Form 504
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey: Planimetric

Field No.: Office No.: T-11943

LOCALITY

State: Maryland
General locality: Chesapeake Bay
Locality: Baltimore County

1961

CHIEF OF PARTY
G. F. Wirth, Chief of Party

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT - DATA RECORD

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Project No. (II): PH-6009

Chief of Party: G. F. Wirth

Field Office (II): Chase, Md.

Officer-in-Charge: W E Randall

Photogrammetric Office (III): Baltimore, Md

Copy filed in Division of

Instructions dated (II) (III):

Photogrammetry (IV)

22 November 1960 Modification dated 9 December 1960

Horizontal Control Reference- 25 May 1961

Method of Compilation (III): Kelsh Plotter

Date received in Washington Office (IV): Date reported to Nautical Chart Branch (IV):

Manuscript Scale (III): 1:10,000 Stereoscopic Plotting Instrument Scale (III): 1:10,000

Scale Factor (III): 1:1

Date registered (IV):

Applied to Chart No. Date: Mar. 31, 1982

Publication Scale (IV): N/A Publication date (IV): N/A

Geographic Datum (III): N A 1927 Vertical Datum (III):

Mean sea level except as follows:

Elevations shown as (20) refer to mean high water
Elevations shown as (g) refer to sounding datum
i.e., mean low water or mean lower low water

Reference Station (III): None

Lat.: Long.: Adjusted

Adjusted Unadjusted

Plane Coordinates (IV): State: Zone:

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Roman numerals indicate whether the item is to be entered by (II) Field Party, (III) Photogrammetric Office,
or (IV) Washington Office.

When entering names of personnel on this record give the surname and initials, not initials only.
Areas contoured by various personnel
(Show name within area)
(II) (III)

NOT APPLICABLE
Field Inspection by (II):
G. F. Wirth
J. E. Tolodziecki

Planetary contouring by (II):
NOT APPLICABLE

Completion Surveys by (II):
NONE

Mean High Water Location (III) (State date and method of location):
Field Inspected Aerial Photographs

Projection and Grids ruled by (IV):
Keefer

Projection and Grids checked by (IV):
R A Carr

Control plotted by (III):
L A Senasack

Control checked by (III):
H R Rudolph

Radial Plot or Stereoscopic Control extension by (III):
Washington Office

Stereoscopic Instrument compilation (III):
Planimetry
Contours N/A

Manuscript delineated by (III):
B Wilson

Photogrammetric Office Review by (III):
R Glaser

Elevations on Manuscript checked by (II) (III):
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Camera (kind or source) (III):

PHOTOGRAPHS (III)

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Washington Office Review by (IV): A. K. Haywood. Date: 1965

Final Drafting by (IV): N/A Date:

Drafting verified for reproduction by (IV): N/A Date:

Proof Edit by (IV): N/A Date:

Land Area (Sq. Statute Miles) (III):
Shoreline (More than 200 meters to opposite shore) (III):
Shoreline (Less than 200 meters to opposite shore) (III):
Control Leveling - Miles (II):
Number of Triangulation Stations searched for (II): 2 Recovered: 2 Identified: 2
Number of BMs searched for (II): 0 Recovered: 0 Identified: 0
Number of Recoverable Photo Stations established (III):
Number of Temporary Photo Hydro Stations established (III):

Remarks:
2. Areal field inspection

This report covers 4 - 1:5,000 scale sheets (T-11811, 812, 816, and 817) and 6 - 1:10,000 scale sheets (T-11943, 944, 945, 948, 949, and 950) of Project PH-6009 north of Baltimore City, Md. This part of PH-6009 covers those sheets needed for the base maps being prepared for the "Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries."

The 4 large scale sheets cover a dense industrial area dominated by the Bethlehem Steel Company's Sparrows Point Mill. Sheets T-11943 and T-11948 consists of a densely populated pleasure boat area. Sheets T-11944, 945, 949, and 950 consist of low marsh areas with the creeks choked with "grass in water." The "U.S. Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground" covers most of these 4 sheets.

Gunpowder Neck was field inspected from a helicopter furnished by the U.S. Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Their co-operation and aid was most helpful in the quick completion of the northeastern end of this Project. No interior field inspection was done on the "Aberdeen Proving Ground" sections of Graces Quarter and Carroll Island due to gas hazard. See attached instructional letter dated 25 May 1961.
3. Horizontal Control
   Geodimeter Traverse
   (a) The following new stations were established by this Party.

   WITCH 2, 1961 - off Sheet Limits
   LYNCH 2, 1961
   REIN 2, 1961 - Identified - off Sheet Limits
   CUCKHOLD, 1961 - Identified - off Sheet Limits
   HART 2, 1961 - Identified
   CROW, 1961 - Identified
   CONTROL FT. A - Identified - off sheet limits Marked by a "MDTF" stake for use on 20,000-829.
   CONTROL FT. B - Identified - Marked by a "MDTF" stake for use on 20,000-829.
   MRO1 - Identified - Marked by a "MDTF" stake for use on 20,000-829.
   MRO2 - Marked by a "MDTF" stake for use on 20,000-829.

   Triangulation
   POOLES ISLAND RANGE REAR LIGHT, 1961 - Fixed Aid
   POOLES ISLAND SOUTH RANGE FRONT LIGHT, 1961 - Fixed Aid
   POOLES ISLAND NORTH RANGE FRONT LIGHT, 1961 - Fixed Aid.

   (d) See attached instructional letter dated 25 May 1961.

   (e) The four triangulation stations located on the "Aberdeen Proving Ground" section of Graces Quarter were not recovered due to a gas hazard. See attached instructional letter dated 25 May 1961.

   The following stations were listed as "lost" on Form 526.
LYNCH, 1934
SPARROW, 1915
LOYD'S POINT FRONT RANGE, 1934
NORTH POINT LOWER LIGHTHOUSE (old tower), 1842
HOWARD, 1915
GREEN WATER TANK, 1935
SUE ISLAND FLAGPOLE, 1935
BAR, 1934
TOWER M
OLIVER 2, 1939
DAYS, 1934
LEGO POINT, 1918
ROBINS POINT 2, 1935
POOLE, 1927
MILLER, 1934
MILLERS, 1927
MILLERS, 1896

The following stations are off the limits of these sheets, but were identified in conjunction with this project.

RIVERSIDE, 1958
EDGEMOOD ARSENAL, WATER TANK, SMALL, 1939
WALNUT, 1934
LINE, 1934
TILE, 1939
STEIN, 1934
WISER, 1958
H TOWER, 1949
CHELESA, 1949
WITCH, 1934

Station "WITCH, 1961" was reported as lost, but was identified for the plot before the station was destroyed. Because the monument was broken off at the top, station "RIVERSIDE, 1958" was reported as lost, but was still identified for the plot.

4. Vertical control

Only "tidal bench mark recovery" was required on the project. This was done, and the Recovery Cards have been submitted.

5. Contours and drainage

Contours - Not Applicable

Drainage was field inspected at all road intersections.
The rest of the drainage was delineated on the photos under the stereoscope when it was clearly visible.

6. Woodland cover

Woodland cover was delineated on the photos per instructions.

7. Shoreline and alongshore features

(a) The mean high water line was delineated on all photos. Unless otherwise stated the M.H.W.L. lies at the base of all bulkheads delineated.

(b) The low water line was delineated where it was clearly visible on the photos.

(c) The foreshore of sheets T-11944, 945, 949, and 950 contains extremely dense growths of grass with the exception of the Pooles Island area which is rocky. All foreshore characteristics are delineated on the photos.

(f) All shore ends of submarine cables have been delineated on the photos.

(g) The southeast shoreline of Sparrows Point is constantly changing due to the slag being deposited by the steel mill.

Humphrey Creek is closed to navigation and is being filled with slag and industrial waste.

8. Offshore features

All offshore features have been delineated on the photos.

9. Landmarks and aids

All landmarks and aids to navigation are reported on Form 567. No heights were obtained on previously charted
landmarks as verbally instructed from the Washington Office.

10. Boundaries, monuments, and lines

The county boundary of Baltimore and Harford Counties was delineated on the photos as stated in the following legal description of the counties:

"Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that after the second Day of March next all that Part of Baltimore County which is included within the Bounds following to wit Beginning at the Mouth of the little Falls of Gunpowder River and running with the said Falls to the Fountain Head and from thence North to the Temporary Line of this Province and thence with the Temporary Line to Susquehanna River thence with Susquehanna to Chesapeake Bay and thence with the said Bay Including Spesutia and Pools Islands to the Mouth of Gunpowder River and thence up the said River to the Beginning aforesaid shall be and is hereby erected into a new county by the Name of Harford County"

Legal description obtained from:

ARCHIVES OF MARYLAND
Vol. LXIV
Proceedings and Acts of the Assembly
October 1773 to April 1774
page 198

Acts of THE ASSEMBLY PASSED DURING
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1773

All other lines have been delineated on the photos. The "Aberdeen Proving Ground" line was delineated by the fence on the land areas.

11. Other control

Other control was established on this project as follows.
Sheet T-11811

Photo Points 006, 007 - to locate fixed aids.

Photo Points 011, 012, 013 - to locate Overhead Cable Towers.

Range Point 2 - to determine azimuth of fixed beacon range. (Point is on opposite side of Patapsco River from Sheet T-11811.)

Sheet T-11812

Photo Points 009, 010 - to locate submarine cable.

Sheet T-11816

Range Point 3 - to determine azimuth of fixed beacon range. (Point is on opposite side of Patapsco River from Sheet T-11816.)

Sheet T-11817

Photo Points 001, 002, 003 - to locate fixed aids.

Sheet T-11943

Photo Point 000, 008 - to locate fixed aid.

Sheet T-11948

Photo Point 004, 005 - to locate fixed aids.

Range Point 1 - to determine azimuth of fixed beacon range (recorded on card for P.P. 005).

Sheet T-11949

Hydro Signal - Ground survey located from MRO1 for hydro use and Project 20,000-829. Recorded on C.S.I. card for MRO1.

Supplemental control was pricked in this area on contact photos for Project 20,000-829. All of this data has been submitted under Project 20,000-829.
12. Other interior features

Clearances for a new bridge on Sheet T-11944 were obtained and recorded on photo 6059692A. This bridge crosses a "hot water discharge sluice of the Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. power plant" and the waterway is not navigable due to a weir dam at the entrance. The clearance are as follows.

Fixed Bridge
horizontal - 53.0 ft.
vertical - 5.8 ft. above M.H.W.L.

The overhead power cable shown on photo 6053410A passes west-southwest from the shore to the three towers delineated. From the westernmost tower, it travels south-southwest to another tower in the water and then to a tower on the shore (See photo points 011 thru 013 for the location of these towers).

13. Geographic names

No name discrepancies were found in field inspection.

14. Special reports

Plate 1 is submitted with photographs for use in the compilation of the Sparrows Point area. Notes and cross indexing have been made on both photos and Plate 1.

15. Mapping security sensitive areas.

Security checks were made at the "Aberdeen Proving Ground" and the "Martin Company" and everything that is delineated for mapping on the photos was approved by the
security officials of both parties involved with the exception of the "Gates" at the "Martin Company". All the gates in this area to the plant and airfield have been deleted in green ink.

Submitted 30 June 1961

George F. Wirth
Chief of Party
Completion Report
Project PH-6009 (21031)
Maps T-11943 thru T-11945 scale 1:10,000
T-11946 thru T-11950 scale 1:10,000
T-11811 thru T-11812 scale 1:5,000
T-11816 thru T-11817 scale 1:5,000
T-11801 thru T-11802 scale 1:10,000

1. General
This report is a combination Completion Report and Descriptive Report covering those maps completed as listed above.

2. Area
The area covers parts of the western shore of Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore Harbor, Gunpowder, Middle, Patapsco and Severn Rivers in the state of Maryland.

3. Purpose
Its purpose was primarily to provide data for preparation of special charts for the Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries. This was a reimbursable project completed under project number 20,000-829 at a scale of 1:20,000.

4. Maps
Map numbers originally assigned are shown on the letter sized diagram attached. All map numbers assigned to this project other than those listed in the title of this report have been cancelled and returned to the open listing for re-assignment.

5. Photography
Panchromatic photography covers the area at 1:20,000 scale taken in October 1960. The Baltimore Harbor area was also flown at 1:10,000 scale on the same date.

6. Field Work
Field work was completed for the area compiled and included recovery and identification of horizontal control. Inspection and verification of landmarks and fixed aids to navigation and field inspection of shoreline and offshore detail, drainage, cultural features and woodland cover.

It also included a Geographic Names Report.

No field work has been completed on the area of the cancelled maps.

See the Field Instructions and Field Reports attached for details.
7. **Aerotriangulation**

Thirteen strips were bridged on the stereoplanigraph covering only the maps compiled.

All control held within required tolerances and was considered adequate for compilation.

8. **Compilation**

All completed sheets have been compiled in ink and extend approximately one-half mile inland from the shoreline.

9. **Classification**

All completed sheets are classified incomplete. This classification means that the maps are based on a final bridge with field identified control but the delineation of details is not complete. These details are normally added during field edit.

The maps are not field edited hence will remain in the incomplete classification.

10. **Future Chart Revision**

They may be used as bases for chart revision with later photography.

All landmarks and aids to navigation are accurate and complete with positions determined by field and photogrammetric methods.

11. **Final Review**

All maps were office reviewed at the time of compilation, but have not had a final examination.

A comparison with the largest scale nautical charts has been made. The results of the comparison is noted on an ozalid copy accompanying each manuscript in the vault.

No contemporary hydrographic surveys are available in the area and at the time of this report none contemplated in the near future.

12. **Registration of Incomplete Manuscripts**

Although it is unusual to register incomplete manuscripts it was felt by the Photogrammetric Branch to be expedient with regards to this project in view of the following:

A. The project was initiated primarily to provide modern base maps, to replace base maps now obsolete (1933-1934)
Pressure of higher priority projects extended our capabilities such that we could complete only that portion that was needed for the Maryland fisheries reimbursable project 20,000-829.

B. Hydrographic operations are not planned for any time in the near future.

When hydrography is planned the present photography will be too old and new photographs will be taken to update the shoreline and provide hydro support based on bridging completed under this project.

C. The Chart Division have no plans as of how to reconstruct their charts in this area thru Fiscal Year 1972.

13. Data Files

A. A cronaflex copy of all completed manuscripts is filed in the vault with a negative in the Reproduction Division.

B. Control identification cards, control identification photographs, field inspection photographs, bridging photographs and related bridging data is filed in the Records Section of the Photogrammetry Division.

C. Descriptive Reports

A copy of each report is on file in the vault. These reports do not contain a photogrammetric plot report, a compilation report, or a review report.

A page has been inserted in each Descriptive Report referring to this comprehensive report for a complete history of these items.

D. Completion Report

A duplicate of this report is filed as a Completion Report in the Archives.

E. Geographic Names

On file with the Geographic Names Section.

Submitted by:

A. K. Heywood

Approved by:

Chief, Photogrammetric Branch

Chief, Photogrammetry Division
INFORMATION ON DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT MATERIAL

PH-6009
PASAPSCO RIVER AND BALTIMORE HARBOR, MARYLAND

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CSI Cards
Field Inspected Photographs (NOS)
Project Completion Report
Form(s) 567 (Nonfloating Aids or Landmarks for Charts)
Form(s) 250 (Horizontal Angles)

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Registered Maps
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Bridging Photographs
Control Listings

REPRODUCTION DIVISION

Reduction negative of each map
LETTER TRANSMITTING DATA

DATE
27 June 1961

TO:
The Director
Coast and Geodetic Survey
Department of Commerce Building
Washington 25, D.C.

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Single Lens Photos
Contacts with horizontal control identification
6057822 thru 7826
6053458 A thru 3460 A
9 - Form 152
4 - sheets - Inverse data
2 - Form 24 A
2 - Form 470
1 - Form 758
11 - Geodimeter length forms
1 - Geodimeter abstract Lengths
2 - Form 738
1 - Form 251 A

(Signature)
LTJG George F. Wirth
Chief of Photo Party 723
Division or Party
P.O. Box 4907
Baltimore 20, Md.

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9661A thru 9667A  
9675A thru 9682A  
9685A thru 9695A

1 Supplemental Plate (Plate 1)  
9 Form 522 (2 copies each)  
34 Form 526 (2 copies each)  
5 Form 683A (2 copies each)  
14 Form 122  
20 Form 567 (4 copies each)  
1 Form 709 (2 copies)  
4 Form 733  
5 Form 24A  
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5 Pages-Invoices  
2 Form 259g  
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10 Form 504-Descriptive Report (2 copies (9)-T-11948 3 copies)

George F. Bird
(Signature)

P.O. Box 4907
Baltimore 30, Md.

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