

Brief History of the New Gloucester Village Store



Built in the late 1800s, the building which houses the Village Store has served as a marketplace to New Gloucester for over 100 years.

Originally called “Starbird and Bennett” and most notably known as the “New Gloucester Farmer’s Union” the Village Store has been at the center of the New Gloucester community for the better part of the twentieth century. During the 1970s “Peaco’s Store” functioned as a food and hardware resource while a potbellied stove in the middle of the room kept many of the regulars warm.

In 1980 the space was renovated and became the Village Store until 1998, when the store closed for a number of years. After extensive renovations and the installation of a large wood-fired brick oven, the store reopened as the “New Gloucester Village Store” at Christmas in 2008.

