

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(165) 1767 (mound of stones), 1902 (monument)
Cumberland, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(165) and the remains of an original mound of stones on Shriver Ridge mark a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line 157 miles and 22 chains west "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field (**about 154.797 miles west of** the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line). The monument is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland, and originally measured about 10 inches square by about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, cut to stand about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet above ground with the remainder for setting into the ground. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, still measures 10 inches square, stands about 1 foot above the former mound (now loosely strewn stones); and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland; the year 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed by Mason and Dixon) on the east side, and 1902 (when the monument was set) on the west side. The mound, originally surrounding a wood centerpost marked M on the West, was erected by Mason and Dixon in 1767, and is in ruins, ^{formless and} no longer recognizable as a mound. On the national and state levels, No. ---(165) and the mound ruins are significant primarily as being among the some 248 markers in the thematic group series 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 among the 37 markers (including 9 mounds) remaining along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, they are also significant for their 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 Pile of Stone marking 157 Miles and 63 Chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field"

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 165)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of Bedford Road (US 220), on Shriver Ridge

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

 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"/> OBJECTS	<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 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-IIIC-042 entered 1/65
updated 8/2/81 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 (monument)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (monument)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (mound and monument)
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS (mound)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(165), on Shriver Ridge, was a new dressed Cockeyville marble post in 1902 when added to an original small "Pile of Stone" erected at this site by Mason and Dixon in 1767. The monument, set during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, measures 10 inches square, stands about 1 foot above the ^{remains of the} mound, is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, and the year 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed) on the east side, and 1902 (when the monument was set) on the west side. The mound, now formless and scarcely noticeable, ^{on this stoney ridge} was described in the 1900-03 Resurvey notes (p. 95) as 'apparently the mound noted in the report of the examiners for Pennsylvania in 1898 as "No. 144. Small heap of loosely piled stones. On Pine Ridge."'

The area here, now called Shriver Ridge (but more appropriately called "Nobbly Mountain" by Mason and Dixon), is at the south end of one of the ^{wooded, hilly} innumerable/lumps/^{strung along} paralleling and in-between Evitts Mountain to the east and ^{a short distance north of Johnson's Addition, a northern suburb of Cumberland,} Wills Mountain to the west, ^{nearby} The site is within Election District 34 of Allegany County, MD, and Cumberland Valley Township of Bedford County, PA; about 3150 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(164), and noted on Mason and Dixon's list of "Points in the Line" (H. Mason's transcription, 1969, p. 193) as : 157 Miles and 63 Chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field " (a point 2.991 miles east of the northeast corner of Maryland) ^{or 154.797 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland} about 850 feet east of US 220 at the Line, at the east edge of the ^{south end of the} small wooded ridge, in the old stoney pipeline (no longer maintained), a few feet north of an old wire fence line. It cannot be seen from any road; is easily overlooked when along the pipeline, partly because the mound of stones is no longer recognizable as such; and is protected by this obscurity as well as the ^{nearby} neighbors.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeyville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long with a low pyramidal top, usually set 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 around the ^{stone, these and the top planes and apex are clear and intact, though all} surfaces are mottled with lichen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the new 1902 monuments and original Mason and Dixon mounds)

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 1767 (mound) **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) **SURVEYORS**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(165) with the remains of an original mound, are 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, the site marked with a wood post surrounded by a pile of stone the following year, and a new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the mound in 1902 to permanently mark the survey point, during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers (including 9 original mounds) along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(165) with the mound are also significant for their 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 acre

Quadrangle name: Evitts Creek (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 69682, northing 439932 (Note: shown incorrectly on quadrangle; see 1900-03 Resurvey map Plate LVIII)

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

8/2/81 (site resurveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (165)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN MID MOUND OF STONES (1767)
NW CORNER (P/1902)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 8/2/81 (1981.28.26)



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STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN
M2D MOUND OF STONES (1767)
SE CORNER (M/1766)

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