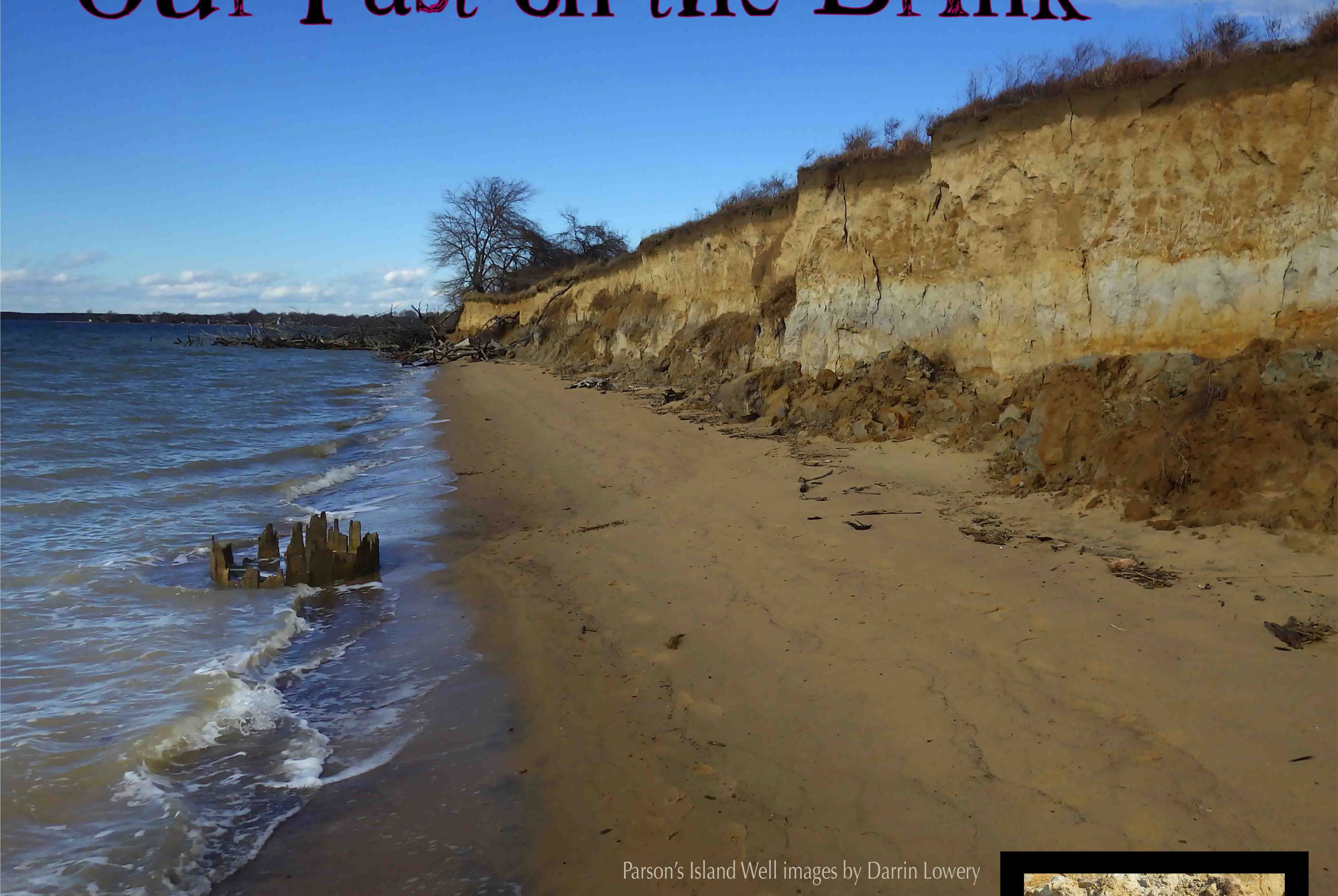


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## At the Water's Edge: Our Past on the Brink

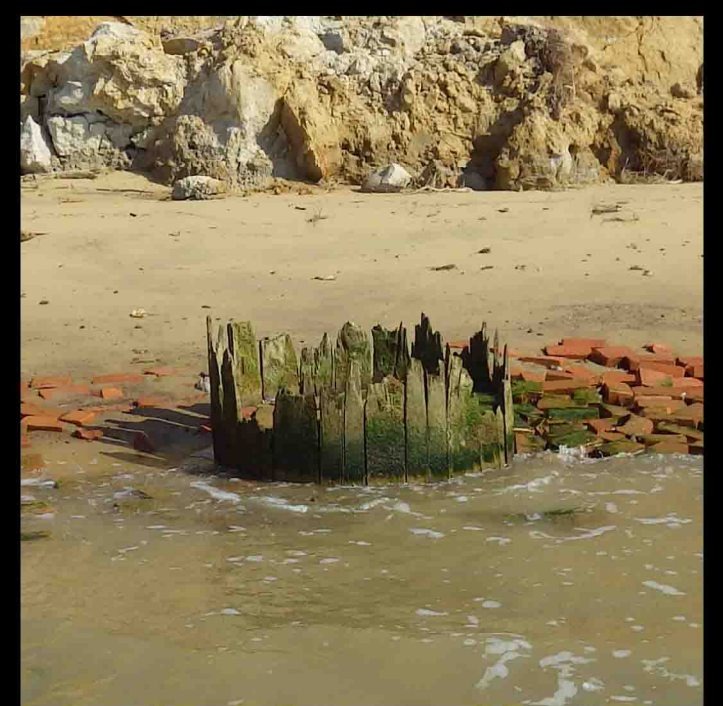


Parson's Island Well images by Darrin Lowery



Eroded barrel well  
pictured above  
in 2017

In September 2013 erosion along the southwest shore of Parson's Island in the Chesapeake Bay revealed an early 19th century brick well (inset right). When built this well served a farm complex and was far inland (inset left). By the Spring of 2014, shoreline erosion had left the well standing free from the bank, and by June it had collapsed. The staves of the barrel that formed the base of this historic well are visible in the surf in the larger image, some 10 meters from the eroding bank.



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