Department of Commerce and Labor
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

C. T. Illingworth
Superintendent.

State:

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Type:

Sheet No. 813

LOCALITY:

Patuxent

Revù

1908

CHIEF OF PARTY:

C. W. Ferguson
Department of Commerce and Labor

Coast and Geodetic Survey

O.H. Pethmann, Superintendent.

Resurvey of Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries.

Descriptive Report of Topographic Sheet 813: being the third of the Patuxent River above the Bay and extending from Battle Creek to two miles above Benedict.

Scale 1:10,000

Being the original sheet revised, in red, as per instructions of July 21st, 1908.

August 29th to September 5th, 1908.

O.W. Ferguson, Assistant in Charge

O.S. Linn, Matchless.

Observers

O.W. Ferguson, Assistant, C.M. Cade and Paul M. Trueblood, O.C. and W.

The river averages 1 to 1½ miles wide. Benedict, Charles Co., is the only town on the sheet and here is located the Davis Packing Factory which cans blackberries, peaches, and tomatoes. Hallowing Point and Trent Hall Landings are ship and scow freight. No railroad or electric line touches any of the Patuxent River Sheets and there is no line of steamers in competition with the Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia R.R. Company's boats.
The soil is productive, easily cultivated, of a light silty nature and erodes readily. The shores are deeply serrated mostly sandy, with many marshy areas. The surface of the land is rolling with many elevations and depressions; the elevations rising considerably as rivers recede from the shore. There is little timber on the river but more farther back.

Farming is the principal occupation of the people and the products shipped are corn, wheat, tobacco, poultry, peaches, and tomatoes. Some lumber is shipped in the form of wood, wood for pulp, ties, poles, and sawed lumber. The wagon roads are generally sandy and slow. Farm rents in free from $3 to $75 per acre.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
Coast and Geodetic Survey.
O.H. Tittmann, Superintendent.

Resurvey of Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries, Maryland
Descriptive Report of Hydrographic Sheet covering the same
area as Topographic Sheet 813, being the third sheet from
the Bay and extending from Battle Creek to two miles
above Benedict - about eight miles.

The work was done for the purpose of verifying
and revising the old chart as per instructions of July
21st. 1905, and with the lines run by Swepson Earle,
Hydrographic Engineer of the State of Maryland, and just
finished, will give data for a pretty good hydrographic
chart.

Scale 1:10,000

August 24, 31 and Sept. 1, 1905.

O.W. Ferguson, Assistant in Charge
M.S. Schr. Matchless.

Observers: James E. March, Mate, John W. Clift, and E.W. Cade.
Recorder: H.W. Godsey.
Leadsman: H. Arnesen.
Tide Observer: C.P. Holland.

The river here averages 1½ miles wide. Ship drawing
17 feet of water goes up and down; greater depths
could be found with greater care. Benedict, Charles Co.,
is the only town on this sheet. Hallowing Point and Trent Hall Landings also ship and receive a good deal of freight. At Benedict is located the Davis Packing Factory which cans blackberries, peaches, and tomatoes. The cargoes shipped are ties, poles, wood, lumber, corn, wheat, tobacco, tomatoes, fish and oysters. The Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railroad Company's steamers have this trade.

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