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Descriptive Report

To Accompany Topographic Sheet *3483*

covering

area from

Green Point to West Lindenhurst

Great South Bay.

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General Description.

This part of Long Island is improving very rapidly. The towns originally surrounding the railroad running from one to two miles back from the shore, have spread out in the direction of the bay. Numerous roads run directly to the shore. A great many canals have been dug, the greater proportion of which are at least partially bulkheaded.

On the outer beaches small summer resorts have sprung up along the entire beach front.

The shoreline of the bay, except where artificially changed, has remained practically the same, except at Fire Island Inlet.

Detailed Description.

North Shore. Commencing from the east, Green's Point has been very much improved. This point is now occupied by the Bourne's Estate. The house is very large, and the clock tower on the southwest corner makes an excellent hydrographic signal. The west shore of Connequot River has been improved and largely bulkheaded up to the first turn, beyond which the shore is still a swamp.

About one and a half miles west of Nicolls Point a canal called Taylor's Canal has been cut back for a distance of 650 meters. At the inside end, a narrow ditch has been dug at right angles from it to the next creek to the west.

Champion's Creek has been bulkheaded along most of the west shore. There is not much water in the creek however, the bottom is covered with soft mud, and there are a number of snags.

Two creeks have been cut in Havermeyer's Point west of Champion's Creek. A good road runs from the main road to the end of the point, where a number of concrete houses, forming a small summer

"Little Venice"
colony have been erected. The end of the point has been filled in.

The four creeks at Islip and Bayshore have all been largely improved and bulkheaded, and a number of small arms dug, all of which are navigable for small craft.

The town of Bayshore has expanded to the water front, and outside of the west shore of the eastern or Islip Creek, the marshes have all been filled in.

Bayshore is the headquarters for a great number of gasoline launches, and gasoline, oil, and repairs can be secured there,

Between Bayshore and Babylon a number of ^{Canals} ~~canals~~ have been ^{dredged} ~~dredged~~, the largest of which is the Bright Waters Canal, a mile west of Bayshore.

The town of Babylon has also extended to the bay front. A trolley line runs from the main dock through the town ^{to Amityville.}

The channel into the east or Sampawam creek is crooked, and there is not much water. The two creeks to the west of the town have been dug out and improved, and the neck of land separating them has been filled in.

as at Bayshore, there is a marine railway, as well as gasoline and oil supplies

The canals running into Sampawams Point ~~from~~ the south shore are very small and the two western ones are completely closed.

There is no spur of the railroad crossing the creeks at Babylon as shown on the ^{present} chart.

The next improvement is at the Lindenhurst west creek, the eastern arm of which has been dug out, making a navigable canal to the main road.

The upper half of the next creek to the west has also been somewhat changed.

South Shore. The south shore of Great South Bay, formed by the outer beaches, has been covered with a line of small summer resorts from Point of Woods west.

There are no streets laid out in these small places, board walks taking their places.

The two western islands of the Fire Island group have been filled in with sand, and made into one large island, where it is proposed to form another small resort.

Muncie Island has been filled in, in a similar manner.

The settlements on Oak Id. and Oak Id. Beach have grown considerably.

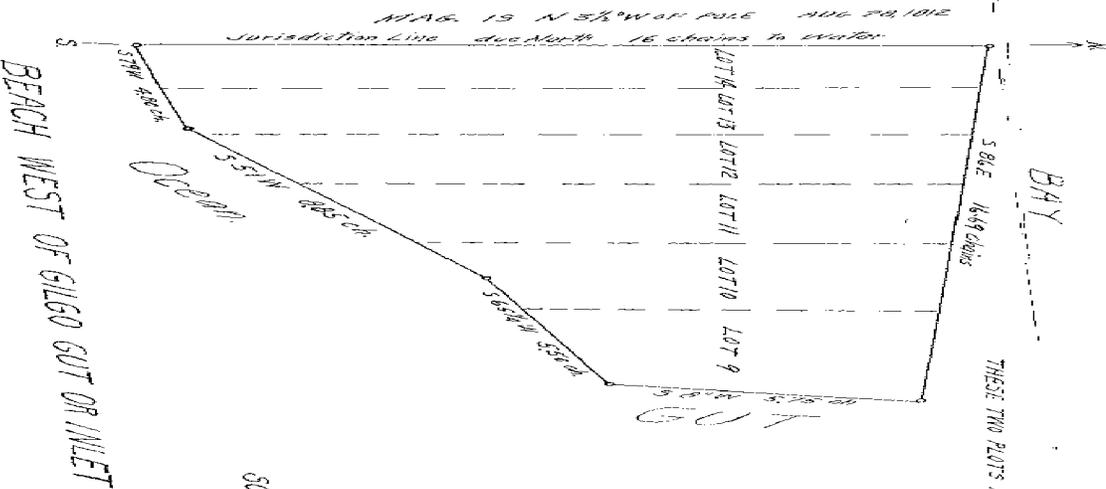
The shore line has remained about the same until we reach Fire Island Inlet. Here the point of Fire Id. Beach is moving rapidly to the west. A small sand island has appeared about a half mile west of the present point, ^{Point Democrat,} and the indications are that the space between is filling up.

The current through the channel now runs along the north shore at the entrance, and is cutting into the shore of Oak Id. Beach at this place.

Gilgo Inlet, the next inlet to the west, has been completely closed, the beach continuing in a straight line at this point.

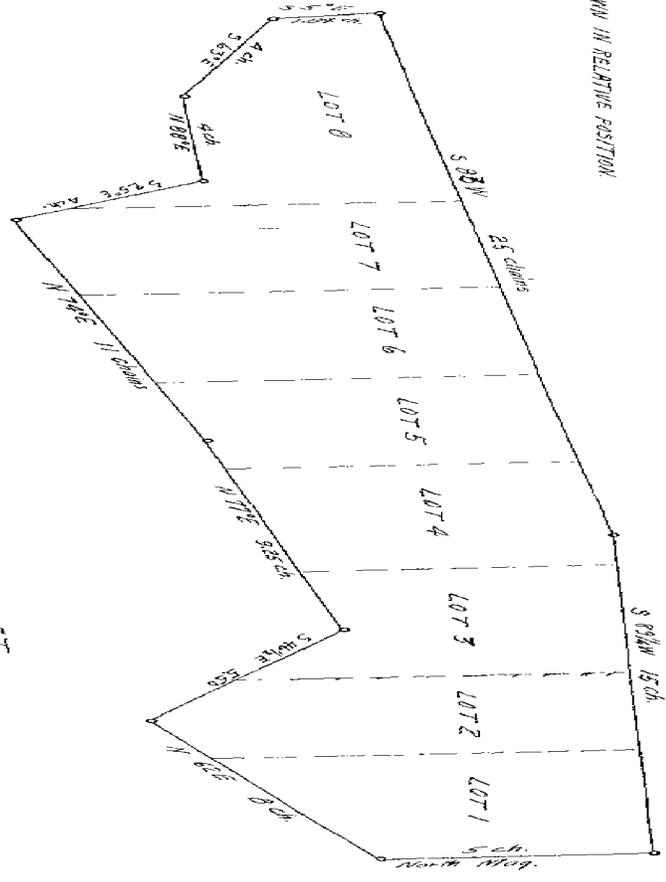
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SCALE 1"=200'

BENCH ON EAST SIDE OF GILGO GUT OR INLET
 Laid out AUG 28 1812
 KETCHAM, SURVEYOR



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