

ABSTRACT

AL-IIA-136

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(157)
Flintstone, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

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

Milestone No. ---(157) marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3400 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(156) on Iron Ore Ridge, and is a little over 147 horizontal miles 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 source as 65 other monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in very good condition, unaltered, firmly in place, and measures about 10 inches square by about 20 inches high above ground, with a low pyramidal top. Its only embellishments are the blocky capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, and the years 1766(of the preliminary survey in the area)on the east side and 1902(when first monumented)on the west side. No. ---(157) 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 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. 157)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the north side of Flintstone Creek Road, on Middle 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

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-136 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 (<input type="checkbox"/> 2)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(157) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3400 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(156) on Iron Ore Ridge, and is a little over 147 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a new, dressed Cockeysville marble monument when set in 1902 at this additional site on the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; is in very good condition, unaltered, firmly in place, measures about 10 inches square by about 20 inches high above ground, with a low pyramidal top. Its only embellishments are: the capital letters P on the north side, and M on the south side, and the years 1766 on the east side and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is among the ^{high} innumerable foothill ridges paralleling Tussey Mountain to the west; is densely forested, cleared ^{downhill} only enough for 3 houses near the tributary to Flintstone Creek. 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; about 1¼ miles north of US 40 (National Pike); on Middle Ridge (elevation 1150 ^{feet} at the site); at a point about ^{1400 feet} east of the Robosson's new house, about 33 feet south of the old pipeline and about 2 feet north of an old northeast/southwest barbed wire fence. It cannot be seen from any road, any season, nor from the pipeline; but easily from closeby on the ridge, and seems protected by this obscurity.

The monument, as with all 1902 monuments set west of Sideling Hill except for the replica crownstone No. ---(169) at Eilerslie, is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top; was quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam quarries 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 the preliminary Mason and Dixon survey work in the area (1766) on the east side, and the year when set by the 1900-03 Resurvey on the west side (1902), all horizontally-aligned as a band near the top. These are all intact and clear, as are the top planes and apex, although there is a large chip out of the top southwest corner and several smaller chips along the southwest and northwest vertical edges.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the 1902 monuments and the 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 (area survey), **BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon**
 1902 (monument) **SURVEYORS**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(157) 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 Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts the following year, and the present site 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. ---(157) 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 DATAACREAGE 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 70809, northing 439958

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

9/21/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE MILESTONE — (157)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)
NE CORNER (1766/P)

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MASON EDINOR'S WEST LIDE: MILESTONE - (157)
STONE MIND MENT (1902)
SW CORNER (1902/M)

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