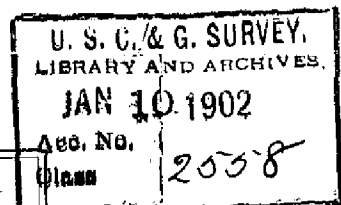
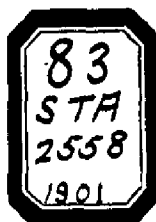


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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

O. H. Tittmann, Superintendent.

State: *Md.*

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. *2558*

LOCALITY:

*Resurvey of Bloodsworth
island, South Marsh,
Holland island and the
adjacent islands*

1901.

CHIEF OF PARTY:

G. L. Flower

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY TOPOGRAPHIC SHEET
"RESURVEY OF BLOODSWORTH ISLAND, SOUTH MARSH, HOLLAND ISLAND,
AND THE ADJACENT ISLANDS, MARYLAND".

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The resurvey of the islands on this sheet was begun September 3rd., and ended October 11th, 1901. The approximate length of shore line surveyed is 87.8 miles, of creek line 8.2 miles and the approximate area of all the islands is 16.7 sq. miles.

Holland Island is quite thickly populated. There is a post office on the island. Bloodsworth Island, Long Island and South Marsh have a few settled inhabitants only, and a few huts occupied only, during the crabbing season.

Holland and Long Islands, only, have small parcels of land under cultivation; the greater portion of Holland Island being marsh land. *South Marsh,* Spring Island and Bloodsworth Island are mostly marsh lands, having only a few small portions of land slightly higher than the surrounding marsh, on which are growths of pine or bushes. NE. Island and Adams Island are all marsh lands.

At many places on these islands, a narrow strip of bushes about 5 ft. tall, runs along the shore line.

The action of the waves in stormy weather is washing away the shores, and this is most noticeable on the Chesapeake Bay side. Long Island is almost entirely washed away and Holland Island is going rapidly.

The shallow waters around the islands are full of crabs, the catching of which in the spring and summer months and oyster dredging in the autumn and winter months, gives employment not only to the inhabitants of the islands but to many on the mainland as well.

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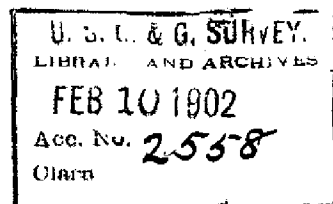
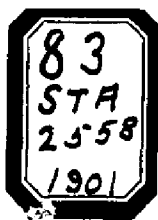
A small sailing craft carrying the mail makes daily trips, weather permitting, from Holland Island to Deais Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. L. Flower

ASST. U.S.C. & G. SURVEY,

CHIEF OF PARTY.



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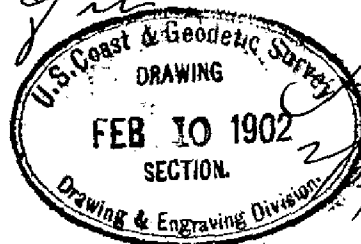
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FORM 167.

Treasury Department,
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY,

Washington, D. C., *Feb 8*, 1902

Respectfully { returned
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Decisions as to names
on Orig Topog Sheets
No 2558 are given ^{in red}
on Aust Flower. Descrip-
tive Report. Later
information from Mr
Flower is attached (letter
dated Feb 5). This should
be filed with the
descriptive report as
it really forms part
of it.



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FORM 65.—Field Letter.

Write me at: Crisfield, Md.

Telegraph me at: _____

My Express Office is: _____

Superintendent.

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

Schr. Matchless

Assistant in charge of the Office.

Crisfield, Md.

Feb'y 5, 1902

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OFFICE OF ASSIST. IN CHARGE.

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COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

Mr. O. H. Dittmann,

Supt. U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D. C.

Sir: -

In answer to your letter of Feb'y 4, 1902, requesting the amount and reliability of the evidence I had in changing the name of the cove, charted as Piney Island Cove, to Great Cove and in naming the cove some distance farther north, Piney Island Cove, on my topographic sheet #2558, Kedge Strait to Hooper Strait, I have the honor to make the following reply.

When I made the survey, I questioned the men, crabbing in the neighboring waters, about the names of these coves. They all know the cove, charted as Piney Id. Cove, by the name Great Cove, and the Cove to the north, that opening toward Hooper Strait,

and not named on the Chart, by the name Piney Island Cove.

The small island in the southernmost of the two coves has no name that I could ascertain. It is a low swampy island and shows no evidence of ever having a growth of trees on it. The northern end of Bloodworth Island is sometimes called Piney Island on account of the growth of pine trees there and the northern cove, making back toward these trees, is called Piney Island Cove.

I also questioned people living on Deals Island and in Crisfield, those who make their livelihood around the islands, and they all agree and corroborate the information I had received. Captain Wm. S. Thomas of Deals Island and Mr. Noah Kelley of Crisfield, are among those I questioned. These men were born and raised on Deals Island and have crabbed and fished in the waters around Bloodworth Is. all their lives. I consulted more than a dozen local men, and every one of them call the southern Cove, Great

Cove and the northern cove, the one
between Δ^3 Blood and Pearl, Piney Is.
Cove.

If in former times the cove charted
as Piney Island Cove was known by that
name, I have found no one who re-
members it so, and it is certain that
the Coves are now known by the names
I have given them.

Kand and M^{rs} Gally, probably have taken
the name in their Atlas, from the
published chart of the Coast Survey.

Very respectfully

Geo. L. Flower

Asst. Co. S. I.
Comdg.

Assistant in charge of the Office.

Mr. Bradford

Notice of a change of geographical names
to accompany topographic sheet Resurvey
of Bloodworth Island, South Marsh, Holland
Island and the adjacent islands Maryland.

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U. S. S. Watcher, Oriskany, Jan. 7, 1902.

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COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

Mr. O. H. Pittman,

Supt. U. S. C. & G. Survey,

Washington, D. C.

Sir: -

I have the honor to call to your
attention to the names by which the
two coves on the eastern side of Bloodworth
Island, ^{any known} the Cove called "Piny L. Cove" on
adopt chart # 134 is known as "Great Cove",
while the cove north of it, unnamed on
adopt the chart, is known as "Piny L. Cove".

Everyone I have consulted agrees to
the names I have given the coves on
the sheet.

^{as now} "Pry Island" and "Pry Cove", of "South
Marsh", are called as often "Briery
Island" and "Briery L. Cove".

I could find no one who knew
of Courtney's Island, shown on the

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chart as the northern part of Holland Island. The name is not known by any of the inhabitants of Holland Island I consulted.

Very respectfully
Geo. L. Flower
Asst. Comdr. U. S. N.
Chief of Party.