

July 11, '24 – Stephen Taylor – The Grange

Our speaker today is Stephen H. Taylor, or should I say Doctor Stephen Taylor, because he was granted an honorary degree by Keene State. Steve is a native of Plainfield, NH. He began his career as a newspaper man and served as the managing editor of the Valley News for 8 years. He subsequently served 25 years as NH's Commissioner of Agriculture under six governors - quite an accomplishment. While all this was going on, he founded the Taylor Dairy Farm. After 43 years of dairying, the cows were sold and what remains is the wonderful little store in Plainfield known as Taylor Brothers Sugarhouse and Creamery selling cheeses and maple products.

Steve is the founding executive director of the NH Humanities Council and, under that banner, has for years enthralled audiences with his stories of the history of rural New Hampshire. Today, it is our treat to hear him tell us about the history of the Grange and its contribution to rural communities.