

and quaint articles of virtú, priceless to a collector of antiques.

The origin of, and the person or people who applied, the harsh ugly name to the place are alike, unknown.

There is, however, a tradition that in the early days a vessel was wrecked near the island and a large number of hogs swam safely to shore, and some matter-of-fact person with no knowledge of euphony named the spot "Hog Island" and such is the name it carries to this day. How much more appropriate and far more beautiful is the old Indian name "Machipongo."

The island as it is to-day is well worth a visit from the sportsman, fisherman and tourist.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISLAND

It is low lying, with here and there patches of fine trees : pine, oak, and red cedar. Much of the island is composed of sea meadow that lies high and dry at low water and is submerged at the flood. About three miles of the place is solid ground; the houses are comfortable frame dwellings of five and six rooms, a garden on one side with a high board fence to protect it from the salt spray that is driven all over the place during a storm.

THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEF

There is an abundance of water and of firewood. There are two hundred and fifty inhabitants. It is an intensely religious community ; they believe in a personal God and a