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SOME MORE LONG-TERM PICTORIAL POSTMARKS

In the March 2013 *Stamp Insider*, I wrote about the Rutland County Stamp Club and its ambitious State Fair cancels and cachets that spanned fifty-five years. There have been two other series of Vermont pictorial cancels, both from Plymouth, which spanned decades.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

President Calvin Coolidge was born in Plymouth, Ver-

mont, on July 4, 1872. He was sworn in as president on August 3, 1923, after President Warren G. Harding died on August 2. Coolidge was visiting his father in Plymouth and was sworn into office by his father who was a notary public.

Between 1981 and 2008 the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation sponsored pictorial cancels honoring some aspect of Coolidge's life each July 4, except for 1999. The program ended in 2009 when new leadership of the foundation decided that the return from selling cacheted covers was not worth the effort expended.

HOLIDAY STATION

The Plymouth Vermont Historic District is operated by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. However, there are enough private homes in the area that a fully functional post office has been in existence since 1807 although since January 26, 2013, the office has been a "Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the postmaster of the Ludlow Post Office" (USPS website).

Beginning in 2000, the post office has used a special Holiday Station pictorial postmark for the annual holiday weekend festival held the second weekend of December. If you notice a similarity in the designs of the Holiday cancels and the July 4 cancels, it is because all were designed by the same local graphic designer.

Will there be a design for 2013? When I contacted the Plymouth post office in early October 2013, I was told the clerk did not know. In the past the cancel simply arrived from the district offices and was used. ■

