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**LOCALITY**

State: Florida
General locality: Caloosahatchee
Locality: River

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State: Florida

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Geographic Sheet No. 2126

Locality:
Calusa-hatchee Run

Note: One Month of River to Station Hancock, South
One Month of River to Station Hancock

Chief of Party:

[Signature]

1872
Dr. T. C. Mendenhall,

Sup't. U. S. Coast and G. Survey,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you Descriptive Report to ac-
company Topographical Sheets Nos. 21/22, 21/23 & 21/26, Caloosahatchee
River, Florida.

The work was executed April 11th. to May 14th., 1892, and
included the river, from the mouth, San Carlos Bay to Station Tra-
vers on the South Shore, and to Station Hancock on the North Shore.

On the North Shore, the ground along the river front is
low and wet, from the mouth of the river to 1/3 of a mile above
Red Fish Pt. from which point to Harney's Pt. the land is higher
and dry.

From Harney's Pt. to about two miles north of Four Mile
Pt. the land along the river is low and wet, but from the last named
place to Hancock Creek it is dry; except small patches of marsh
inside the shore line.

On the South side of the river the land is low and wet
from the mouth of the river up to the first clearing; about 2 1/2 miles; from there to Palmetto signal dry and high, except small patches of marsh.

The ground is high and dry from Capt. Johnson's to signal Travers.

The low land consists of mangrove swamp, marsh, and low flats, composed of sand, small mangroves and marsh.

Back of the low ground as shown on the sheets, is the regular Florida pine woods, with a growth of grass and palmetto scrub covering the ground.

The marshes are brackish and are reclaimable. A good dike along the shore would protect the ground from overflow.

The pine trees are from 10 to 12 inches in diameter, with an occasional large tree, and are from 50 to 60 ft. high. Most of the pine timber is sap and heavy.

Many palmetto trees grow along the edge of the pine timber next the marsh and swamp.

The only clearings on the river within the above named limits, are, one in the first big bend on the South side of the river, above the mouth. Cap't. Johnson's, Dr. Harris's, Travers and
at Hainey's Pt. At the latter place there is a good wharf and a residence erecting at the time of the survey.

The fruit trees consist of a few orange trees at the first named clearing, at Cap't. Johnson's and a few pine-apples at Dr. Harris's.

The only roads on the sheets are those running from Dr. Harris' and Travers to the main road, running from Myers to Punta Rasa. The means of communication is by water—sail boats.

Mail steamers and various sailing craft pass up and down the river between Punta Rasa and Myers.

During the winter months the Plant Line run a Steamer between Port Tampa and Myers.

This river is the great Tarpon fishing grounds, and many yachts, from many places, are in the river for Tarpon fishing during the winter and spring.

There are no hotels within the limits of my topographic survey.
The Statistics are as follows:

Area surveyed in square stat. miles -- 20

Wharf line, Myers -- stat. miles -- 2

Length of Shore line of river in Stat. miles -- 32 3/4
   " " " " Creeks -- 5 1/2
   " " " " Ponds, marsh and wood line -- 55 1/2
   " " roads in Stat. miles -- 3 1/10

Sheet 1 -Mouth of river to Travers -
   " 2-Station C to Hancock Creek.

(North side of River.)

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Assistant.