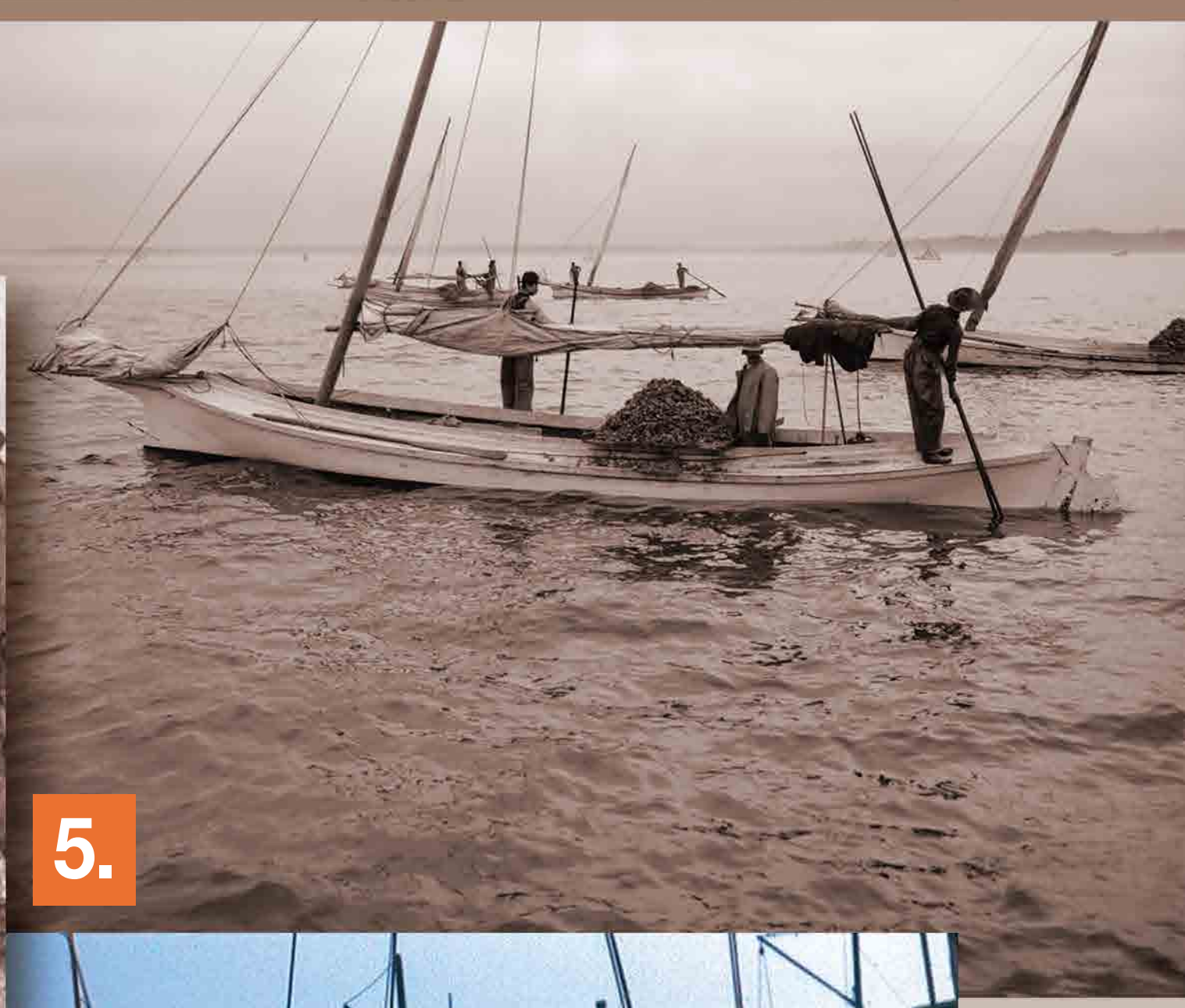
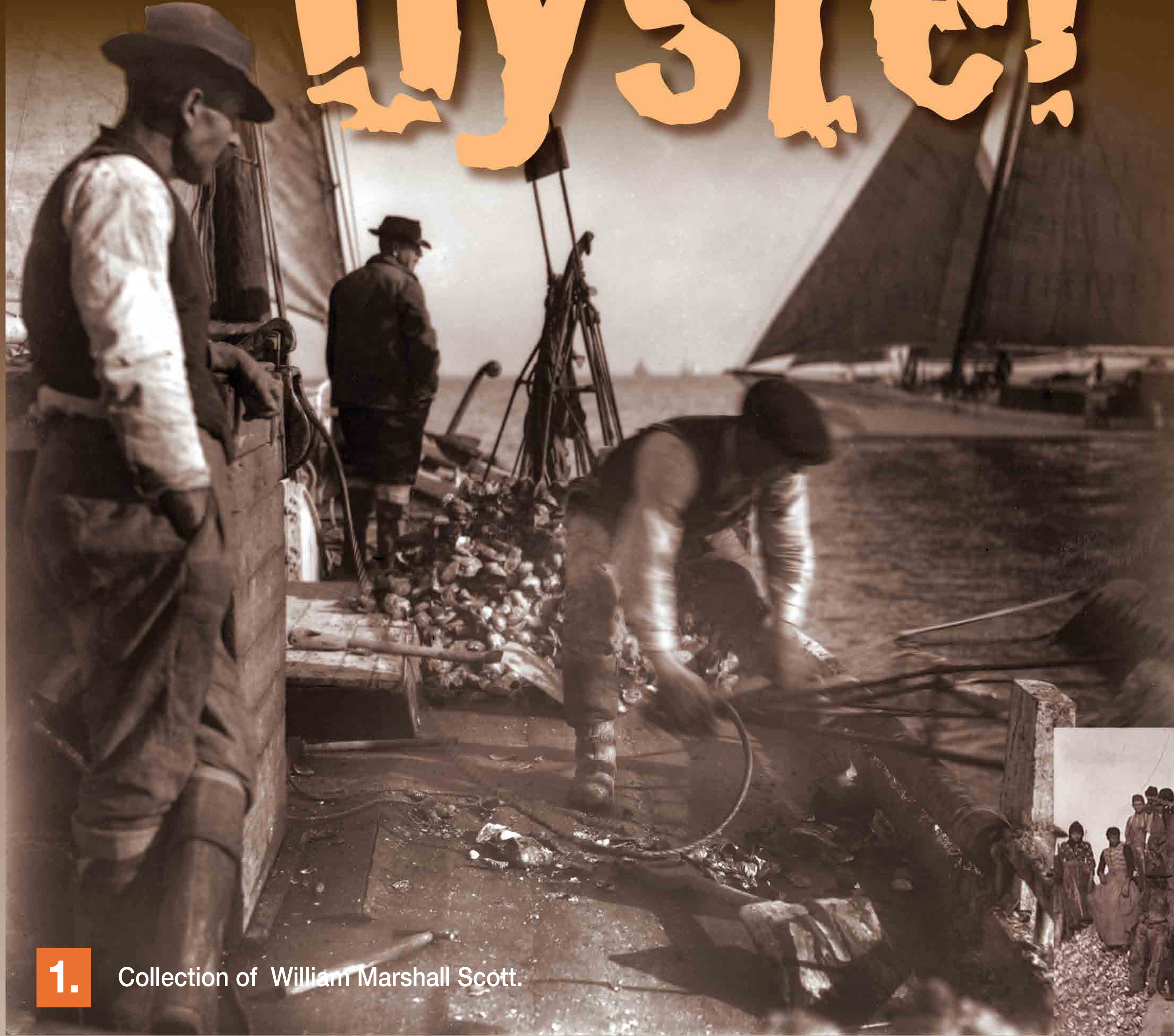


# Oyster Industry



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1. Watermen on the deck of a skipjack under sail dredging on the oyster bars of Tangier Sound, c. 1920-30.
2. Crisfield watermen use hydraulic patent tongs to catch oysters in the Chesapeake Bay, c. 1980.
3. Oyster shipping barrels, early 1900s.
4. African-American oyster shuckers, c. 1891, pose for a picture on a pile of oyster shells in Crisfield's "Jersey" section.
5. Hand-tonging oysters from log canoes on Tangier Sound, c. 1905.
6. Harvesting seafood is one thing; getting it to the processors for commercial sales is another. For many years, Crisfield's seafood packers populated the Chesapeake Bay with "buy boats" captained by representatives of companies authorized to purchase fish, crabs and oysters fresh from the boats of watermen busy pulling in the days catch. Here, the buy boat "Joseph" unloads the day's catch at one of the city's seafood houses.
7. Blowing (to remove all foreign matter) & canning oysters at George A. Christy & Son Seafood, c. 1955.
8. Stalls line the shucking room of George A. Christy & Son Seafood, c. 1955, As the employee in the middle delivers wheelbarrows full of unshucked oysters to the shuckers' stalls.
9. Crisfield looking east on Main Street with Somers Cove and Jersey Island Bridge on the right.

9. Courtesy of the Image Preservation Company.

