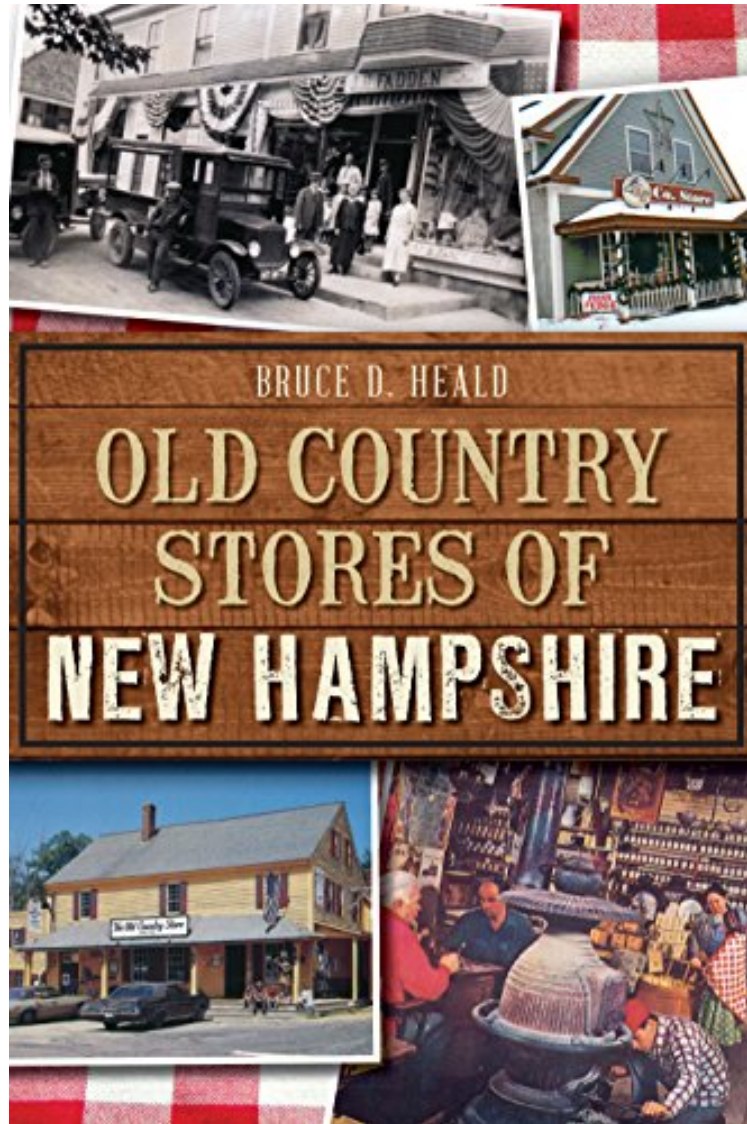


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old days', before our big grocery stores invaded our neighborhoods! I love living in New England having these places remind me of eras gone by.

Often hidden on the back roads and byways of the Granite State, country stores are an essential and beloved part of the state's character. Developed from trading posts as travelers settled throughout the state, they are recognizable for their vast array of merchandise and a fragrant blend of tobacco, spices and coffee. The country store became the center of the community, where residents could play checkers, mail letters, attend town meetings and shop. They are still fixtures in many towns today, including the Brick Country Store in Bath, considered to be the oldest in the United States, dating back to 1790; Fadden's General Store and Sugarhouse in North Woodstock, which produces award-winning maple syrup; and the Old Country Store in Moultonborough, which had its beginnings as a tavern. Historian Bruce D. Heald, PhD, chronicles New Hampshire's historic country stores and the keepers behind these unique local landmarks.

....Back in the day, the country store was the place to be. It was the center, the heart, of a town: a place to get mail, spices, gossip, tobacco or all of the above.... "This book is a celebration of that heritage," Heald said.... Heald has more than 40 titles under his belt. But in *Old Country Stores of New Hampshire*, the Plymouth State History Professor has attempted to capture not only the stories of the old country stores, but their very essence.... The book is another of Heald's love stories, really. When Heald, who holds degrees from Boston University, the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Columbia Pacific University, moved to New Hampshire, he became smitten with the state and documented the love affair in odes to a variety of his favorite things about the state.... To that end, he visited every country store in every town, city and hamlet in New Hampshire. And that's what the book is, he said, a true reporting of each store's history, along with what he experienced. In his travels he visited the country store in Bath, believed to be the oldest existing country store in the nation. He tasted the sweets of Fadden's General Store and Sugarhouse in North Woodstock and the Old Country Store in Moultonboro, which started out life as a tavern.... But these stores won't be around forever, although out-of-towners are buying some of them in a nostalgic preservation effort, Heald said. When or if they go, Heald hopes that the book will be a way of keeping the legacy of the country store alive.... --Melanie Plenda, *Concord Monitor*

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Dr. Bruce Heald is an adjunct professor of American military history at Plymouth State University and a fellow in the International Biographical Association. He is the recipient of the Gold Medal of Honor for literary achievement from the American Biographical Institute. Dr. Heald has written several books on the history of New Hampshire.