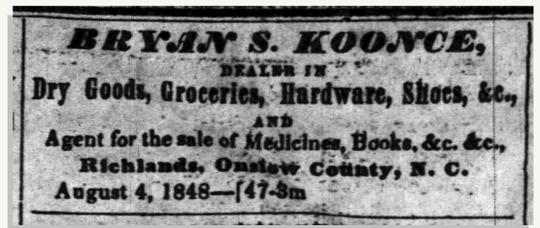
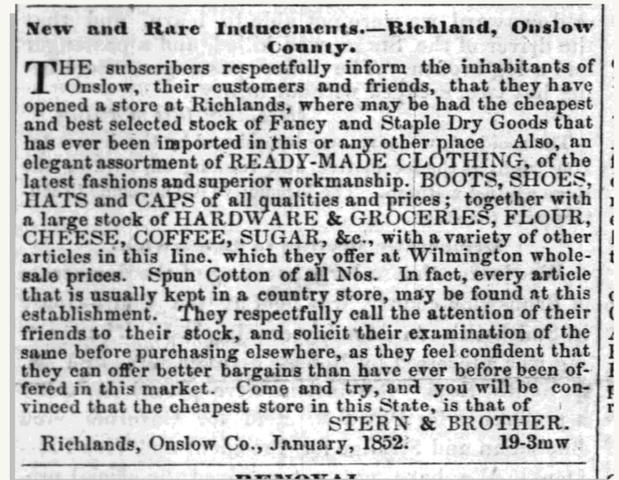


# AT THE STORE

Early stores in Onslow County centered around large farms or population centers like Swansboro, Richlands, or Jacksonville. Often shop keepers would advertise goods people might not produce at home, such as wine, sugar, flour, or other dry goods. These general stores also carried clothing, shoes, hardware, and other items people might not be able to make at home.



Wilmington Journal, August, 1848



Wilmington Journal, January, 1852

Local grist mills also provided food products, grinding the corn and wheat grown in Onslow into meal and flour. Unlike today, mills might accept a portion of the ground grain as payment instead of money. Butchers also ran specialty food stores, which sold already butchered meat or would process meat brought by patrons.



Butchers and seafood wholesalers provide specialized food service.



Grant's Oyster House, which opened in 1939, provides access to seafood for residents and visitors to Onslow

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA		DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS		FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION		SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 52		SHEET NO. 1			
COUNTY: Onslow		NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE: Swansboro		NAME OF CITY: Swansboro		WARD OF CITY: 1		ENGINEER: William P. Southern			
NAME OF INSTITUTION		ENumerATED BY ME ON THE 27 DAY of January 1920									
PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	RACE	EDUCATION	CIVILITY AND NATURALIZATION				REMARKS	
						Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	
1	James Williams	Head	M	W	Illiterate	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	Swansboro, N.C.
2	John Williams	Wife	F	W	Illiterate	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	Swansboro, N.C.
3	William Williams	Son	M	W	Illiterate	1870	1870	1870	1870	1870	Swansboro, N.C.
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Grocers and other early food service providers can be found through census records, which tell us when and where these stores operated and who worked in them. This butcher processed meat in Swansboro in 1920.

Stores that focused solely on food products grew as transportation and refrigeration technologies advanced, which began to replace general stores' produce and food sections. In Onslow County, by the early twentieth century grocery stores such as Brothers Grocery and the Piggly Wiggly opened, providing more large scale grocery shopping. Modern supermarkets provide many with their daily food needs. Like early general stores, many supermarkets carry other dry goods such as batteries, cosmetics, medicine, flowers, and household cleaning products.



Even early drugstores might provide a market for food and drink. Norwoods Drugstore in Richlands sold fruit, soda, and other items. Today many modern drugstores



have entire food sections, which carry all manner of items including frozen foods.



Historically roadside farm stands and markets provided locally produced fresh food, examples of which can still be found around the county today.