

ABSTRACT

AL-IIA-135

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(156)  
Flintstone, Maryland vicinity  
Public/private

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

Milestone No. ---(156) on Iron Ore Ridge marks a <sup>new</sup> point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 5100 feet west of the preceding monument/mound on Warrior Ridge, No. ---(155), and close to 147 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of 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 monument is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top; was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; measured about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, cut to stand about 1 1/2 feet high above ground (in this case, about 2 feet high), with the rest of the stone for setting <sup>firmly</sup> into the ground. It is in excellent condition, <sup>firmly set</sup> unaltered, and is embellished only with the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, the year of the preliminary Mason and Dixon survey in this area (1766) on the east side, the capital letter M on the south side facing Maryland, and the year it was set (1902) by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. On the national and state levels, this monument is significant primarily as one of the some 248 markers in the thematic group series still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of the 37 markers still defining the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(156) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-IIA-135

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. 156)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Black Valley Road, Iron Ore Ridge

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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 & 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-135 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 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		X additional site (1 2)

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

Milestone No. ---(156) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 5100 feet west of the preceding monument/mound on Warrior Ridge, No. ---(155), and close to 147 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a new, dressed Cockeysville marble monument; set in 1902 at an additional site on the Line established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; is in excellent condition, unaltered; measures about 10 inches square by about 2 feet high above ground, with a low pyramidal top; and is embellished only by the capital letters P on the north side and M on the south side, the year of Mason and Dixon's preliminary survey in the area (1766) on the east side and the year set (1902) on the west side.

The area here is part of the high valley and foothills between Warrior Ridge to the east and Tussey Mountain to the west, sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Bedford County, PA; about 1½ miles north of the village of Flintstone, MD; on the stoney flat ridge of Iron Ore Ridge, in an open deciduous grove (part of a fenced cow pasture), at the back end of the Heavner farm; about 90 feet north of an old east-west barbed wire fence, about 75 feet south of the old pipeline. It cannot be seen from any road, any season; but is easily seen from nearby, and is protected by the site and property owner.

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; was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; and 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 Mason and Dixon's preliminary survey in this area on the east side (1766) and year set by the Resurvey (1902) on the west side, all horizontally aligned as a band near the top. The letters, years, top planes and apex are all clear and intact, and the stone firmly set.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of  
**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** the styles of monuments set in  
 1902 and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of setting them)

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

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

<input type="radio"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<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 1766/1767 (survey/marked) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
 1902 (monument first set) SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. ---(156) 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 part of the West Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts the following year, and the present site on the Line established 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 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(156) 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 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 70914, northing 439959

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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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MOUND  
(STONE  
SET 1902  
BUILT MOUND)

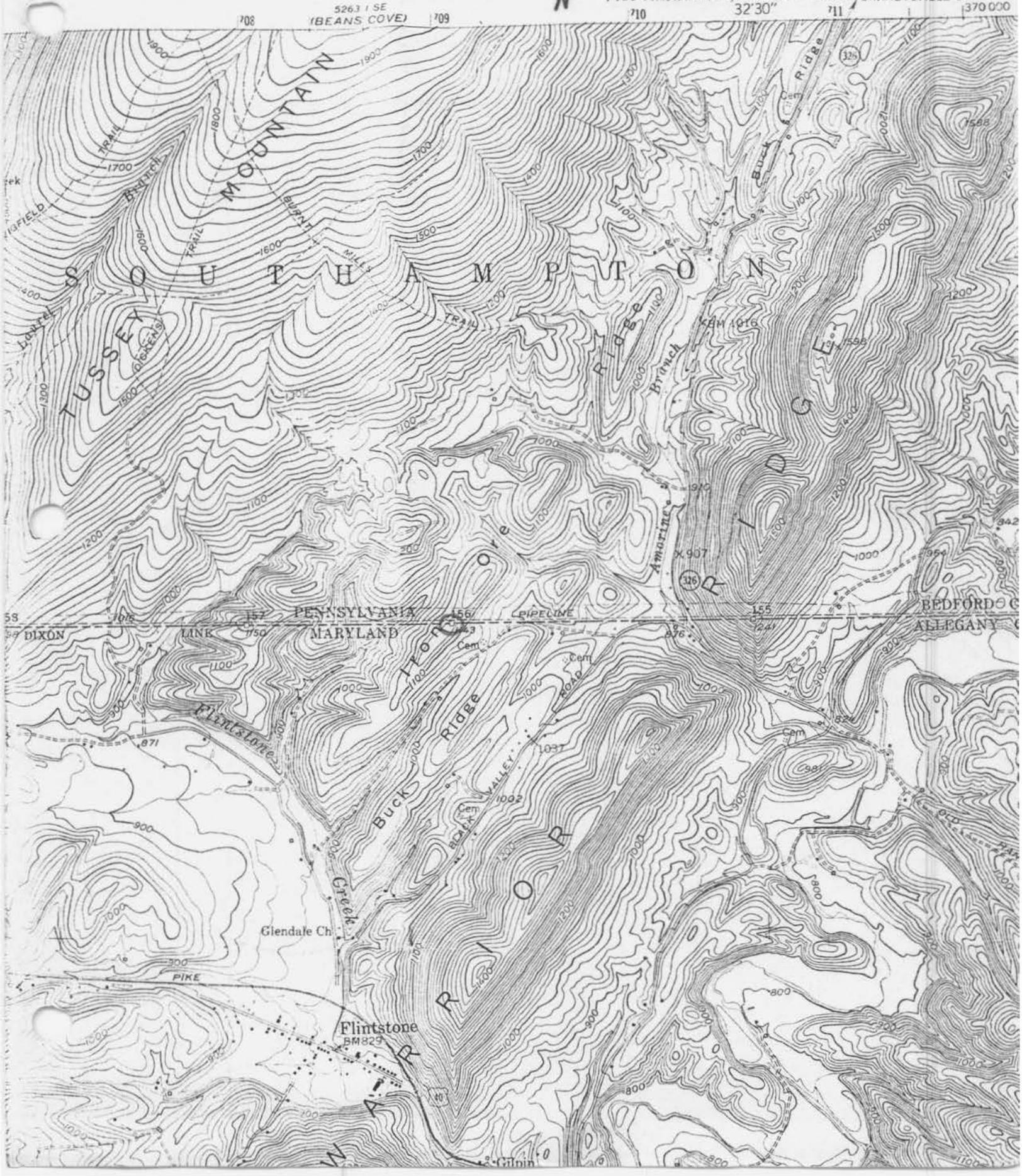
(157) ————  
STONE MIN. SET IN 1902

(156) ————  
(STONE MIN. SET 1902)



MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (156)

FLINTSTONE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1930 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
BEDFORD 25 MI. CHANEYSVILLE 6.5 MI. 370 000





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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (156)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)  
SECOR DEN (M/1766)

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MASON EDINOR'S WEST LINE MILL STONE — (156)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)  
NW CORNER (P/1902)

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