wagons and other ways to travel.

Imagine getting in one of the vehicles and traveling back in time. In a way, that is what you have just done.

1. What are three things you'd like to see?
2. What do you know about Calvin Coolidge and Plymouth Notch?
3. What would you like to find out?

See a **Map** of the village http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/coolidge/tour_site

