

**ROCKLAND, 1947
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ANGELO TEDESCHI**

Founder and Namesake of Grocery Store Enterprise

Angelo Tedeschi was one of twelve children. He was born in Naples, Italy. After emigrating to the United States, he and his wife Katherine settled in Rockland, Massachusetts. In 1923, Angelo left his job as a shoe cobbler at a Brockton shoe factory after a severe bout with pneumonia. He began selling meat, cheese and macaroni from his basement on Belmont Street. His children Ralph, Dominic, Robert and Etta began working in the business after school and on Saturdays. Later on, several of Angelo's children and grandchildren led the company.

In 1946, Angelo opened the first Tedeschi Supermarket on Market Street in Rockland. By 1969, the number of those stores grew to six. In 1961, the stores were sold to Stop and Shop. In 1964, the Tedeschi family created a new set of stores beginning in Holbrook, naming them after Angelo, Angelo's Supermarket. The company later acquired Curtis Food Stores in 1972 and added convenience stores. In 1985, the Angelo's franchise was sold to Heartland Food Stores.

The Tedeschi name lived on through a chain of convenience stores. After acquiring the Lil Peach Stores and Store 24, the number of stores reached 182 after their peak. 7-Eleven bought those stores in 2015. The Tedeschi family tradition of treating their customers and employees like family members is remembered today. The Tedeschi family has generously participated in civic and charitable causes for decades.

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