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Adopted name Assacorkin Island652.27
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Description a marshy island on the west side of Chincoteague Bay, in the approach to Johnson Bay, near lat. 38°03'36" N.; long. 75°19' W., Worcester County, Md. (Not Assaquakin Island nor Bens Island.)

Names

Authorities

Assaquakin Island

1865 - Map of Maryland, by S. J. Martenet.

Assacorkin Island

1901 - U.S.G.S., Snow Hill quad., repr. 1934.

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1904 - Gaz. of Md., by Gannett, U.S.G.S., Bull. 231, p. 12.

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1908 - C. & G.S., topog. survey T-2896.

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1924 - Soil map of Worcester Co., by U.S. Bur. Soils and Maryland Geol. Survey.

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1935 - Map of Worcester Co., by Maryland Geol. Survey.

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1937 - U.S.C. & G.S., Coast Pilot, Sec. C, pp. 125 and 126.

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1937 - U.S.C. & G.S., chart 1220, also 1941.

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1939 - U.S.E. blueprint, Baltimore Office, Jan. 28, 1939, Inland Waterway 95, shelf 55, No. 27 of 33 sheets (C. & G.S. file 32811)

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Submitted by U. S. C. & G. S.Date November 6, 1942Card by LH

Decision of Executive Committee

Assacorkin IslandWL GJ E. E. L.KTA.

Local usage
Bens Island

C. & G.S. field party consulted 6 local authorities who verify this name as in wide local usage for at least 65 years. Recommended by field party.

Comment from report on names by 1942 C. & G.S. field party: There is an Assacorkin Thoroughfare (5 local authorities, in use at least 60 years) just to the west of this island, which probably explains why this island was originally shown on the maps as Assacorkin Island. Local people, however, know this island only as "Bens Island", and apply the name "Assacorkin" only to the thoroughfare. (N.B. The thoroughfare is actually southwest of the island, between it and Mills Island.) (U.S.C. & G.S., 11/6/42)