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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2550

LOCALITY:
Eastern Shore Chesapeake B. Tugia A.
Assurance of just the marches from the Susan to the Big Annesley Rivers.

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Descriptive Report

Tropical Plate Sheet No. 2637.
Eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay.
Jeyne Island.

To
Jesse W. Marston
Maryland
From the
Manskin River
to the
Great Annawan River
1901–1902
Acres 400
Surveyed by J.H. Holden
1901

And. Stetson Survey.
Capt. C. O. Law.
1902.
Arnold Plantation No.
February 18th 1903

The Country Covered by this Survey is comprised of Low Salt Marsh, Known as the "Jericho Marshes". Scattered over this extensive stretch of Marsh, are isolated ridges, rising to an elevation of 10 and 13 feet above mean high water on which are located two quite large villages; "Upper and Lower Fairmount" and Numerous Farms, Homes, and the Neys Village of "Millston." The Soil on these ridges is very rich and productive and is well wooded with Pine, Live Oak, and Red Gum Limkin. The Soil when it is Cultivated produces large Crop of Irish Potatoes, Corn, Wheat, Cotton, Tomatoes, Peaches, Apples, Straw, Lemons and Blackberries. Oystering, Herring, and Crab fishing is the occupation of the majority of the inhabitants. The Apple, Pears and Fishing
grounds are rapidly becoming exhausted owing to the injudicious methods carried on by the oystermen and fishermen in this locality. I was informed while visiting in this locality, that ten years ago Upper and Lower Falmouth were prosperous and thriving towns. Thousands of dollars worth of oysters was transacted by the merchants during the oyster and fishery seasons. Now these towns are doing very little business, and the oyster fish trade is almost at a standstill. Upper Falmouth is a pretty village, surrounded by beautiful groves of Live Oaks and Pines, with good shell roads running in all directions. From Upper Falmouth to Lower Falmouth—it is almost a distance of four miles with one main street. 2 1/2 miles in length. It is also the entrance to the Great Anne's River (or the South River) as the principal shipping point for this locality, the Baltimore and Erie.
beats makes daily landings at this point, not understanding that these islands, (on which the villages and farm houses are located) are surrounded by salt marsh, they are said to be unhealthy localities. Found his statement to be true, and the inhabitants from it healthy and colo[nd] -

away.

The Jersey Borders are intersected with numerous large and small canals that empty into the Manatee River and East-Anna Maria River, and are only navigable for small boats and shibes. The Manatee River is shallow at its mouth, and up to Princess Anne at its lower end. The Baltimore Steam boats that land in the East-Anna Maria at Tarpon Weak, about 7 feet - when landed.

The changes in the topographical details of the country included in the latter, are marked by substantial improvements. Many new roads have been constructed and numerous houses have been built.