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LOCALITY:
Chesapeake Bay-Eastern Shore: from Chesapeake
sea Creek to Braddock Creek.

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Descriptive Report

Topographic sheet Chesapeake Bay, Eastern Shore
from Chickwynn to Graddock Creek.

The vicinity shown on this sheet is in Accomac County, Virginia and on the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay.
The area shown is a level sandy country, well wooded and watered. Considerable marshes are on the Bay shore above Ongslague Creek. The area rapidly diminishes below that creek. Then an narrow, sharp indentation, along this shallow line. The act of the beaches are composed of hard compact sand. Then an are very heavy seas and a wreck would probably hold through several storms. Whenever the low water line appreciably differs from the mean high water line, it is shown by a dotted line. The shore line in exposed points has receded about three hundred feet in a year. In the creek there is but little change.

The original forest tree have been almost all cut, but is a second growth of pine and some oak and gum trees, height of trees 40 to 50 feet.

Cleared land and forest are of about equal area. The farming operations are such that approximately an equal amount of pine are
requires to furnish fertilizers for the area tilted.

However, at the head of the creek of the same name is the largest town shown on the sheet. It is the commercial center of the peninsula, population approximately one thousand. There are no summer or other resorts on the sheet. At Harborton, on Pongateague Creek, there is a factory for the manufacture of fish oil and fertilizers, this with numerous saw mills, at which barrel staves are sawed and made into barrels are the only manufacturing interests.

The Baltimore and Tonapah and Atlantic Railway Company operates a line of boats through Manancock to Baltimore four times a week each way. Also a line of steamers into Pongateague, Sandusky and Ocehannah Creeks to Baltimore twice times a week each way.

Roads are fairly good in summer but very poor in winter. There is but little increase in the wealth of the community. Peaches and Corn are the main crops. Flax, hops, cattle and horses are raised to a considerable extent. School system fair, there are high schools at Manancock and Pongateague villages.

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