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The photographs assembled in this report were taken by the writer and Regional Archeologist Harrington. Unless specifically noted, the pictures were taken by the writer. Those taken by Regional Archeologist Harrington are credited to him in each instance. Negatives for all of the pictures are in the Regional Office photographic files.

The pictures that the writer took were made on Sunday, August 21. The party, of which the writer was a member, arrived at St. Croix Island at near low tide, and because of conditions of getting on and off the island, we were told by Mr. Quinn, the lighthouse keeper, who transported us to and from the island, that our stay would have to be short. Because of this situation, I took pictures very hurriedly, snapping pictures of everything that I thought would be of interest in showing the present condition of the island.

Mr. Harrington's pictures were taken on September 16 at the time of his visit to the island.

Several of the pictures are in a sense repetitious of others, but it was thought advisable to include them in this group because so few people in the Service have had an opportunity to visit the island as yet, and they may possibly have some information of value.



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1. Looking southeast toward St. Croix Island from rock shoals at low tide out from point on Wilson property. Buoy shows absence of tidal current at time picture was taken. Canadian shore in background. (Photo. by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



2. Looking southeast toward St. Croix Island from boat about mid-way from American shore. Canadian shore in background. (Photo. by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



3. Approach to St. Croix Island from American shore and west.



4. Approach to St. Croix Island from American shore; southwest tip of island.



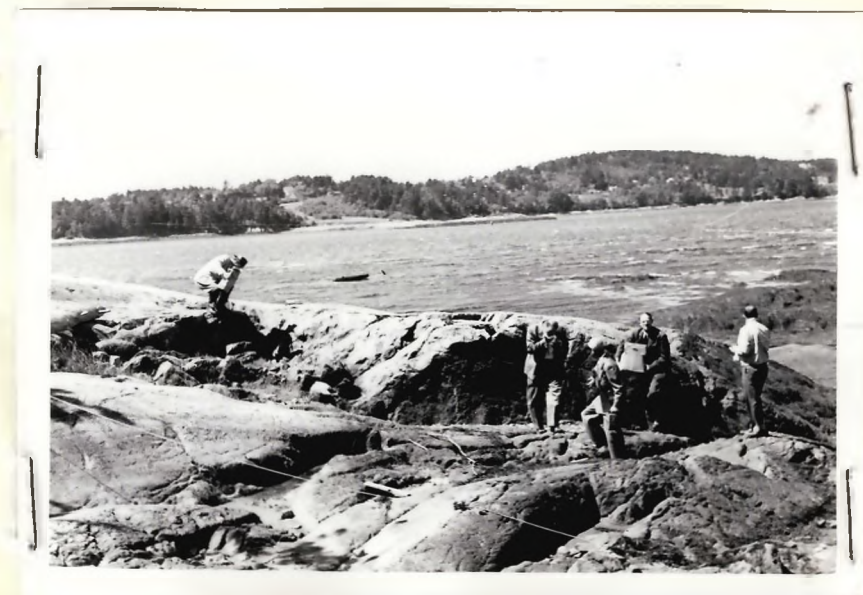
5. View showing erosional cut through island at southern tip of island. High tide almost completely covers cut.



6. One of nubbles at southern tip of island almost completely separated from main island at high tide.



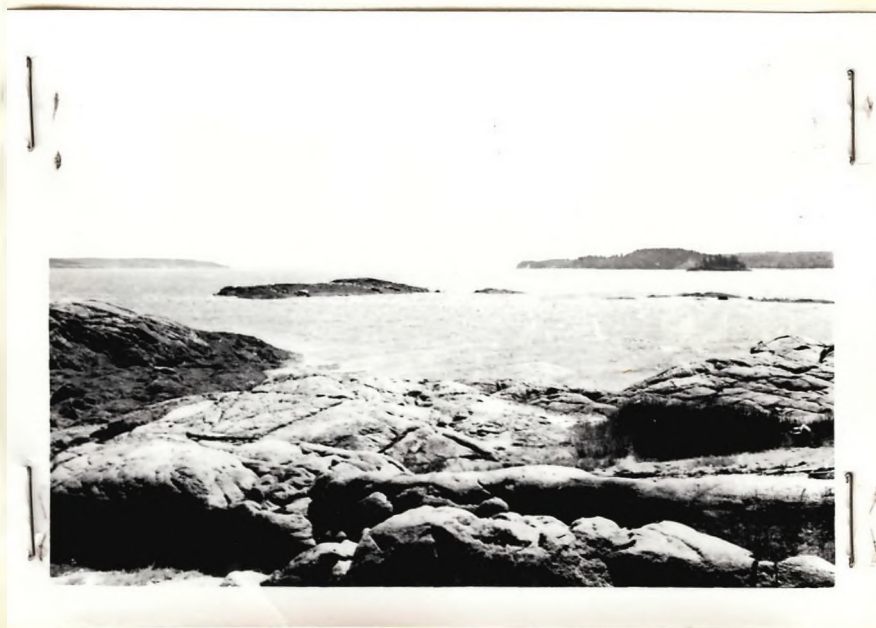
7. Visiting group landing at erosional cut, southern tip of island.



8. Visiting group climbing granite rocks from shore. Left to right: Associate Regional Director Cox; Chief Counsel Price; Chief Preservation & Use Branch, Porter; Superintendent Hadley, Acadia; and Chief Historian Ronald F. Lee. American shore in background.



9. Visiting group; Cox, Lee, Porter, Price, and Hadley.



10. View to south from tip of island, showing granite boulders and St. Croix River toward direction of Bay of Fundy. Little Docket Island in river at right distance.



11. View showing erosional wear at southern tip of island.



12. Wrights Nubble at southeastern tip of island; separated from main island at high tide.



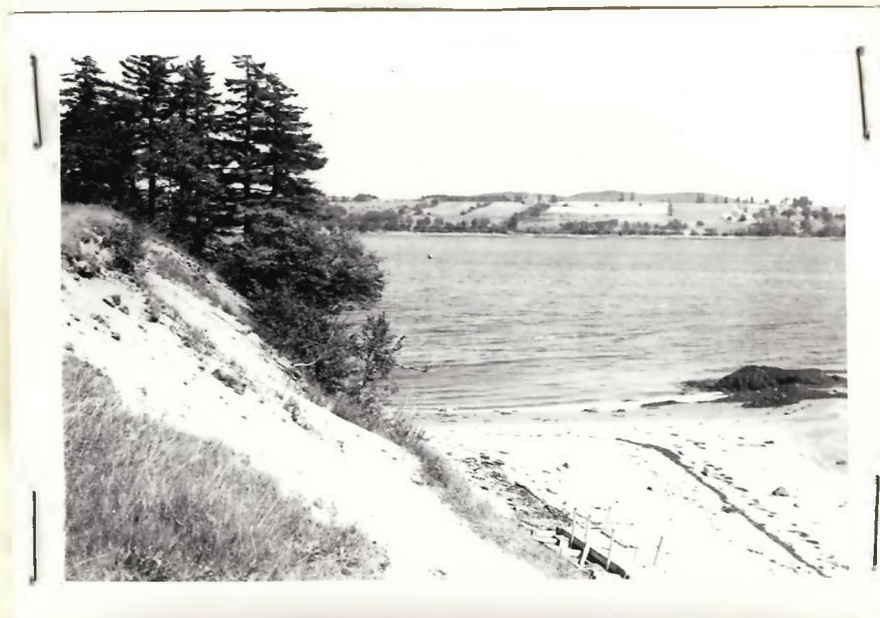
13. View showing erosional wear at southeastern end of island. Canadian shore in the background.



14. View from top of island, looking down into erosional cut across southern tip. American shore in background.



15. Chapel Nubble, southwestern tip of island; separated from main island at high tide.



16. Looking from top of island across erosional cut at southern tip of island toward the Canadian shore.



17. Looking across erosional cut at southern tip of island toward Canadian shore; almost low tide.



18. View down St. Croix River (direction, generally south), showing erosional character of southern tip of island. Little Docket Island and American shore in background.



19. Another view of general conditions at southern tip of island.



20. View on top island, looking north toward Coast Guard light-house, which occupies highest point on the island.



21. General view looking north, showing grassy nature of island.
This was in garden at time of French settlement, 1604.



22. Same general area as shown in No. 21, except eastern side of
island, south of lighthouse.



23. Coast Guard lighthouse as seen from south. *west?*



24. Coast Guard lighthouse as seen from north. Fuel house, painted dark, is in foreground.



25. View of northern end of island, showing area generally occupied by buildings of French colony, 1604.



26. View showing northwest tip of island. Tree fringe marks precipitous drop to water.



27. Northern tip of island.



28. Granite boulder with bronze plaque commemorating de Monts' and Champlain's settlement, 1604, located in the northeast, central part of the island.



29. Bronze plaque on boulder.



30. View looking southwest toward the American shore from point near northern tip of island.



31. View north up St. Croix River from northern tip of island. The drop down to the water is a precipitous granite ledge.



32. Boat ramp on western side of island. Corner of boat house is seen at left.



33. Another view of boat ramp and granite ledge, west side of island.



34. View of general conditions on top of island: Granite outcropping, heavy grass, and low shrubbery.



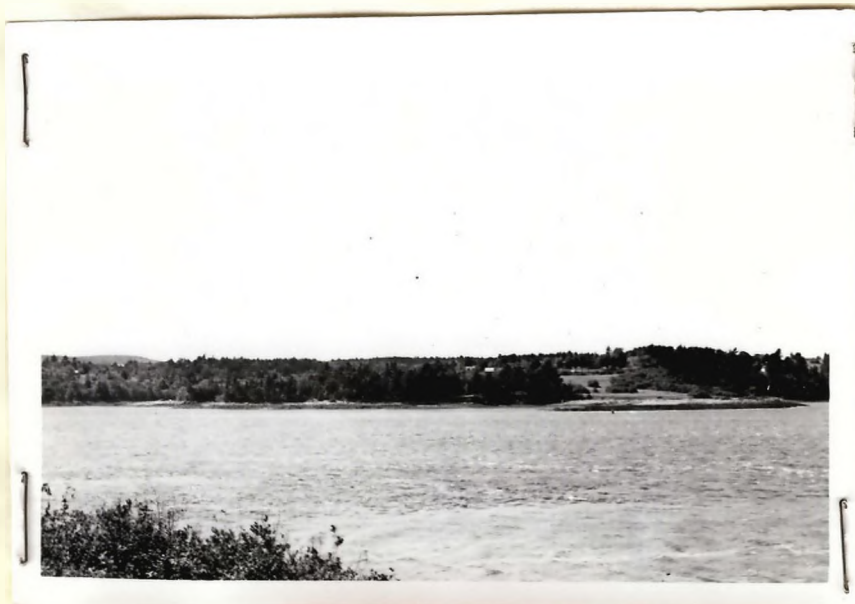
35. View from top of island, looking toward American shore.
(Direction: East)



36. Southern end of Island from light tower. Boundary fence between Coast Guard and private property in foreground. Wrights Nubble on left (wooded); Chapel Nubble on right. Little Docket Island in distance. (Photo by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



37. Northern end of island from light tower, showing approximate extent of historic habitation site. (Photo by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



38. View from top of island, looking west toward American shore. Open area at right is point closest to the island.



39. View along northwest corner of island.



40. View southwest from northwest tip of island. American shore in background.



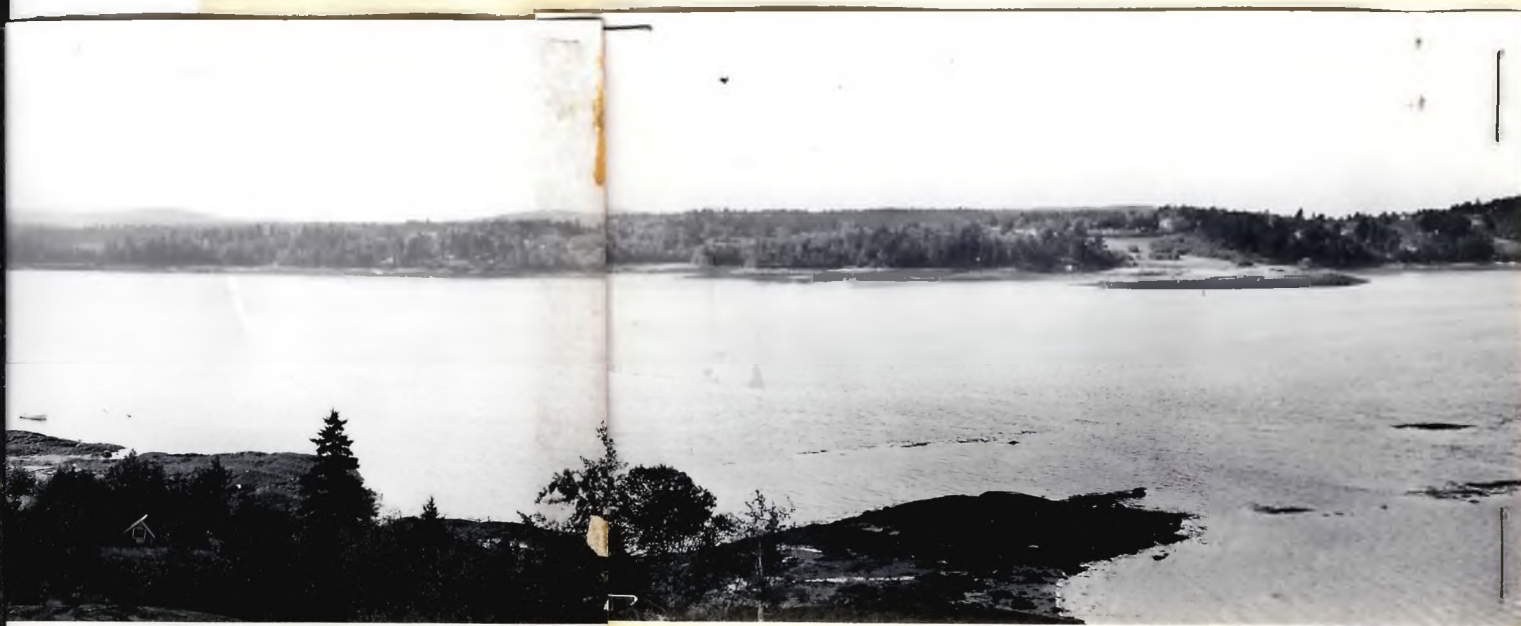
41. View north along eastern shore of island at low tide, showing sand and boulders.



42. View south along eastern side of island, showing granite boulder and ledge condition. Lee and Cox are in the picture. *f Porter?*



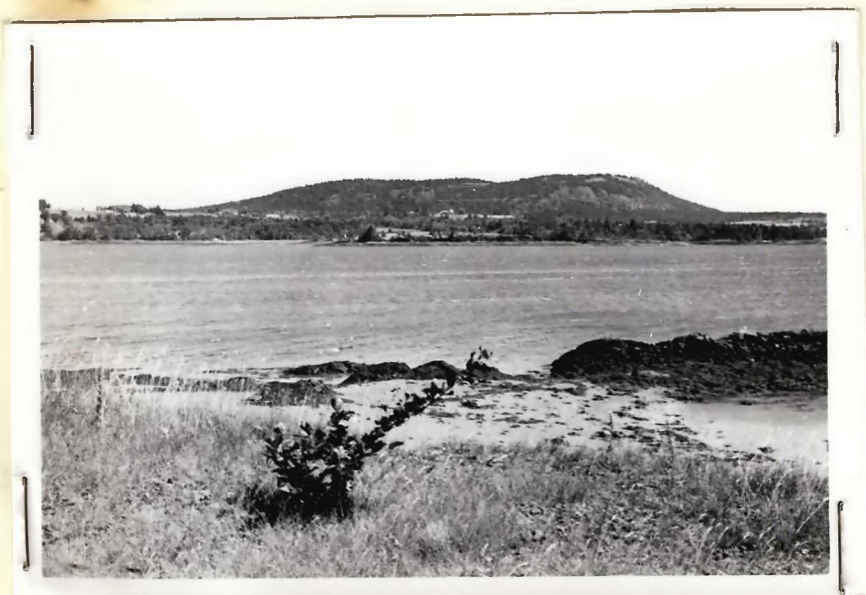
43. View looking south on eastern side of island. Canadian shore in distance. Appleman is in picture.



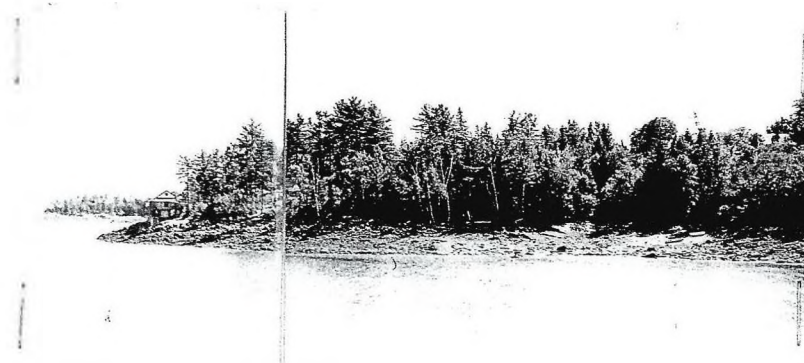
44. Looking west from lighthouse tower toward American shore. (Photo by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



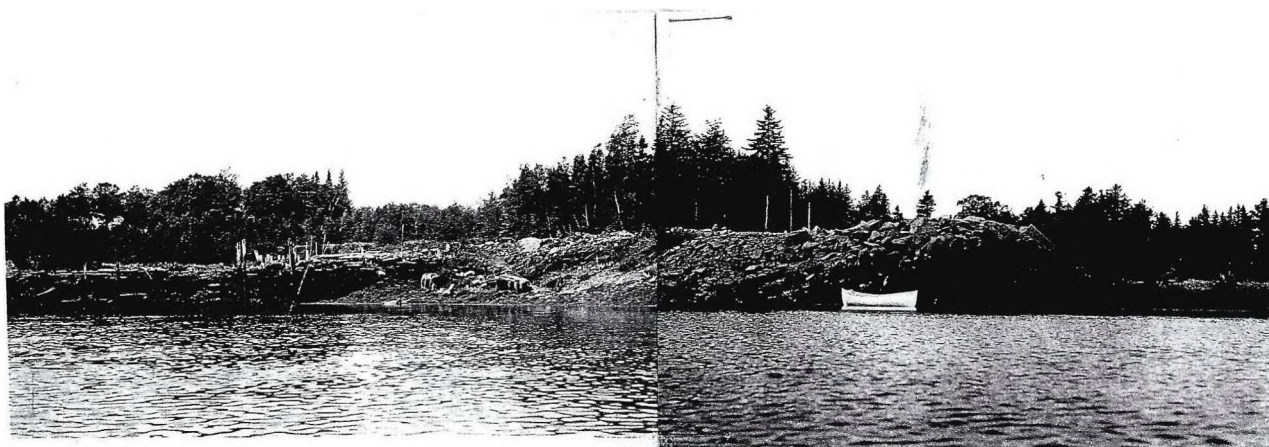
45. View from southern tip of island, looking east to Canadian shore. High ground or mountain in distance is landmark mentioned in records of French colony, 1604.



46. View in same direction, showing more of this mountain and Canadian shore.



47. Red Beach area on American shore just south of plaster mill site.



48. Plaster mill site at normal low tide (looking northwest from boat). White boat is alongside uncompleted stone pier. (Photo by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



49. Looking north: End of stone pier at plaster mill site on left.
Normal low tide. (Photo by Harrington, 9/16/49.)



50. Looking up creek at plaster mill site.



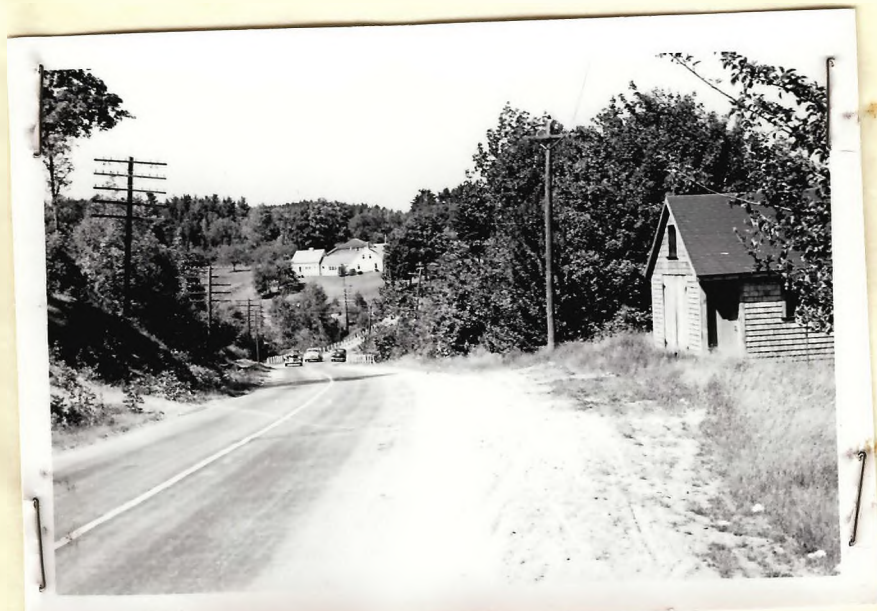
51. Looking from Parker family tract across St. Croix River to St. Croix Island. Canadian shore merges into scene beyond island.



52. View looking southeast across St. Croix Island to Canadian shore. View from a point about one mile north of St. Croix Island.



53. View looking south along U. S. Highway No. 1 opposite St. Croix Island.



54. View looking north along U. S. Highway No. 1 opposite St. Croix Island.

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