U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

H.S. Bolling, Superintendent.

State: Georgia

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Top Sheet No. 2492

Locality:
Eastern part of Tybee Island.

1900.

Chief of Party:
W. C. Hodgkins
Descriptive Report
to accompany Top Sheet No 2492, of the eastern part of Tybee Island, Georgia.

2. Shore is gradually shelving. Material too moderate to judge smell of creatures.
The sand beach is beaten hard, below high water mark. The low water line is shown
on the sheet by a dotted line, as fixed by the plane-table survey.
3. In any ordinary storm a ship ought to hold together through one storm.
4. No travelling devices were observed.
8. There is no vegetation within the limits of this survey except an occasional bunch of coarse
beach grass and a few scattered palmettos.
Further back on the island there is a forest
growth of yellow pine.
9. There is scarcely any arable or grass land.
There is a good sized village, inhabited in the summer by some hundreds of visitors from
Savannah and elsewhere. There are also frequent excursions from Savannah, the excellent beach being a great attraction.
There is also the permanent military post of Fort Screven and there are a few regular inhabitants of the island in addition. There is no trade or commerce. The usual means of communication is by the railroad to Savannah. Smaller steamers, like tugs, sometimes stop at the fort wharf.

The Savannah River is navigable to the city of that name and 12 to 17½ feet can be carried in at mean low water, though the channel is narrow and crooked.

10. As noted above there is a large influx of summer visitors. There are two hotels, a club house, and a considerable number of private cottages.

11. This is a recovery, the outline of this part of the island having been surveyed at least twice before this. Changes can be seen by comparing these surveys. The most notable change is a great extension of low flat sand beach on the south end of this part of the island, in front of Tybee creek.

M.C. Hodge Hurz
Chief of Party.