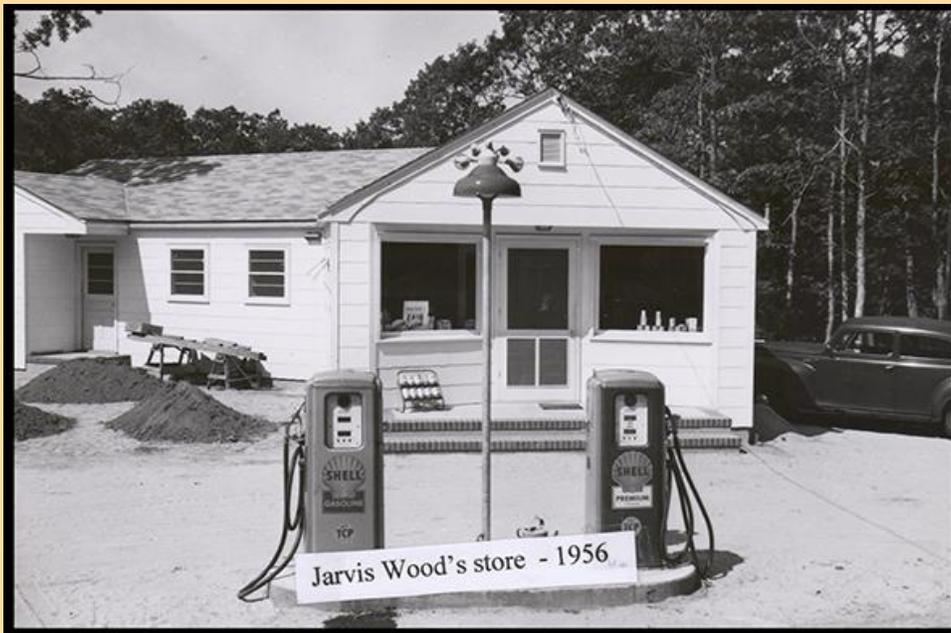




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Jarvis Wood's Store Gas Pumps, August, 1956



Jarvis Wood Store Interior
with Gum Ball Machine and Shelving, August 1956

As a researcher, I often find things when I'm no longer looking for them. I would have loved to be able to share these photos (above) of Jarvis Wood's store (later [Marty's Store at 472 Old Stone Highway](#)), with a researcher a few years ago. Recently, we've been working with the [Springs Historical Society](#) to create a [database of their archives](#), which include these photos.

Vernon Jarvis Wood (1908-2007), better known as "Jarvie Wood," was the oldest of Elmer and Elsie Miller Wood's twelve children and the grandson of Jarvis T. Wood (1857-1942). V. Jarvis Wood was a bayman who also ran a grocery store and gas station, although accounts differ about whether he ran the store "after fishing," or whether he took a few years off from fishing. As a young man, Jarvis initially opened a store with a gas station somewhere on School Street, probably between Springs School and Springs Fireplace Road. He briefly operated a garage with Robert Miller in Amagansett before opening the store in Eastside sometime before 1954.

Jarvis and his wife, Nancy Miller Wood, lived in an apartment attached to the store they operated. The store stocked everything from [canned goods and Wonder Bread](#) to bicycle tires. The interior images of Jarvis Wood's store from August 1956 make it easy to imagine children walking over for milk or [gum balls](#). Accounts differ on when Jarvis stopped running the store known as Marty's, but by 1976, Jarvis worked full-time as a trap fisherman. In 1982, Jarvis was still fishing, although in a Maritime Folklife Oral History, [Jarvis Wood noted he liked the current spot near Albert's Landing](#) since it was close to home.

The database these photos came from is a work in progress, but I find myself thinking of many previous researchers who were looking for images we've just digitized, and how many of them will find what they've been looking for in this archive.

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