



# Calvin Coolidge

30th President

Born: July 4, 1872

Birthplace: Plymouth, VT

Died: Jan. 5, 1933

Burial Site: Plymouth, VT

Spouse: Grace Goodhue

Occupation: Lawyer

Political Party: Republican

Term: 1923-1929

Vice President: Charles G. Dawes

Calvin Coolidge, a silent Vermont Yankee, became president on August 3, 1923, when Warren Harding died in San Francisco. "Silent Cal" was given the oath of office by his father, a notary public, as he stood before a kerosene lamp with his hand on the family Bible.

Coolidge graduated from Amherst and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in Northampton, where he was later to be mayor. He served as a state senator and president of the State Senate, lieutenant governor, and governor for that state.

Coolidge was an isolationist who pushed for a policy of rigid economy in government operations and reduction in taxes. He vetoed soldiers' bonus and pension bills and other measures involving large expenditures. However, toward the close of his term, he got approval of funds for Mississippi River flood control and construction of the Boulder Canyon Dam on the Colorado River.

He became very popular and was re-elected in 1924 with 54% of the vote as he ran against Democrat John W. Davis and Progressive-Socialist Party Senator LaFollette.

President Coolidge firmly declined to be nominated by his party for a second elective term in 1928.

By the time the Great Depression hit the country, Coolidge was in retirement. He died Jan. 5, 1933.