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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey: Topographic

Field No. 2294
Office No. 2294

LOCALITY
State: Maryland
General locality: Kent Island
Locality: Chesapeake Bay

1879 1947

CHIEF OF PARTY
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Henry S. Butterfield
Superintendent.

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Chief of Party:

John W. Holmes
Sheep Point - Kent Island, Md.

- General Characteristics -

The characteristics of the country covered by this sheet show the simplest relief. But a small portion rising to 30 feet above tide and 70 feet on the north end. Its geological features are drift superimposed upon an ancient marsh as at low water inundated play marsh post and occasionally by very thin patches of wood may be seen. The island is fast disappearing by erosion very fast through Joynt upon the salt and streams are but the drainage of land after rain. Marshes when partly land-locked may be reclaimed without much difficulty. The land makes away at the rate of 8 or 10 feet a year. There is no evidence of subsidence or submergence of shores. There are of forest growth
Oak, Pine, Gum, Poplar, etc., average height about 75 feet. Meat trees, Apple, Peach, Pear, are growing. Proportion of arable to forest lands 6 to 1. There are no industries other than tilling the soil, oystering, and fishing.

Only means of communication, steamer to Baltimore. There are no health or pleasure resorts. The steamer is a re-survey. The increase of population is five times that it was fifty years ago. Roads generally the same as previous survey; and they are generally good - natural soil or Shell. There are two bridges of indifferent construction. Feet of water or wood. Range of tide about 1 foot vertical - horizontal but slight.

Number of square miles 42

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