

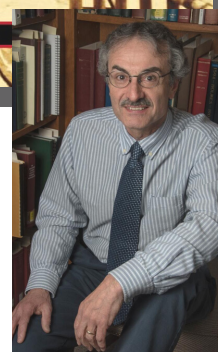
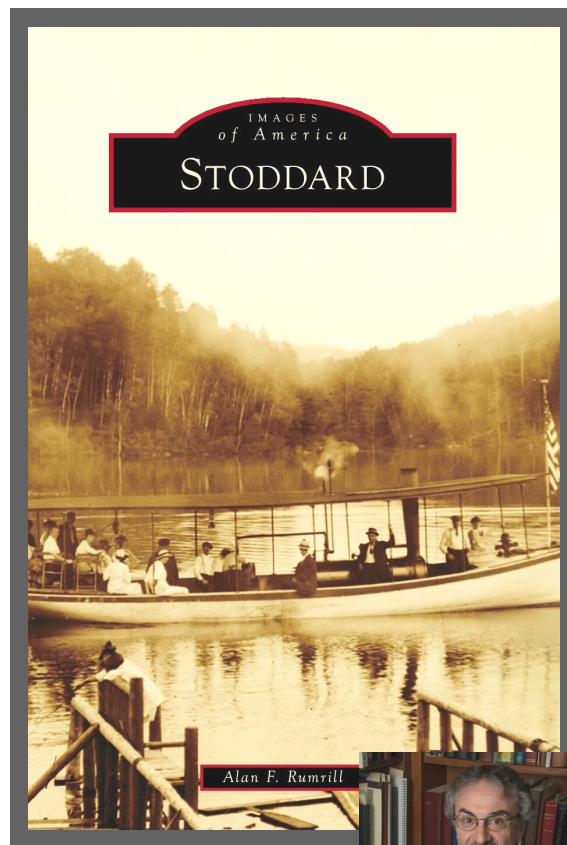
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The town of Stoddard, located in the Monadnock Region of southwest New Hampshire, is blessed with a handsomely severe landscape of forests, lakes, and hills admired for their natural beauty. Hundreds of farm families settled in the town between 1768 and 1820. When the rock-laden and thin-soiled farms failed in the mid-1800s, the town turned to industry to survive. An extensive woodenware industry and a nationally known glass industry also failed by the early 20th century and the town's population toppled by more than 90 percent. The introduction of the automobile revived the community, allowing families to easily visit the town's numerous lakes and ponds as Stoddard became a tourist destination in the 20th century.

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Rumrill is a native of Stoddard, where his family has lived since 1770. He has been executive director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County for more than 40 years, during which time he has written nine books and presented more than 1,000 public programs on the region's history and art.



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