**U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT**

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**LOCALITY**

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1946  
**CHIEF OF PARTY**

Comdr. K. T. Adams

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**DATE** January 2, 1948
DATA RECORD

T-8346

Quadrangle (II): SAMOS, 7½-min. Project No. (II): 289W-1


Instructions dated (II III); Copy filed in Descriptive
   See field inspection report copy, Report No. T-8339 (VI)
   filed in descriptive report for T-8339
   Completed survey received in office;

Reported to Nautical Chart Section: /

Reviewed: July 31, 1947 Applied to chart No. Date:
   Redrafting Completed: /

Registered: 9/47 Published: /

Compilation Scale: 1:20,000 Published Scale: 1:25,000

Scale Factor (III): 1.0

Geographic Datum (III): N.A. 1927 Datum Plane (III): MSL

Reference Station (III): JAMAICA, 1942

Lat.: 37°44'14".347 Long.: 76°40'13".088 Adjusted
       Unadjusted

State Plane Coordinates (VI): Virginia South State Grid

X = 2,517,089.67 Y = 516,301.81

Military Grid Zone (VI) A and 13
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Tide from (III): Urbanna - Reference Station Hampton Roads
Mean Range: 1.6 ft. Spring Range: 1.9 ft.
Camera: (Kind or source) U.S.C. & G.S. Nine-lens Camera
Field Inspection by: Comdr. Ray L. Schoppe
Vertical Control by H. R. Gravat
Field Edit by: Robert Sheard

Date of Mean High-Water Line Location (III): 1944

Projection and Grids ruled by (III) Ruling Machine, S. Rose
checked by: date: Aug. 1945

Control plotted by: A. H. Faulds date: June 1945
Control checked by: G. B. Willey date: June 1945

Radial Plot by: A. H. Faulds & G. B. Willey date: June 1945

Detailed by: Stereocartograph; W. D. Harris date: Jan. 1946
O. N. Dalbey

Reviewed in compilation office by: date:
Elevations on-Field Edit Sheet checked by: LENA T. Stevens date: July 1946
STATISTICS (III)

Land Area (Sq. Statute Miles): 59 sq. mi.

Shoreline (More than 200 meters to opposite shore): 1 mi.

Shoreline (Less than 200 meters to opposite shore): 3 mi.

Number of Recoverable Topographic Stations established: None

Number of Temporary Hydrographic Stations located by radial plot: None

Leveling (to control contours) - miles: about 70 miles

Roman numerals indicate whether the item is to be entered by:

(II) Field Party, (III) Compilation Party, or, (VI) the Washington Office.

When entering names of personnel on this record give the surname and initials (not initials only).

Remarks:
1. This summary of survey methods used and the method of handling T-8346 and adjoining quadrangle is provided for the convenience of those processing and using the map in the future.

2. The several mapping operations were:

   (a) Nine-lens aerial photography and laboratory processing.

   (b) Field surveys for identification of shoreline, clarification of photographic details, and establishment and identification of horizontal control.

   (c) Compilation of plenimetry and contours on a 1:20,000 scale manuscript by stereoscopic instrument methods.

   (d) Preliminary office review of the compiled manuscript.

   (e) Field edit and accuracy tests.

   (f) Final office review of the manuscript to insure completeness and conformance with specifications. This included correction of the manuscript in accordance with the field edit survey.

   (g) Drafting, reproduction, and publication. See paragraph 3.

   (h) Registry in archives. See paragraph 4.

3. T-8346 and the adjoining quadrangles will be smooth drafted, published, and distributed by the Geological Survey in accordance with the agreement of March 25, 1947.

4. The following data for T-8346 may be needed from time to time either in the U. S. Geological Survey or the Coast and Geodetic Survey. They are filed and may be obtained as follows:

   (a) Original manuscript corrected after field edit. - The manuscript is being forwarded to the Geological Survey at this time for smooth drafting. It
will be eventually returned to the Coast and Geodetic Survey and will be filed in the Division of Photogrammetry. Meanwhile, it may be obtained from the Geological Survey if needed for nautical chart correction or other purposes.

(b) Field edit sheet. - The field edit sheet is filed in the Division of Photogrammetry. It will be loaned to the Geological Survey or other divisions of the Coast Survey upon request.

(c) Descriptive report. - The descriptive report together with a 1:20,000 scale photographic print of the manuscript (a above) is being registered in the Coast and Geodetic Survey archives at this time. When T-8346 is published a cloth-backed colored print will also be registered. The descriptive report will be withdrawn from the archives and loaned to the Geological Survey upon request.

B. G. Jones
Technical Assistant to the Chief, Div. of Photogrammetry
26. Control. - A discussion of the control for the radial plot of this area is filed in the descriptive report for T-8347.

Vertical Control. - Eighty miles of spirit levels and trigonometric levels furnished the vertical control for the compilation of this sheet by the stereocartograph. These levels were run on roads which were well spaced and provided adequate control.

27. Radial Plot. - See the descriptive report for T-8347 for report on the radial plot which covers this area.

28. Detailing. - The methods used in detailing this sheet were the same as those used on T-8347 and a discussion of them is filed in the descriptive report of T-8347. The stereocartograph was used for plotting both planimetry and topography.

30. Mean High-Water Line. - This sheet has only about 3 miles of shoreline on tide-water. The range of tide is less than 2 feet so that the low and high water lines are essentially the same.

44. Comparison to existing topographic quadrangles. During the compilation of this sheet frequent reference was made to the U. S. G. S. quadrangle Urbanna, 1:62,500, 1917, and a remarkable resemblance was found to exist between them with no serious disagreements.

April 26, 1946

D. B. Harris

G. B. Schwab
FIELD EDIT REPORT

T-8346, Samos Quadrangle (3737.5/7637.5/7.5)

Project CS 289 W-1

Robert A. Horn, Chief of Party

The field edit survey was made by Robert A. Horn, Topographic Engineer, between June 3, 1946 and July 3, 1946 in accordance with The Director's Field Edit Instructions dated August 24, 1945.

46. Methods

Roads, structures, contours, and drainage were checked by riding or walking over all passable roads in this quadrangle. The shoreline and off-shore details were checked by walking along the shore or observing from a strategic position where a large portion of the shoreline would be visible. Geographic names and political boundaries were checked with local residents, posted signs, and county records. Three vertical accuracy tests were made using the approved procedures for their completion.

All results of the field edit survey are shown on the field edit sheet, or reference is made on this sheet to a photograph on which the correction or addition can be determined. The positions of such details on the field edit sheet are approximate. Reference should be made to the photograph indicated for exact locations.

Information obtained during the field edit survey is as follows:

4. Horizontal Control

Station "PTS 4, U.S.G.S., L916", located in the southeast section of this quadrangle, is not shown in its proper relative position. Either this station or road # 603 has not been delineated correctly. The station is approximately 45' north of the centerline of road # 603, and 90' east of the centerline of U.S. Route # 17.
5. Vertical Control

Bench Mark M-275, located at Lat. 37-41 and Long. 76-43, should be shown in the northwest corner of the intersection of an abandoned road with road # 602. It had been indicated south of road # 602.

6. Contours and Drainage.

The contours on this sheet portrayed the relief quite adequately despite the fact that the accuracy tests indicate a less favorable result. Minor adjustments were made on several contours, and two isolated contours were added on areas of a comparatively flat top nature.

The majority of the side drains, i.e., branches of the main drain, were narrow and deep. A slight deviation in the location of the drain resulted in the contours being in error considerably, which was the case in the vicinity of Accuracy Test # 1.


There were no wharves or shoreline structures noted on this sheet. The shoreline area is very limited in extent.


No off-shore details were noted.

11. Landmarks and Aids to Navigation.

There are no landmarks or aids to navigation to be located on this sheet.

14. Road Classification.

Many roads indicated as being indefinite were deleted. For the most part they were abandoned logging roads. Many roads were reclassified in accordance with the Director's Instructions.

15. Bridges.

A few bridges were added, and in most every case an indication made to show a symbol for a bridge.


With the accelerated construction in progress it was necessary to add a large number of buildings. Many of them are the old buildings which had been deleted on interior or field inspection, but now due to their improvement warrant being shown on the sheet.
17. Boundary Monuments and Lines.

There are two discrepancies corrected in County Lines. One is the Essex County-Middlesex County Line in the northwest sector of the quadrangle. The other is the King and Queen County-Middlesex County Line in the south central sector of the sheet. This line continues down Dragon Run. Both corrections are shown on the sheet. The accuracy of said changes have been verified by the following:

1. Mr. David Holyfield, Office of Resident Engineer, Department of Highways, Saluda, Virginia.
2. Mr. DeBush, County Farm Agent, Soil Conservation Service, Saluda, Virginia
3. Mr. C.W. Eastman, County Clerk, Courthouse, Saluda.

18. Geographic Names.

There are several changes to be made in names on this sheet. Most of them are simply an additional word to give the complete name of a church. These names were confirmed by cornerstones, signs, and local residents. There were not any disputed names found. The list of recommended changes are as follows:

Change:

1. Shiloh Baptist Church to Union Shiloh Baptist Church.
   References 1 & 2

2. Bethel Church to Bethel Methodist Church.
   References 1 & 2

3. Metropolitan Church to Metropolitan Baptist Church.
   References 1 & 3

4. Change the location of Farley Park Corner from Long. 76-39.2 to Long. 76-40.5.
   References 4 & 5

List of References:

2. Mr. R.B. Croxton, Farmer, Jamaica P.O., Virginia.

47. Adequacy of Compilation.

Other than the few discrepancies noted on the sheet the compilation appears adequate and complete in this quadrangle.
49. Review of First Proof.

Mr. E.M. DeBusk, County Farm Agent, Saluda, Virginia has been requested to review one of the first proofs of this quadrangle. Mr. DeBusk works daily in and about this area and is consequently very familiar with the locality. It is felt that he is well qualified to make the review.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robert A. Horn
Topographic Engineer
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Samos Virginia 73° Topographic Quadrangle (T-8346)

1 Manuscript
1 Overlay
1 Glass negative

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SAMES VIRGINIA 74 Topographic Quadrangle (T=3546)

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1 Glass negative

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(Signed) Edward L. Jones
Acting Chief, Division of Photogrammetry

Received the above:

Date

U. S. Geological Survey

Number 11
1. This summary of survey methods used and the method of handling T-8346 and adjoining quadrangle is provided for the convenience of those processing and using the map in the future.

2. The several mapping operations were:

(a) Nine-lens aerial photography and laboratory processing.

(b) Field surveys for identification of shore-line, clarification of photographic details, and establishment and identification of horizontal control.

(c) Compilation of planimetry and contours on a 1:20,000 scale manuscript by stereoscopic instrument methods.

(d) Preliminary office review of the compiled manuscript.

(e) Field edit and accuracy tests.

(f) Final office review of the manuscript to insure completeness and conformance with specifications. This included correction of the manuscript in accordance with the field edit survey.

(g) Drafting, reproduction, and publication. See paragraph 3.

(h) Registry in archives. See paragraph 4.

3. T-8346 and the adjoining quadrangles will be smooth drafted, published, and distributed by the Geological Survey in accordance with the agreement of March 25, 1947.

4. The following data for T-8346 may be needed from time to time either in the U. S. Geological Survey or the Coast and Geodetic Survey. They are filed and may be obtained as follows:

(a) Original manuscript corrected after field edit. - The manuscript is being forwarded to the Geological Survey at this time for smooth drafting. It
will be eventually returned to the Coast and Geodetic Survey and will be filed in the Division of Photogrammetry. Meanwhile, it may be obtained from the Geological Survey if needed for nautical chart correction or other purposes.

(b) Field edit sheet. - The field edit sheet is filed in the Division of Photogrammetry. It will be loaned to the Geological Survey or other divisions of the Coast Survey upon request.

(c) Descriptive report. - The descriptive report together with a 1:20,000 scale photographic print of the manuscript (a above) is being registered in the Coast and Geodetic Survey archives at this time. When T-8346 is published a cloth-backed colored print will also be registered. The descriptive report will be withdrawn from the archives and loaned to the Geological Survey upon request.

B. G. Jones  
Technical Assistant to the  
Chief, Div. of Photogrammetry
Diff. = -16.8 M
True Distance = 11,016.8 M
Measured Distance = 11,000 M

Diff. = 17.699 M
Measured Distance = 13,859.0 M
True Distance = 13,873.5 M

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Sheet Dimensions

Manuscript No. T-8346
Scaled 25 June 1941
by H.M. L.
Summary of Vertical Accuracy Tests, T-8346

Three individual areas were tested by plane-table profiles on this map. Two of the tests were across heavily wooded ravines and one in a flat area, but for the most part in woods.

In summarizing the tests, the field editor was not permitted to take advantage of the 0.6 millimeter shift in position permissible in accordance with specifications. The tests were re-examined in this office, and after applying the permissible shift of 0.6 millimeter in position 90 per cent of the test points were correct within 1/2 contour interval.
Division of Photogrammetry
Review of Topographic Quadrangle T-8346

All headings omitted are not applicable or are fully covered in other sections of this report or the Project Report for Project CS-289W.

26. **Control**: A discussion of the control used in the radial plot of this quadrangle is filed in the description report for T-8347. A list of the horizontal and vertical control occurring on this map is attached. Since the metal-mounted office photos were dismantled for re-use of the metal, they were not available to check the radial plot, or to make additional radial intersection points, for adding detail noted by the field edit man. Field prints were used for making the above checks and additions. The results were felt to be satisfactory.

27. **Radial Plot**: The main radial plot is discussed in detail in descriptive report T-8347.

28. **Detailing**: In general, the compilation of details were quite complete. All corrections and additions noted by the field edit man (on the field edit sheet and the photographs) were applied to the manuscript by the reviewer.

44. **Comparison with Existing Topographic Quadrangles**: USGS Urbanna (N.W. 1/4), 1:62,500, 1917 (ed. 1944) contours differ in detail, but not in general interpretation.

The more recent cultural detail on this map manuscript makes the USGS Urbanna Quadrangle map obsolete.

48. **Accuracy Tests**: Vertical accuracy tests were completed at time of field edit; for results see attached pages. This map complies with national map accuracy requirements.

Reviewed by: Lena T. Stevens, Photogrammetrist July 31, 1946

Reviewed under direction of: S. V. Griffith, Chief, Review Section

Harland R. Cravat, Photogrammetrist June 1947
APPROVED BY:

Technical Assistant to the Chief, Div. of Photogrammetry

Chief, Nautical Chart Br. Division of Charts

Chief, Div. of Photogrammetry

Chief, Div. of Coastal Surveys