U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

C. H. Fitton, Superintendent

State: Md.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2558

LOCALITY:
Resurvey of Bloodsworth island, South Marsh, Holland island and the adjacent islands

1901

CHIEF OF PARTY:
G. L. Flower
The resurvey of the islands on this sheet was begun September 23rd., and ended October 11th., 1901. The approximate length of shore line surveyed is 87.6 miles, of creek line 5.2 miles and the approximate area of all the islands is 287 sq. miles.

Hollan Island is quite thickly populated. There is a post office on the island. Bloom worth Island, Long Island and South Marsh have a few settled inhabitants only, and a few huts occupied only, during the crabbing season.

Holland and Long Islands, only, have small parcels of land under cultivation; the greater portion of Holland Island being marsh land. South Marsh, Spring Island and Bloom worth Island are mostly marsh lands, having only a few small portions of land slightly higher than the surrounding marsh, on which are growths of pine or bushes. NE. Island and Adams Island are all marsh lands.

At many places on these islands, a narrow strip of bushes about 5 ft. tall, runs along the shore line.

The action of the waves in stormy weather is washing away the shores, and this is most noticeable on the Chesapeake Bay side. Long Island is almost entirely washed away and Hollan Island is going rapidly.

The shallow waters around the islands are full of crabs, the catching of which in the spring and summer months and oyster crougging in the autumn and winter months, gives employment not only to the inhabitants of the islands but to many on the mainland as well.
DESCRIPTIVE TO ACCOMPANY TOPOGRAPHIC SHEET,

A small sailing craft carrying the mail makes daily trips, weather permitting, from Holland Island to Deais Island.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

ASS'T. U.S. C. & G. SURVEY,

CHIEF OF PARTY.
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

O. H. Bettmann, Superintendent.

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CHIEF OF PARTY:

G. L. Felker
Treasury Department,  
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY,  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 3, 1892  

Respectfully {returned referred forwarded} to

Decisions as to names on Copy Sheet No. 2069 are given on Copy Sheet. Descriptive Report and information from Mr. Flower is attached (letter dated Feb. 5). This should be filed with the descriptive report as it really forms part of it.

J. B.

U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey  
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Drawing & Engraving Division
Mr. O. H. Dittman;

Supt. U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of Feb'y 4, 1902, requesting the amount and reliability of the evidence I had in changing the name of the cove charted as Tiny Island Cove, to Great Cove and in naming the cove some distance farther North, Tiny Island Cove, on my topographic sheet No. 2558, Head Strait to Hooper Strait, I have the honor to make the following reply.

When I made the survey, I questioned the men crabbing in the neighboring waters about the names of these coves. They all know the cove charted as Tiny Island Cove, by the name Great Cove, and the cove to the North, that opening toward Hooper Head,
and not named on the Chart, by the name of Tiny Island Cove.

The small island in the southernmost of the two coves has no name that I could ascertain. It is a low swampy island and shows no evidence of ever having a growth of trees on it. The northern end of Bloodworth Island is sometimes called Tiny Island on account of the growths of few trees there and the northern cove, making back toward those trees, is called Tiny Island Cove.

I also questioned people living on Deals Island and at Basyfield, those who make their livelihood around the islands, and they all agree and corroborate the information I had received. Captain W. J. Thomas of Deals Island and Mr. Noah Kelley of Basyfield, are among those I questioned. These men were born and raised on Deals Island and have crabbied and fished in the waters around Bloodworth for all their lives. I consulted more than a dozen local men, and every one of them call the southern Cove, Great
Cove and the northern cove, the one between A^3 Blood and Pearl,aim to Cove.

If in former times the cove charted as King Island Cove was known by that name, I have found no one who remembers it so, and it is certain that the Cove are now known by the name I have given them.

Kend and Mr. Nally probably have taken the name in their Atlas, from the published chart of the Coast Survey,

Very respectfully,

Geo. L. Flower

Act. Capt. 1st

Coast.
Mr. Bradford

Note of a change of geographical names

To accompany topographic sheet Reserv
of Bloodworth Island, South Marsh Island,
Island and the adjacent islands thereof.

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OFFICE OF ASSIST. IN CHARGE.

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COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

Mr. O. H. Pettitman,

Supt. U. S. Co. S. Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to call to your attention to the names by which the two coves on the eastern side of Bloodworth Island are known. The cove called "Briny L. Cove" on chart No. 134 is known as "Great Cove", which the cove north of it, unnamed on the chart, is known as "Briny L. Cove".

Everyone I have consulted agrees to the names I have given the coves on the chart.

"Briny Island" and "Briny Cove" of South Marsh are called as often "Briny Island" and "Briny L. Cove".

I could find no one who knew

David Streeck of Courtyard's Island, shown on the
chart as the northern part of Holland Island. The name is not known by any of the inhabitants of Holland Island I consulted.

Very respectfully,

Geo. L. Flower

Capt. Co. B. I.

Capt. F. L.