

## Stem, North Carolina

The freedom of open road travel led many early automobile explorers to venture off main thoroughfares to the adventure-filled countryside. Not targeted by major oil companies for new locations, small country stores like this one installed gas pumps featuring a glass-topped dispenser. The glass dispenser displayed how many gallons were being pumped. For early buyers, the ability to see what they were purchasing eased the minds of even the most skeptical customer.

