

ABSTRACT

AL-IA-072

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(151)  
Artemas, Pennsylvania vicinity  
Public/private

1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked)  
1902 (new monument first set at  
additional site)

Milestone No. ---(151) marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 6400 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(150), between their 140th and 145th horizontal mile marks west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble monument of 1902, of the same design and stone source as 65 other monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 10 inches square with a low pyramidal top and stands about 1½ feet above ground. The only embellishments are the blocky capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, the year of the original Mason and Dixon survey in this area (1766) on the east side, and the year set by the 1900-03 Resurvey (1902) on the west side. No. ---(151) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 37 monuments (10 original<sup>of 1767</sup>, 27 new of 1902) marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

## 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. 151)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER off the east side of Double Pine Road/T-659

CITY, TOWN

Artemas

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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-072 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 ( <u>  2  </u> )

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

Milestone No. ---(151) marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 6400 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(150), between their 140th and 145th horizontal mile marks west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a <sup>dressed</sup> new Cockeyesville marble monument when set in 1902 at an additional site on the Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 10 inches square and stands about 1½ feet above ground.

The area here is high (about 1100 feet elevation), cleared along the road with a few scattered farms, surrounded by dense deciduous forests. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Mann Township of Bedford County, PA; <sup>east of Ragged Mountain and</sup> about 2000 feet south of Bear Camp Branch; about 2½ miles southwest of the small settlement of Artemas, PA; <sup>at a point</sup> about 55 feet east of Double Pine Road/T-659, and about 600 feet north of the Piney Run Gun Club house; in a bank above road level, about 10 feet into the woods at the north edge of an open unfenced field. It can be <sup>from the road</sup> seen when vegetation is dormant, and is somewhat protected by <sup>a flanking of</sup> several old fenceposts (although no east-west wire fencing remains).

The monument, as with all 1902 monuments set west of Sideling Hill except for the replica crownstone No. ---(169) in Ellerslie, is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top. It was quarried and carved in Cockeyesville, MD; measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, cut to stand about 1½ feet high with about 3 feet for setting into the ground. The only embellishments are the blocky capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, V-sunk without serifs, with the year of the original Mason and Dixon survey in this area on the east side (1766), and the year set by the 1900-03 Resurvey on the west side (1902), all horizontally-aligned as a band near the top. The letters and dates are clear and intact, as are the top planes and apex. There are <sup>small</sup> 4 chips on the south face <sup>and southwest edge</sup> (probably from bullets?) and lichen sprinkled over all surfaces. Characteristic of this marble, the monument is unusually flouid.

(see Thematic Group National

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several styles of new monuments set in 1902 by the 1900-03 Resurvey and their method of setting them)

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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 1766-67 survey  
1902 monument

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(151) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This section of the West Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked with cairns and additional wood posts the following year, and the present<sup>new</sup> site on the Line first monumented in 1902 with a Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers (27 of which are of 1902) along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(151) is also significant as a reminder of 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**

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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 71642, northing 439980

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

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

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

7/23/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON, WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (151)  
NW CORNER (P/1902)

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HASD & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (151)  
SE CORNER (M<sub>1</sub> 1706)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 7/23/81 (2981.2' 35')