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A "Most Terrible Gale": The Hurricane of 1878, by Dr. Phillip Hesser, 6 August 2014

In October 1878, the most violent storm in 40 years attacked the Eastern Seaboard, unleashing much of its fury on waters between Calvert and Dorchester counties in Maryland. In the aftermath of the storm, one steamer, the "Express," was torn apart and others scattered around the shores of the Bay. The people of South Dorchester made a brief appearance in the newspaper stories, described in one account as "vultures" salvaging the remnants of the "Express." This talk went behind the newspaper accounts to see what happened to the people of South Dorchester in the storm and examines "the story behind the story" of the wrecks on the beach.