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U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

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Superintendent

State: Md

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2549.

Locality: Tangier Sound, Fishing Bay

1902

Chief of Party: S. Forney
Topographical Survey of Fishing Bay.

Datum Line - River Creek line. Roads and
inters. Tenet, Chief of War,

Chuck Bay, Maryland 1901-02, Surveyed
by Capt. W. O. Throck. And J. H. Field. Under
Assistant Ahlemann. Field, Leck 1/20,000

Descrip. Report

The shore line of Fishing Bay was surveyed
by J. H. Field in 1901 and is shown in ink. The
part of Fishing Bay shore line drawn in Ink is
the scale of Capt. W. O. Field in 1901. The
and Creek shore line, and all interiour topography,
roads, marsh and timber limits and locating
buildings is the scale of Assistant Frank with
1902, and is shown in Ink. The Creek line
in pencil was transcribed from the original topo-

With the exception of Elliot's Island, which
is not strictly an island, but is a body of land -
about 8 feet above high tide, surrounded by Zet.
Marsh and ladders in which is located a build
Village with about 500 inhabitants, one church
and a small country store and a substantial hotel.
Now the Baltimore steamers make landings three
times a week during the fishing season, and once
a week during the remainder of the season. The
country between the Eastern shore of Fishing Bay
and Wanchisk River is a vast extent of Salt
Marsh interspersed with tamarac swamps, there is
a Caledon Road connecting Elliott's Island with
Herring and Rock Town, on which there is quite
good traveling in dry weather, but almost impass-
able in wet weather, and when overflowed by ex-
treme high tides, the country on the north and
west shores of Fishing Bay is also a vast extent
of Salt Marsh and up with the Black Water
River and Tranquaking Creek there are many
small creeks and cutters there are many
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The shores of these creeks and the Black
Water River has changed so much since the
surveys of 1849 and 1851 that a plan made
twenty of them can hardly be traced. The point of Creek
now known as the point westwards
from the old plans to do the, and has not sufficiently changed to regain a teeming. The
salamander, leapers, and some other, has been considerably reduced since the desert of 1849
and 1854. The waters of the Black Hole, Maps-
gemarks and its tributaries. The waters of Fishing Bay, abound with "mark" lob-
many thousand of these small animals are teemed
early years, and the shells and molt shipped to the Northern Market.

The waters of Fishing Bay and its tributaries
up to a few years ago, abounded with oysters,
crab and fish, from which the fishermen
harvested immense quantities. The fisheries are
now reduced, fish and crabs are scarce, and
this once lucrative Fishing occupation has
almost been destroyed

Respectfully submitted

Upper Farmington
Lancaster County
Maryland

June 16, 1902

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