

388 miles from where it is now ; the main inlet there round to Duck Bar—Duck Bar is in the centre of the inlet.

GARRET BERGEN, sworn :

Direct examination by MR. DAILEY :

Q. Where do you live ?

A. Flatlands.

Q. How old a man are you ?

389 A. Past sixty-seven.

Q. Are you familiar with Jamaica Bay and Rockaway Beach ?

A. Partly so.

Q. Do you know the location of Block House Point ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know the location of what is called the "Old Gut ?"

A. Yes, sir ; what I was told ; I never saw it to pass through it.

390 Q. Do you know the location of it ?

A. Yes.

Q. Were was it with reference to Block House Point ?

A. About half a mile to the east, if I am correct in my view.

ISAAC SKIDMORE, sworn :

Direct examination by MR. DAILEY :

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Q. Where do you reside ?

A. At Canarsie.

Q. How old a man are you ?

A. I will be fifty-nine the twelfth day of next April, if I live to see it.

Q. What was your business in early life ?

A. Fishing a good deal.

Q. Are you familiar with Rockaway Beach and Jamaica Bay ?

A. Well, I have been there some ; yes, sir. 392

Q. Do you know the location of the "Old Gut?"

A. I believe I do ; what is said to be the "Old Gut."

Q. Where was it in reference to Block House Point?

A. It is quite a piece to the eastward of Block House Point ; I could not say exactly how far ; I have been all through there ; old Uncle John Drew showed me one time where the "Old Gut" went through, and said he had been through that with a boat.

Q. Through to what ?

A. Through into the ocean. 393

WILLIAM JOHNSON, sworn :

Direct examination by MR. DAILEY :

Q. Where do you reside ?

A. At Canarsie.

Q. How long have you resided there ?

A. Well, sir, I have been there about forty years, I 394
guess.

Q. What is your business ?

A. Fishing ; clamming.

Q. Are you familiar with Rockaway Beach and Jamaica Bay ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know the location of Block House Point ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you been familiar with the location of what 395
is called the "Old Gut," or "Inlet" ?

A. I used to know it.

Q. Where is it with reference to Block House Point ?

A. It is east of Block House Point.

Q. What was the course of it ? What particular course did it take ?

A. It is about a southeast course ; I have been through it before it was filled up ; I was outside, and came in with a boat of —