

ABSTRACT

AL-IA-067

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(146)

Artemas, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

1767 (milestone)

1902 (first set)

Milestone No. ---(146) on Piney Ridge, marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile west of the preceding monument, No. ---(145) on the west slope of Town Hill. It is an original milestone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered (but with a major break through the stone now held together by an iron band around its top perimeter). It is an embellished oolitic limestone post, quarried and carved in England, stands about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet above ground, measures about  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches square, and is believed to have been among those excess monuments retrieved during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary for more clearly preserving the visual integrity of the boundary west of Sideling Hill. On the national and state levels, this milestone is significant primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments still marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(146) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Magi No.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 146)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)  
 STREET & NUMBER off the north end of Scofield Road, on Piney Ridge

CITY, TOWN

Artemas

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <sup>State</sup> boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IA-067 entered 6/2/81

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

Survey No. AL-IA-067

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1, 2) (first set)

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. ---(146) marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile west of the preceding monument, No. ---(145). It is an original milestone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered (but with a major break through the stone held together by an iron band around its <sup>top</sup> perimeter), stands about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet above ground, and was first set at <sup>this</sup> new site established <sup>on the line in 1902 during</sup> the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area <sup>sparsely settled, farmed top of</sup> here is the cleared <sup>Piney</sup> Ridge, between Town Hill to the east and Green Ridge to the west. The site is within Election District 1 of Allegany County, MD, and Mann Township of Bedford County, PA; <sup>at a point</sup> about 400 feet north of the tenant farm house on the east side of Scofield Road, and about 65 feet east of the former extension of Scofield Road, now blocked with a gate and serving as a realigned private farm lane. It is in a fenced, grassy field, <sup>the south side</sup> against new <sup>east-west</sup> barbed wires. It cannot be seen from the road or farm lane, and is protected by the fencing and tenants.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post <sup>(no longer)</sup> with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and said to have originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more in length, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. This milestone, one of only 8 original monuments within the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset part of the West Line, was among those <sup>excess monuments</sup> found by the Resurvey (presumably) in the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, and set at this <sup>new</sup> point on the West Line in order to restore the visual integrity of the boundary in this area. It is firmly set, <sup>apparently</sup> much as it was in 1902, about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet high, and measures about 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches square. The letters and circle panels are clear, but the P is chipped; most fluting and margins remain, though <sup>is now flat</sup> the top <sup>and the</sup> planes and fluting are gone. There are minor chips along all edges, and a big chip along the southwest edge. It is not known when the <sup>flat</sup> iron shrinking band was applied, but it seems to hold <sup>cracked</sup> the stone together well. (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the original

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting these)

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (milestone)  
1902 (first set)

~~BLINDERS/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. ---(146) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The area was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, but the site not permanently marked with an original<sup>1767</sup> milestone until 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments (of 37 markers) along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(146) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Artemas (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 72231, northing 439994

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY AlleganySTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

6/1/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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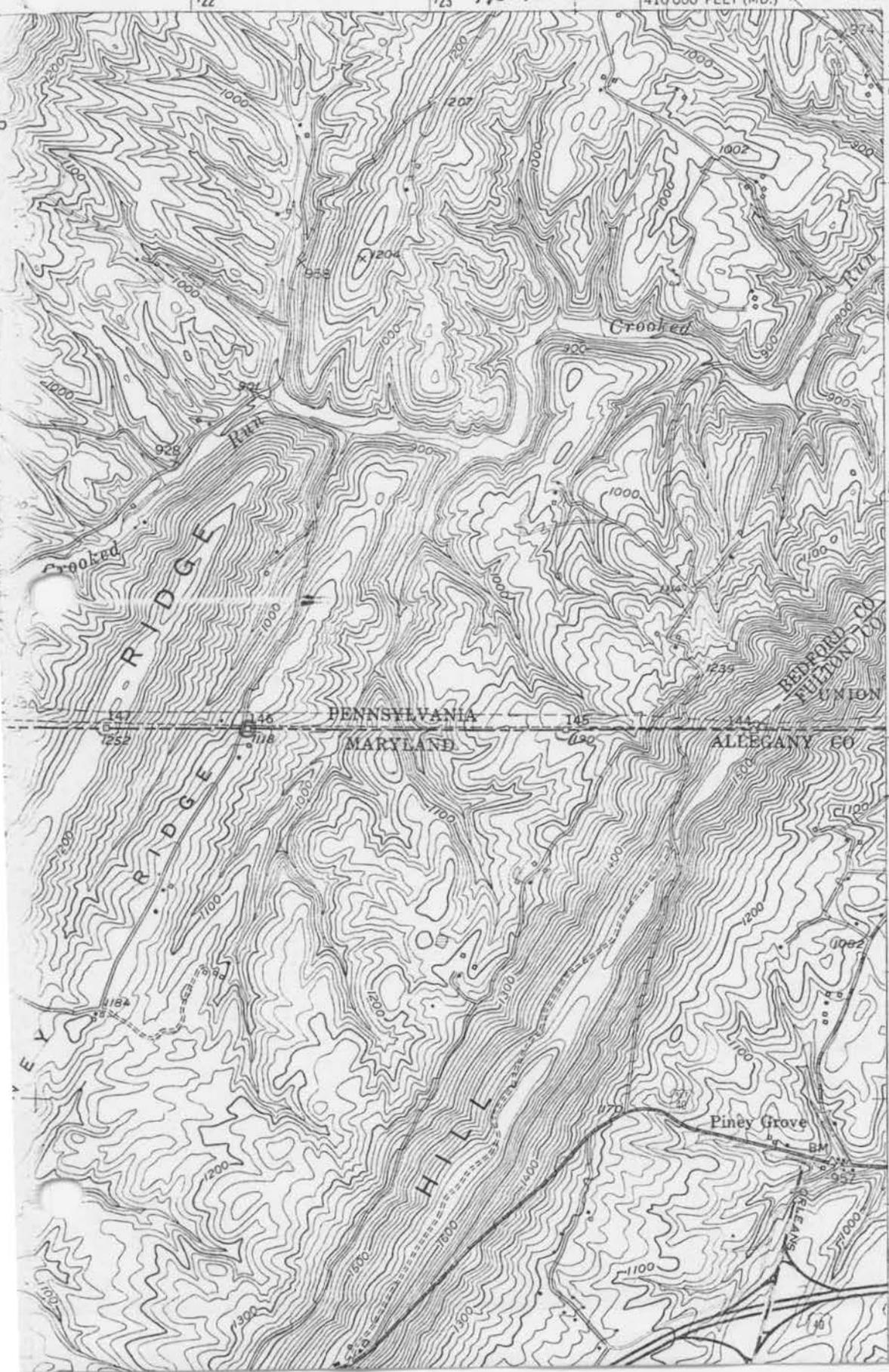
NGS, MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MARKER SURVEY 1919-81  
(MD-PA BOUNDARY) EVERETT (JUNG U.S. 301 23 MI)  
INGLESBETH 0.4 MI.



ARTEMAS QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW 1/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE  
1950 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE 1" = 2000'  
410 000 FEET (MD.)

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE:  
MILESTONE (146)  
5363 IV SE (AMARANTH)  
ALLEGANY CO (22)



39°45'  
4403  
700 000 FEET (MD.)  
(144) MOUND OF EARTH (ORIG. MED CROWNSTONE)  
4402  
(145) —: (MID SET 1902)  
4401  
(146) —: (MID SET 1902)

BELLE GROVE 2.6 MI  
HAGERSTOWN 4.0 MI



(146)

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MASON'S DUNDAS STREET MILESTONE --- (146)  
SE CORNER (M- )

PHOTO: ALICE MASON 2<sup>nd</sup> F<sup>th</sup> (31/2/2)



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MAGON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (146)  
NW CORNER (D/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 6/18 (980 21.4)