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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

# **DESCRIPTIVE REPORT**

Topographic

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Sheet No. D-40

State Washington

LOCALITY

Grays Harbor, South Side

South Side, Ocosta to Steam's Bluf

O'Leary Creek

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U, S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

# TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Topographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

Field No. D - 40

REGISTER NO. T6808

State Washington
General locality Grays Harbor, South Side
Locality Southside, Ocosta to Stearns Bluff O'Leary Creek
Scale 1:10,000 Date of survey March , 1940
Vessel <u>Discoverer</u>
Chief of party G. L. BEAN, L. D. CRAHAM
Surveyed by E. F. HICKS, Jr
Inked by E. F. HICKS , Jr.
Heights in feet above to ground to tops of trees
Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval feet
Instructions dated April 13, 1939 6/26/39 9/30/39, 19
Remarks:

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

To Accompany

Topographic Sheet D-40, T-6808 (1940)

HTProject, 235

Grays Harbor, Wash.

#### I Instructions

The work on this sheet was done in accordance with instructions and Sept. 30,1939 dated April 13, and 26, 1939. Field work was started March 4, and completed March 26, 1940.

#### II Limits

This survey covers the southern part of Grays Harbor between Meridians 124°-01.8°, and 123°-56.0°, including Johns River to parallel 46°-53.7° at keng 123°-59.1

## III Junctions

This sheet joins sheet "C" on the west. This junction has been compared and is satisfactory. No sheets have been laid out to the East. T-6809

#### IV Control

The control for this survey was furnished by seven triangulation stations established by this party. Graphic triangulation was used to extend control up Johns River.

#### V Methods

Standard Coast Survey methods were used throughout. There was sufficient control so that no long traverses were necessary. Resection methods and there point fixes were used.

No attempt was made to locate the low water line due to it's being line shown a third to a half mile out from high water line in most cases, and soft "H-6665 (1945-44) bottom making it practically impossible to walk out to it.

See page 2
Paragraph IV

east.

No attempt was made to make the survey complete back of the high water line, the principal omissions being sections of the railroad track and buildings at Markham.

Complies with Project Instructions

The points where rod readings were taken are indicated by black dots in the shore line.

#### VI Character of Terrain

The shore line is principally marshy with background of high trees from western limit to signal GAB with the exception of area in vicinity of signal GHTM. From signal GAB to signal One the high water line joins firm ground. In most places the trees make to the high water line, and in other places the high water line lies along the railroad fill. The tree symbol is used to indicate where they lie between the railroad and high water line.

The limits of the symbols outside the high water line do not indicate the low water line but are used to indicate the nature of the terrain between the high water and low water line. However, where the said symbol is shown this applies only to the immediate vicinity of the high water line as all along the beach fifty to a hundred meters off shore of the high water line the bottom changes to mud, undoubtedly being caused by silt deposited by the river.

#### VII Aids to Navigation

No attempt was made to locate floating aids to navigation as they were all some distance from shore. The three beacons were located by triangulation.

Located on H-6665 (1940-41)

Name approved.

#### VIII Geographic Names

O'leary Creek, this name was determined from the sign at the highway bridge, the sign being put up by the American Automobile Association.

In the vicinity of Stearns Bluff the settlement is shown as South Harbor, there are only a few houses in this vicinity, but all the residents agreed that the correct name should be South Arbor, and it is recomended that the name be changed to this.

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## IX Comparison with Previous Surveys.

The sheet was compared with chart 6195, published June 1939 and issued Jan 2, 1940; and im general shows very little apparent change, the principal differences being removal of railroad bridge at Markham, there being no bridge at the present time: and the removal of the dock at Stearns Bluff the only indication of this dock being a few old piles well inside the low water line.

## X Statistics

Statu	ite Mile	es Shore Line	12.2
**		Railroad & Road	3.6
Area	Square	Statute Miles	1.5

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Approved & Forwarded

L. D. GRAHAM

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Commanding Discoverer

#### DIVISION OF CHARTS

#### SURVEYS SECTION

#### REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTER NO. T-6808 Field No. D-40

Washington - Grays Harbor, South Side; Ocosta to O'Leary Creek
Surveyed March 1940, Scale 1:10,000
Instructions dated April 13 and June 26, 1939 (W. M. Scaife)
September 30, 1939 (DISCOVERER)

#### Plane Table Survey

Aluminum Mounted

Chief of Party - G. L. Bean, L. D. Graham Surveyed by - E. F. Hicks, Jr. Inked by - E. F. Hicks, Jr. Reviewed by - H. F. Stegman, November 28, 1941 Inspected by H. R. Edmonston

# 1. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys

- (a) The junction on the west with T-6807 (1940) is satisfactory.
- (b) The junction on the east with T-6809 (1940) is satisfactory.

# 2. Comparison with Prior Surveys

(a)  $\frac{\text{H-334 (1852), scale 1:221,360 and T-871 (1860),}}{\text{scale 1:20,000}}$ 

H-334 is a reconnaissance survey with topography covering the entire area of the present survey. The shoreline is generalized but its principal features are in fair agreement with the present survey. T-821 covers the area of the present survey westward of Long. 123° 59'. Agreement of the shoreline north and east of Markham is good, but in the marshy areas to the west of Johns River the shoreline has advanced in places as much as 200 meters.

The present survey supersedes these early surveys.

(b) T-3044 (1909-10), scale 1:20,000; T-3046 (1909-10), scale 1:10,000, and T-3153 (1911), scale 1:10,000

These surveys taken together cover the entire area of the present survey. North and east of Markham (Lat. 46°54.5', Long. 123°59.8') the shoreline

agreement is very good. The high water line has receded from 10 to 25 meters in a few places near the eastern limits of the present survey. The shore-line of O'Leary Creek in Lat. 46°55.2', Long. 123°57.4' has changed considerably.

At the western limit of the present survey the marshy high water line has advanced as much as 160 meters, and in Lat. 46°54.0', Long. 124°00.0' the shoreline of the Johns River has shifted about 200 meters westward. The latter difference is probably due in part to erosion of the left bank of the river and partly to inaccurate sketching on T-3044.

There are also numerous changes in docks and piling, and the railroad bridge across the Johns River has been removed. (D.R. page 3)

The present survey supersedes these surveys.

# 3. Comparison with Chart 6195 (Latest Print dated 6-11-41)

## (a) Topography

Charted topography originates with the surveys considered in paragraph 2(b) above.

# (b) Aids to Navigation

Fixed aids to navigation agree closely with the charted positions. Floating aids were located on H-6665 (1940-41).

# 4. General Comment

- (a) The inking of shoreline and topographic details is satisfactory.
- (b) It is desirable that a list of signals in water areas such as piles, dolphins, temporary stakes, etc., with appropriate notes as to their character and permanancy be included in the descriptive report. (Field Memorandum No. 5, 1935)
- (c) The clearance of the highway bridge over the Johns River in Lat. 46°54.0', Long. 123°59.8' was not given. The U. S. Engineer Bridge List states that this bridge has a horizontal clearance of 76 feet and a vertical clearance of 31 feet at M.H.W.
- (d) Landmarks for this area are listed in Chart Letters 89, 216, 217, and 244 of 1941.

- 5. <u>Compliance with Project Instructions</u>
  Satisfactory.
- 6. Additional Field Work Recommended
  None.
- 7. Superseded Surveys

H- 334 (1852) in part (topography only)
T- 821 (1860) " "
T-3044 (1909-10) " "
T-3046 (1909-10) entirely
T-3153 (1911) in part

Examined and approved:

Chief, Surveys Section

Chief, Division of Charts

Chief. Section of Hydrographyny

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