



Bragg's Island 2007

Etching and aquatint, edition of 50

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David Blackwood's maternal grandparents operated a general store on Bragg's Island. This store served not only Bragg's but the two closest islands as well. People would arrive by boat, sometimes rowing themselves back and forth, to purchase supplies. The wind charger or wind generator depicted in the etching provided enough power to charge a battery which allowed a single light bulb to operate in the Glover's general store on Saturday evenings, when they remained open until 8:00pm as a convenience for their customers. The wind charger was a 'modern' convenience put in place by the Glover's youngest son. Normally the store was lighted by kerosene lanterns.

The fisherman were usually too busy from Monday to Saturday to shop, although David's grandmother, Alfreda Glover, would come from her house to serve any customers who needed supplies during the week. As Sunday was a day reserved for rest and church, the main shopping was done on Saturday night. The store was a true general store selling everything from salt, sacks of flour and barrels of molasses to clothing, thread and fabric.

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