

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-IIA-132

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. 153)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Polish Mountain Road/Stuckey Road, Polish Mountain ridge

CITY, TOWN

Pratt

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

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 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 & 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 & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IIA-132 entered 6/2/81

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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		X additional site (1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2)

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

Milestone No. ---(153) marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 2550 feet west of the preceding monument and mound, No. ---(152), close to 145 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is one of the <sup>new</sup> Cockeysville marble monuments added to the Line in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; is in good condition, unaltered, measures about 10 inches square and stands about 1 foot above ground.

The area here is <sup>high, very</sup> the remote, heavily forested ridge of Polish Mountain, with the elevation at the site of 1484 feet. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Bedford County, PA; about 2 1/4 miles north of the small scattered settlement of Pratt, MD; on the east edge of the ridge at a point about 50 feet east of Stuckey Road/Polish Mountain Road and about 15 feet into the woods south of the pipeline. It cannot be seen from any main road, but though inconspicuous is easily seen from the ridge and pipeline, all seasons; and is protected by its site and remoteness.

The monument, as with all the 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; was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; measured about 10 inches square; was about 4 1/2 feet long, cut to stand about 1 1/2 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 preliminary Mason and Dixon survey of the area (1766) on the east side and the year set by the 1900-03 Resurvey (1902) on the west side, all horizontally-aligned as a band near the top. The letters and dates are clear and intact, as are the planes and apex of the top except for small chips at all top corners and along all vertical edges. The stone still measures about 10 inches square, but <sup>now</sup> stands only about 1 foot above ground. There is some weathering of the top and a sprinkling of lichen; and the south side has a noticeably florid grain, characteristic of this marble.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new 1902 monuments erected by the 1900-03 Resurvey and the method of setting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

## 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. ---(153) 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 this new site/established on the Line/and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(153) is also significant for its 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 acreQuadrangle name: Flintstone (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 17, easting 71413, northing 439973

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

9/20/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

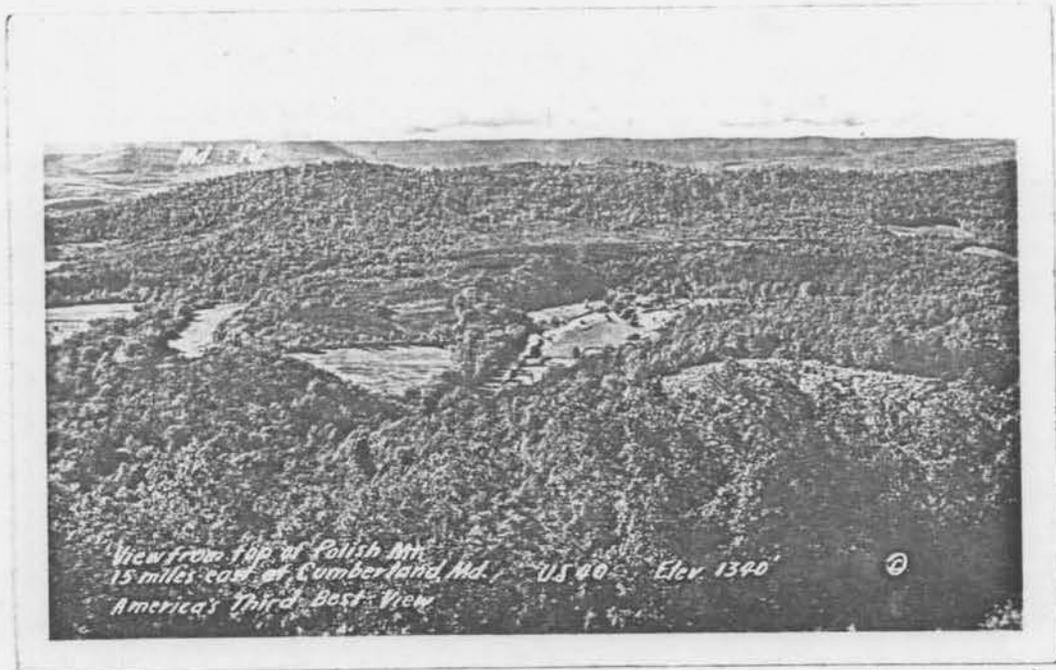
Maryland 21131

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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(WITH) MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. — (153)



B&W POSTCARD (undated), LOOKING NW TOWARD MARTIN MOUNTAIN





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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (153)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)  
NW CORNER (P/1902)

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STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SE CORNER (M/1766)

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