

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(160)

Flintstone, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

1767 (mound of earth, now site)

1902 (monument)

Milestone No. ---(160), at an original earth mound site on Martin Mountain ridge, called Flintstone Mountain by Mason and Dixon, marks their point on the West Line 153 miles and 22 chains from "the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (about 150.284 miles west of the northeast ^{corner of Maryland}). This monument is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top; quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam Quarries in Cockeysville, Maryland; measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, cut to stand about 1½ feet high above the ground (or mound), with the remainder for setting into the ground. It is in excellent condition, unaltered and ^{firmly set} at the original site (although the mound is no longer visible). The only embellishments are the capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, the year of the preliminary Mason and Dixon survey in this area (1766) on the east side, and ^{on the west side} the year the monument was added to the mound of earth (1902) during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. On the national and state levels, the monument is ^{significant} primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still ^{visually} defining the West Line. Locally, as one of the 37 markers ^{remaining} along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(160) 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, Post and Heap of Earth marking 153
 Miles and 22 Chains"from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field"
 AND/OR COMMON
 MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 160)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off the north side of US 40 (National Pike)
 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound site only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
 NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
 VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) Liber #:
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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-139 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 (monument)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (monument)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (of mound)
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED (mound leveled)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X monument added (1902)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ~~---~~(160) ^{on Martin Mountain ridge} was a new, dressed Cockeyville marble post in 1902 when added to "the center of a large mound of earth", an original site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet above ground ^{(no longer a mound), capped} by a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side, M on the south side, and the year 1766 on the east side, 1902 on the west side.

The area here ^{the highest part of the} is broad open ridge of Martin Mountain (elevation 1910' at the site), the north end of the Reikie farm, some ^{of which are} still in old orchards, some as pastureland, ^{bordered by vast areas of dense forests and} with glorious views in all directions. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Bedford County, PA; about 3 miles northwest of the village of Flintstone, MD; at a point about 1300 feet north of the highest point on the ridge, about 1 foot south of ^{wood} an old east-west barbed wire fence and fencepost, part of a fringe of fencerow/trees. It cannot be seen from any road, but easily from the fenced field, all seasons; and seems protected by the remoteness of the site.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam Quarries in Cockeyville, MD, of magnesian limestone, originally cut about 4½ feet long to stand about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk, without serifs, and are horizontally-aligned as a band near the top; set in place straddling the Line with the north side (P) facing Pennsylvania and the M facing Maryland. The letters, numbers and top planes are all clear and intact, with only a shallow chip off the top southwest corner. The mound of earth ^{with its ^{wood} centerpost marked W on the West Side} was listed in Mason and Dixon's journal (H. Mason transcription, p. 193) as marking 153 miles and 22 chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" about 150.284 miles ^{corner of Maryland.} from the northeast. Although described by the Resurvey (p. 95); by the time of the 1950 field inspection (Bayliff p. 110) the "Earth ^{had} eroded away on north side" and by the 1981 field inspection no mound remained.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new monuments set in 1902 and the Resurvey method of securing these)

MAJOR HISTORICAL REFERENCES

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound, now site) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(160) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of 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; a wood post marked W on the west side surrounded by a heap of earth ^{was} erected the following year to mark 153 miles and 22 chains from the "Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (about 150 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their West Line); and the present Cockeysville marble monument added to the mound in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, although the mound no longer remains, ^{also significant as} the monument is ^{remaining} one of 37 markers ^{along the} present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary and, ^{such as an} as ^{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

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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 70410, northing 439948

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

10/4/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(100) MOUND OF EARTH
(STONE MON. SET 1902 IN MOUND)

(159) ————
(STONE MON. SET 1902) MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE (160)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FLINTSTONE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1950 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'



78°37'30"
39°45'

701000m E BEANS COVE 3.7 MI. 1 760 000 FEET (PA.)

706 35'

4402000m N.

150 000 FEET
(PA.)

3.2 MI. TO U.S. 40

4400

4399

4399

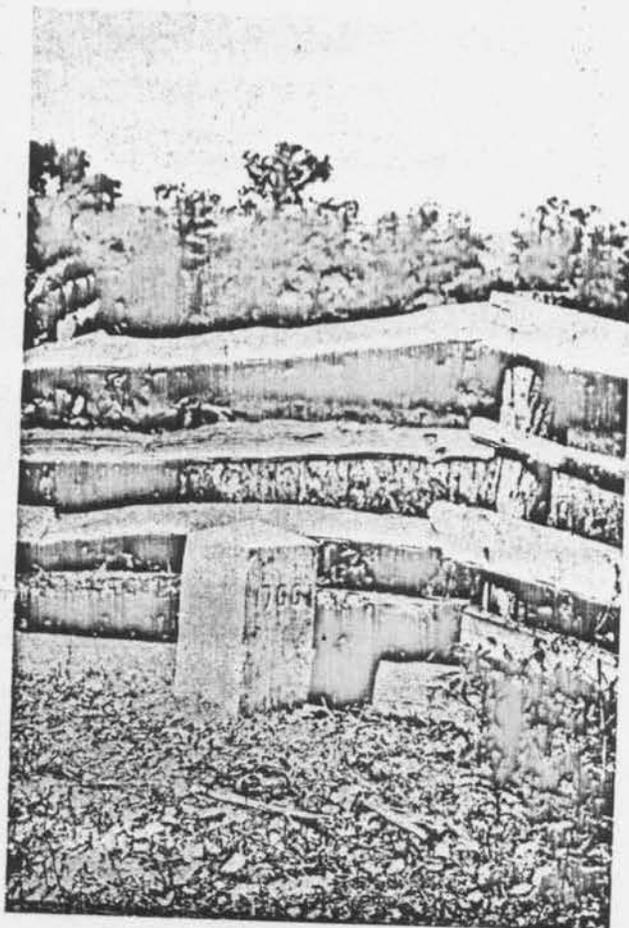
4380

42'30"

UNIONTOWN, PA. 7.3 MI.
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.

1147

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MISS
RECOVERY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.
(VOL. III, 1908)

PLATE II.

FIG. 2.—NEW MONUMENT (NO. 160) OF 1902 IN ORIGINAL
MOUND OF MASON AND DIXON (1766). MARTIN'S MOUNTAIN.

ALONG MASON AND DIXON LINE.



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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (160)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

NE CORNER (1766/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/4/81 (1981.38.3)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (160)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SW CORNER (1902/M)

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