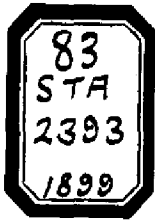


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Field No.	Office No. <i>2393</i>
LOCALITY	
State	<i>Massachusetts</i>
General locality	<i>Part of</i>
Locality	<i>Monomoy Id</i>
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Descriptive Report
to accompany Topographic Sheet No 2393,
of part of Monomoy Island, Massachusetts,
surveyed in September, 1899.

This survey of the shore line of the sea front of Monomoy Island, from its south end nearly to Chatham, was made in connection with the hydrographic survey of Pollock Rip Blue for the purpose of ascertaining the changes since the date of the last previous survey.

The shore is sandy and moderately bold, but there are many dangerous outlying shoals. The general surface of the island is low, but there are a good many sand dunes, generally arranged in long ridges, which probably change their shapes and positions in course of time, but which are pretty well covered with bunch grass and therefore do not probably shift very fast.

The immediate shore is low, except at the extreme southern point, where the sea is cutting into the sand hills, forming a steep, bluff bank. In the sandy stretches the only vegetation is the bunch grass. In the marshy spots found

in the interior of the island, vegetation is a little less scanty.

There is a small fishing settlement near the point of the island, besides the light house and the two life saving stations, one near the light house, the other near Chatham.

Just to the southward of the latter there is a small beach hotel, which attracts some visitors in the summer season.

A wagon trail runs from the south end to Chatham and the telephone line of the Life Saving Service extends the length of the island.

The harbor formerly known as the "Powder Hole" has filled up, but there is a fairly good anchorage between the shores west of the village.

The tidal currents are very strong and the chop rather heavy at times.

W. C. Hodgkins
Chief of Party