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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2647.

LOCALITY:
Chesapeake Bay - Eastern Shore - Chesapeake
Bays.
Rivers.

1904

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Descriptive Report

Topographic Sheet of the Survey of Chesapeake Bay, Eastern Shore, from Pomona to Chickahominy Creek.

The survey shown on this sheet was executed by the instructions of the Superintendent, dated October 16th, 1903. The area surveyed is low flat and well rounded. The surface is lager, of a sandy loam with an under strata of clay. Clay underlies that portion of the area back of Guilford creek. North of this creek there is a large portion of the area underlaid by a gravel, with and admixture of clay. Then an evidences of an extensive gravelly moraine near the outlet of Guilford creek. Extensive marshes extend, from the tellable lands, from one to four miles. These marshes are generally fringed by a narrow strip of sandy beach, they are generally bare, and well covered with grasses, making an excellent pastureage for cattle. At high spring tide, the marsh extend to a depth of four to six inches. The higher lands are about equally divided between cultivated land, and woods. From the style of
farming is vague, and equal amount of pine wood
and cleared land is necessary for the purpose of
agriculture. The flakes from the pines are carried to
the field for the fertilizing and loosening the
soil for potato cultivation. Second growth pine predom-
ninates in the wooded areas, there are some oak
and chestnut and birch in the swamps, woods.
Trees average from 40 to 80 feet in height. Most of the
original growth of timber has been cut. The sawmills
cut limbs to as small as six inches in diameter to obtain
lumber to manufacture barrel. Great potatoes, sweet potatoes,
strawberries, lemons and fruit are the main crops.
Not enough corn is produced for home consumption.

This area and County is one of the most pros-
perous Communities in Country. The produce is largely
sold through a produce exchange, organized and
managed by the farmers, of Alcorn and the adjoining
County of Northampton. Poultry, cattle, hogs and horses an
extremely, rare. Many standard bred trotting horses
are produced. All the area, not natural
clay soil is under cultivation to a extent, this industry
clamming fishing and crabbing an extensive.
Provision is made for keeping cattle until the
chief, and breme soft when ship, an shipped.
Good shelter and holding ground can be had in
All the creeks. There are connections through the marshes at highwater between Amoosoo and Che commerex Green, Che commerex Green and Deep Green and Deep Green and Hunting
Green, they are extremely difficult to follow as soon as high water them is not more than four feet one six
one, in the Channel.

The shore line, only at exposed places, recedes, but
plus, about a metre in five years. Little change was
observed except at exposed places. All marine Conveniences
or supplies can be procured. Many small boats are
built but the material and workman ship is poor.

There are no summer or winter resorts within the
limits of the sheet extent, make the living or
living on the shores very unpleasant during the
summer months.

Two steamers are operated by the B. C. B. & B. Ry
directly to and from Ballainn leaving at times
pier. Sailing during the winter an irregular.

The time delivery from and Baltimore is approximately,
eighteen hours. Sandings now abandoned, were former
made on Message Hunting and Che commerex Green.
Railroad service to the region is excellent. The New York
Philadelphia and Airforce railway operates a triple
daily, passage service and numerous freight trains
daily.
While this is one of the most prosperous agricultural communities in the United States, there seems to be but little improvement in roads, bridges or homes. Farms are valued as from fifty to one hundred dollars per acre. The roads are exceedingly bad, during the winter season but fair, good during the summer. The school system is excellent and good. No indication of higher grade than high school.

Hallwood Va June 18th 1904

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