

VERMONT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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COMMEMORATING THE LORD'S PRAYER

If you are ever in Vermont, one of the more unusual places to visit is the Lord's Prayer Rock on Route 17 just east of Bristol in Addison County. As the name implies, it is a rock with the complete Protestant version of the Lord's Prayer engraved into it.

In 1891, a Buffalo, New York, doctor, Joseph Greene, who had grown up in the Bristol area had a stone carver engrave the complete Lord's Prayer on the rock. Some say that it was to commemorate his childhood in South Starksboro, a nearby settlement when one of his jobs was to deliver logs to a sawmill. When he finally reached the rock it was a sign that the mountainous road was beginning to level out and his journey was nearly over.

Years later, Minor White (top right) took a photograph of the rock, which was included in the 2002 USPS sheet honoring black and white photography (Scott 3649). The text printed on the reverse of the stamp explains: "A major figure in the expressive movement in art photography, Minor White (1908-1976) was an innovative photographer intent on conveying deep personal feelings through his work. Committed as well to the spiritual and the sacred in art, White excelled in using symbolic representation, as depicted in Bristol, Vermont 1971. The arrow on this snowy road represents the concept of passage." White was involved with a circle of influential photographers including Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Weston, and Ansel Adams.

This is just one of many stamps that have been issued over the years with Vermont subject matter. More can be viewed at the VPS website at WWW.VERMONTPS.ORG/CONNECTIONS/CONNECTIONSHOMEPAGE.HTML.

VPS ANNUAL MEETING

The Vermont Philatelic Society will hold its annual meeting at 1 p.m. on October 1, 2016, at the Crossroads Postcard & Stamp Show in Quechee. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mid-Vermont Christian School, 399 Gilson Avenue. ■

