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The News from Holland Island - Stories about the Long-Ago Community, By Claude Gootee, 6 August 2008

Drawing on newspapers stories and local sources, the people of Holland Island will be heard in their own words, as nearly 100 years ago, they saw their island being taken by the Bay. Holland Island is the southern-most part of Dorchester County. The island was settled in the 1600s, and its population peaked about 1910 when some 360 people lived there. The community included several general stores, a school, church, Red Men's Hall, Post Office, a doctor, and a minister. There was a fleet of schooners and skipjacks and more than 60 houses.

By 1920 the erosion from wind and tide was taking its toll on the island's bay side. By 1922 most of the residents of Holland Island were forced to leave by the erosion. Residents moved their homes, piece by piece, to mainland sites. Today, the island's size has been reduced by erosion from some 160 acres in 1915 to less than 80 acres.