

ABSTRACT

AL-IA-068

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(147)  
Artemas, Pennsylvania vicinity  
Public/private

1767 (milestone)  
1902 (first set, in additional  
site)

Milestone No. ---(147) on Green Ridge, marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 1950 feet west of the preceding milestone No. ---(146) on Piney Ridge. It is an original milestone of 1767, in fairly good condition, unaltered, stands about 1½ feet above ground, and measures about 12 inches square. It is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a <sup>low</sup>pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and is believed to have been among those excess monuments found and first set in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary in an effort to more clearly preserve the visual integrity of the boundary in this area. 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 their 230.228-mile West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments (of 37 markers) still defining the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(147) 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

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## 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. 147)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off the northeast side of Green Ridge Road, on Green 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: state 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-068 entered 6/2/81

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21401

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

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

Milestone No. ---(147) <sup>on Green Ridge</sup> marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 1950 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(146) on Piney Ridge. It is an original milestone of 1767, in fairly good condition, unaltered, stands about 1½ feet above ground, and was first set at this <sup>additional</sup> site established on the Line in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is the narrow top of Green Ridge, densely covered by a deciduous forest, with no permanent structures along this part of the ridge. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Mann Township of Bedford County, PA; about 2¼ miles southwest of the small settlement of Artemas, PA; at a point about 3700 feet north-northeast of the <sup>gated</sup> entrance of a private lane off the east side of Green Ridge Road, near a bend about 0.7 mile south of the boundary. It is in the middle <sup>about 50 feet north of an orange pipe,</sup> of a footpath along the ridge, <sup>and about 90 feet south of the new pipeline,</sup> a short distance north of the Tart's lane turnaround. It cannot be seen from any road, and not easily from the turnaround except when vegetation is dormant. This remoteness and obscurity seems to protect it.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post 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 is one of only 8 original monuments (2 crownstones; 6 milestones) within the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county part of the West Line, and presumably was among those <sup>original</sup> excess monuments found by the Resurvey in the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, and set at this additional site in 1902 in order to restore the visual integrity of the boundary in this area. It is firmly in place, measures close to 12 inches square, with considerable weathering on the top, north and east faces. The letters are intact, but the P and its circle panel indistinct; <sup>some quite large</sup> most fluting and margins remain; there are chips along all edges and top corners, <sup>particularly</sup> along the top edge of the south side; and the top planes and fluting are still discernible.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of **CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

MAJOR HISTORICAL REGISTER

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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (milestone) 1902 (additional site) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(147) 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 1767 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. ---(147) 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 72172, northing 439993

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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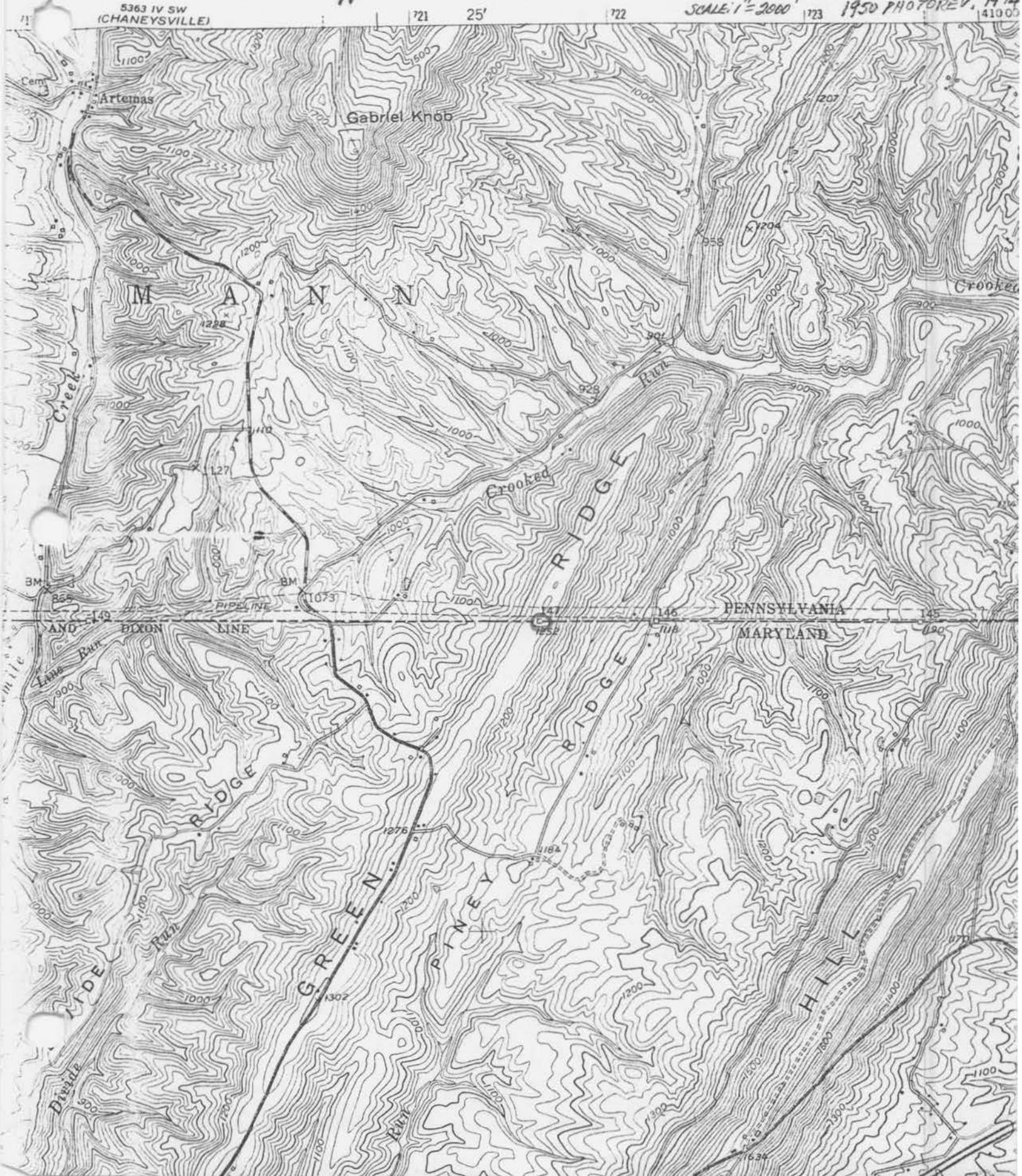
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(STATION W. SET 1902) (MED MON. SET 1902)

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ARTEMAS QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (I)  
NW/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE  
1950 PHOTO REVISION  
41300

SCALE: 1" = 2000'





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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (147)

ORIGINAL (1767, FIRST SET 1902)

NW CORNER (P/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/19/81 (1981.34.21A)



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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (147)  
ORIGINAL (1767, FIRST SET 1902)  
SE CORNER (M/-)

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