

ABSTRACT

AL-V-300

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(178) 1898 (additional site)
Finzel, Maryland vicinity
Public/Private

Milestone No. ---(178), northeast of the settlement of Finzel, on the summit of Big Savage Mountain, is a small native stone already in place by 1898, at the time of the Bauer survey and marking of the boundary between Allegany and Garrett counties. It is about 5500 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(177) and marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Like all the other stones and boulders around it, ^{but much smaller} it is a greenish, smooth stone, ^{is rectangular in shape,} measures about 8 inches wide on the north and south sides and about 12½ inches wide on the east and west sides, stands only about 11 inches high wedged in between two very large boulders, has a flat top, ^{and is embellished only} with a drill hole in the top, which marks the point on the Bauer Line where it intersects Mason and Dixon's West Line. This stone is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is significant not only for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties, but also as it represents a second attempt to define the Allegany/Garrett county boundary, leaving the wedge between the Chisholm and Bauer lines still unresolved legally.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-V-A-30
~~AL-VA-289~~
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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. 178)
 same as Bauer Line: Monument No. 1 (1898)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off the northeast side of Sampson Rock Road

CITY, TOWN _____
 VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 MD: 6 / PA: 12
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany /PA: Somerset
 MD: & Garrett

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state & county boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (marker 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)

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: _____
 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-VA-289 entered 6/2/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTIONSurvey No.

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(178) on the summit of Big Savage Mountain, is a small native stone ^{"post"} already in place ^{on the boundary} at the time of the Bauer survey of 1898 when running the line between Allegany and Garrett counties. ^{Its only embellishment is a} small drill hole made in the ^{flat} top to mark the point where this line intersected Mason and Dixon's West Line. It is a small, ^{in excellent condition, altered only by the drill hole; measures about 8} greenish rectangular stone ⁷ inches wide on the north and south sides, ^{by} about 12 1/4 wide on the east and west sides, and stands about 11 inches high, wedged between two very large boulders.

The area here ^{a broad ridge} is ^{remote,} densely wooded (much of the woods a thicket of ^{perhaps because of earlier forest fires?} young deciduous trees), strewn with large boulders, windswept, and among the highest points along the West Line (elevation ^{at the site} about 2880 feet). The site is within Election District 13 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1 1/4 miles northeast of the settlement of Finzel, MD; about 200 feet east of No. ---(179), ^{a new 1902} monument and original ¹⁷⁶⁷ Mason and Dixon mound; about 3500 feet east-northeast of ^{the bend in} Sampson Rock Road; about 2900 feet due east of monument No. ---(180) and Mrs. Raley's house. It is wedged between two large boulders, in the midst of a mass of unusually large rounded boulders, about 200 feet south of the old ^{east-west} pipeline and at the north edge of the woods bordering the pipeline. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, and only by accident when almost upon it. It is so unprepossessing, ^{obscura, remote, improbable,} and well guarded ^{by rattlesnakes and copperheads,} it is super-protected; but should be officially marked in some way for better identification.

This marker is unique along the West Line, and is close to the 165-mile mark on Mason and Dixon's map of 1768, ^{The ridge was} described in their journal as "the great dividing Ridge of the Allegany Mountains" ^{and an area beyond which} they were unable to proceed ^{further} westward with their surveying ^{until} July 1767, after an agreement had been reached with the Six Nations (of Indians).

Note: see the enclosed opinion ^{dated March 4, 1965} by Attorney General Thomas B. Finan and his assistant, Stuart H. Rome, concerning "whether the proper boundary line dividing Allegany and Garrett Counties is the Chisholm Line or the Bauer Line...." (BOUNDARIES - Chapter 708 of the Laws of 1955 Purporting to Establish Bauer I as Boundary Between Garrett and Allegany Counties...)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 (area surveyed and marked) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
1898 (native stone marked) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(178) is significant 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 provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was ^{originally} surveyed and marked at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts in 1767. The present site on the Line was established in 1898 by Bauer (as his marker No. 1) when running and marking the boundary between Allegany and Garrett counties. Utilizing a small native stone already in place, Bauer marked the point where his line intersected the West Line by making a drill hole in the top. This was recorded by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary and included in their listing of markers along this part of the Line. Locally, as one of 37 markers on the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(178) is also significant as the northernmost point of the ^{controversial} Allegany-Garrett county boundary (as yet ^{legally settled, and not} recognized by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, which uses the Chisholm Line, which terminates ^{a point on} at the West Line 4,307 feet further west).

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

Note: Garrett County was created from Allegany County in 1872 and the line run and marked by Daniel Chisholm, Esq., County Surveyor of Allegany County (his report filed October 8, 1872). Because of skepticism about the accuracy of this line, the Maryland General Assembly provided for a redrawing and marking of the line (Chapter 304 of the Laws of 1898). Dr. L. A. Bauer was appointed to run and mark the line by Governor Lloyd Lowndes. Bauer's line terminated 4,307 feet east of the spot marked by his predecessor. (Chisholm)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Frostburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 67878, northing 439885

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany/Garrett (according to:
USGS quadrangle 1900-02 Resurvey,
MGS, + MD-DOT
county maps; but not MD-Tax maps)

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey 10/18/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

14308 Mount Avenue

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Phoenix

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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702) (STONE MON. SET IN HOWARD 1902)

MASON-DIXONS WEST LINE MILESTONE
FROSTBURG QUADRANGLE

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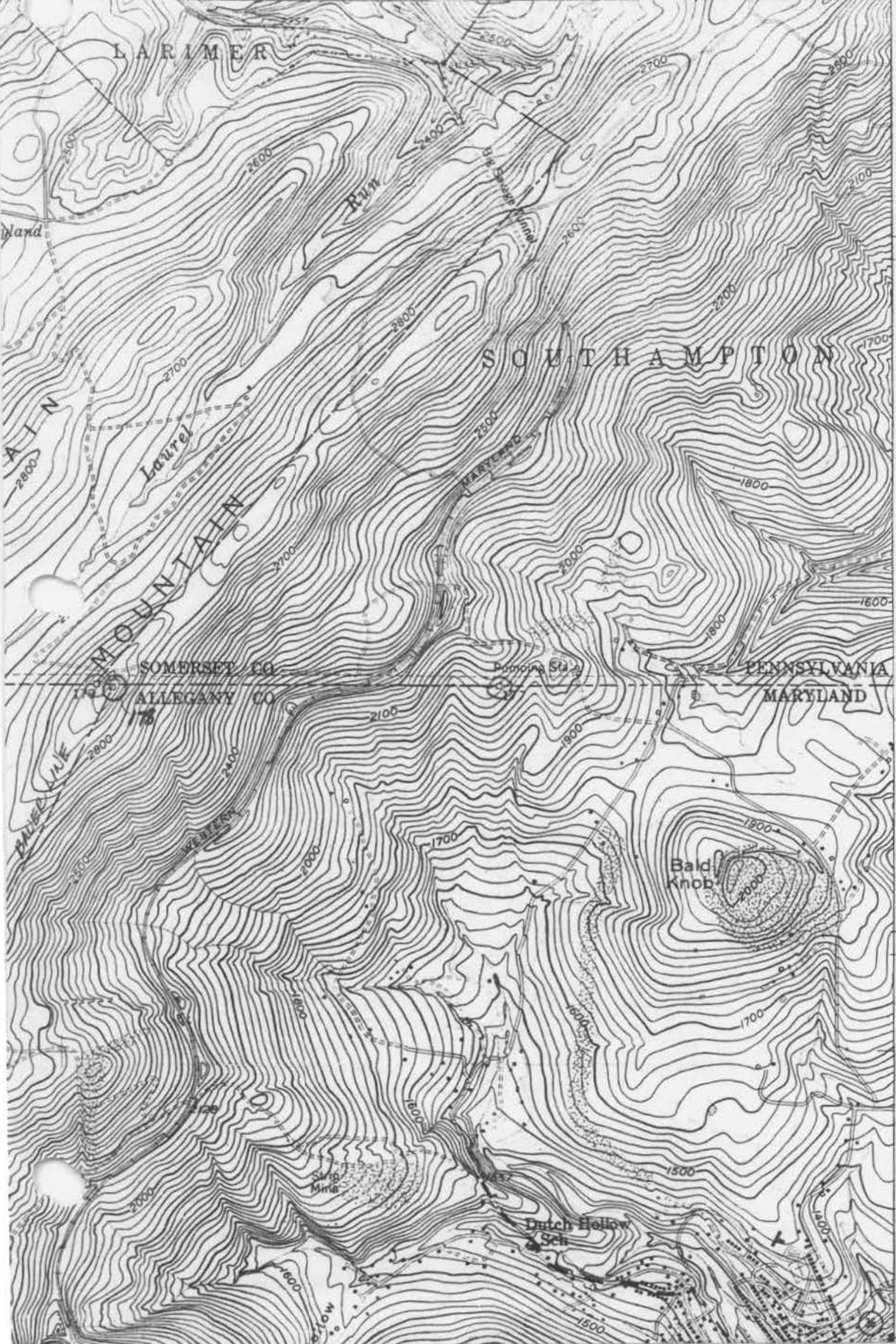
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

1865 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW 1/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
SCALE: 1" = 2000' 1949 PHOTO REV. 1974

5263 IV SE (FAIRHOPE)
ALLEGANY CO.
GARRETT CO.



3 MI. E 5' 979 80 81 270 000 FEET (MD.) 78°52'30" 39°45'



(177) 1700 (STONE MON. SET 1902)

(178) SMALL STONE POST MARKING - BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALLEGANY & GARRETT COUNTIES

700 000 FEET (MD.)

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400

499

4398

42'30"

4397

BARRELVILLE 1.5 MI.
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.