U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

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State: Maryland

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2366 et seq.

Locality:

Bush River and Head of Chesapeake Bay, including Susquehanna and North East Rivers.

1898.

Chief of Party:

W. C. Hodges
Descriptive Report

to accompany Top Sheets, *2366 of Bush River, Md.; *2377, from Bush River to Accoekie Island and Swan creek; and *2384, The head of Chesapeake Bay from Swan creek to Turkey Point, including the Aquamanna River to Port Deposit and the whole of Northeast River.

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These three sheets were surveyed in August, September, October and November, 1898.

The character of the country varies a good deal in different parts of the country traversed.

Between Bush River and the Aquamanna the land is low or gently rolling while above Havre de Grace the hills rise steeply on either side of the Aquamanna. On Elk Neck, near Turkey Point, the shore is bold and flabby while along the shores of Northeast River a somewhat intermediate character is the rule. The shores being often flabby but not very high.

Throughout almost the whole extent of this work except in the Aquamanna River there are numerous small branch creeks usually bordered by salt marsh. These are navigable by small boats only, as a rule.
Woodland in this section is found in rather small patches, the country being cut up into farms, most of which are utilized for growing corn and tomatoes for the numerous canneries scattered through the district. The oak and other deciduous trees are common and attain a good size when allowed to grow to maturity.

This is a thickly settled region, the larger towns and villages being on the line of the P.W. & B. railroad, which, closely paralleled by the B. & O. railroad, traverses this section. The principal places are Perryman, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Port Deposit, Perryville, Charlestown and Northeast.

Havre de Grace is the oldest and most important town. Port Deposit has valuable stone quarries, and Northeast is becoming a manufacturing town of considerable importance.

There are two railroad bridges across the Susquehanna at Havre de Grace, but no highway bridge. Although the P.W. & B. R.R. charges no fare between Havre de Grace and Perryville, this inconvenience is somewhat reduced.

There is a small steam ferry boat which plies between Port Deposit and a small place called
Lapidium on the right bank of the river, the
Susquehanna is subject to floods and to
ice gorges in severe winters. These conditions
cause frequent inundations at Port Deposit.
There are no health or pleasure resorts in the
ordinary sense.

In the summer a few Baltimoreans may
visit Bush River, which is moreover a favorite
place for a day's fishing trip and in the fall
there is an influx of sportmen to shoot ducks
on the Susquehanna flate and all along the
shore, this region being a favorite resort of the
counsel back duck.

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