

## ABSTRACT

AL-V-296

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(174)  
 Wellersburg, Pennsylvania  
 Public/private

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

Milestone No. ---(174) at the south edge of Wellersburg, about 4000 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(173) on the western slope of Little Allegheny Mountain, marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's <sup>230, 228-mile</sup> West Line. It is a very plain dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top, of the same design and source as 65 other new monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in very good condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures about 10 1/4 inches square by about 1 foot high above ground; 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 on the east side (when this area was preliminarily surveyed), and 1902 on the west side (when this <sup>established and</sup> new site was first/monumented). No. ---(174) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the <sup>provincial</sup> 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 symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-V-B-296  
~~AL-VB-285~~

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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. 174)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER southeast corner of the junction of T-766 with MD 47/PA 160

CITY, TOWN

Wellersburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Somerset

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 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-VB-285 entered 6/2/81

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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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 ( <u>2</u> )

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

Milestone No. ---(174) was a new monument when set in 1902 at an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is a very plain dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top; is in very good condition, firmly set, unaltered; measures about 10 1/4 inches square by about 1 foot high above ground; 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 on the east side (when this area was preliminarily surveyed) and 1902 on the west side (when this new site was first monumented).

The area here is the southern edge of the village of Wellersburg, PA, a settlement mostly strung along MD 47/PA 160 at the western base of Little Allegheny Mountain and the cleared foothills of Big Savage Mountain to the west. The site is in the southeast corner of the junction of T-766 with MD 47/PA 169, in the mowed side yard of the Michaels family home, about 5 feet from the roads, slightly above <sup>easily seen from the roads all seasons</sup> grade level, but not marked or protected in any way, except by <sup>surrounding</sup> the property owners. The site is within Election District 13 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Somerset County, PA; about 4000 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(173) on the western slope of Little Allegheny Mountain.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting firmly into the ground when possible. The letters and numbers are clocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, although there is a chip out of the top southwest corner and a few other nicks along the edges and top northwest corner.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new monuments set in 1902 and the Resurvey method of securing these)

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

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
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<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 (area surveyed/marked) 1902 (new monument set) BUOLDER/ARCHITECT SURVEYORS Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(174) 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 provincial 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 new 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 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(174) is also significant for its symbolic 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 acre

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

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 68466, northing 439903

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

8/2/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (174)

CUMBERLAND QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1949 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



78°52'30"  
39°45'

2 180 000 FEET (W. VA.)

BERLIN 16 MI  
PLEASANT UNION 1.9 MI

685 000m E

50'

686

1 700 000 FEET

S O U T H A M P T O N

Wellersburg

North Branch

SOMERSET CO  
ALLEGANY CO

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

PIPELINE

Branch

Barrelville

Run

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50000 FEET (W. VA.)  
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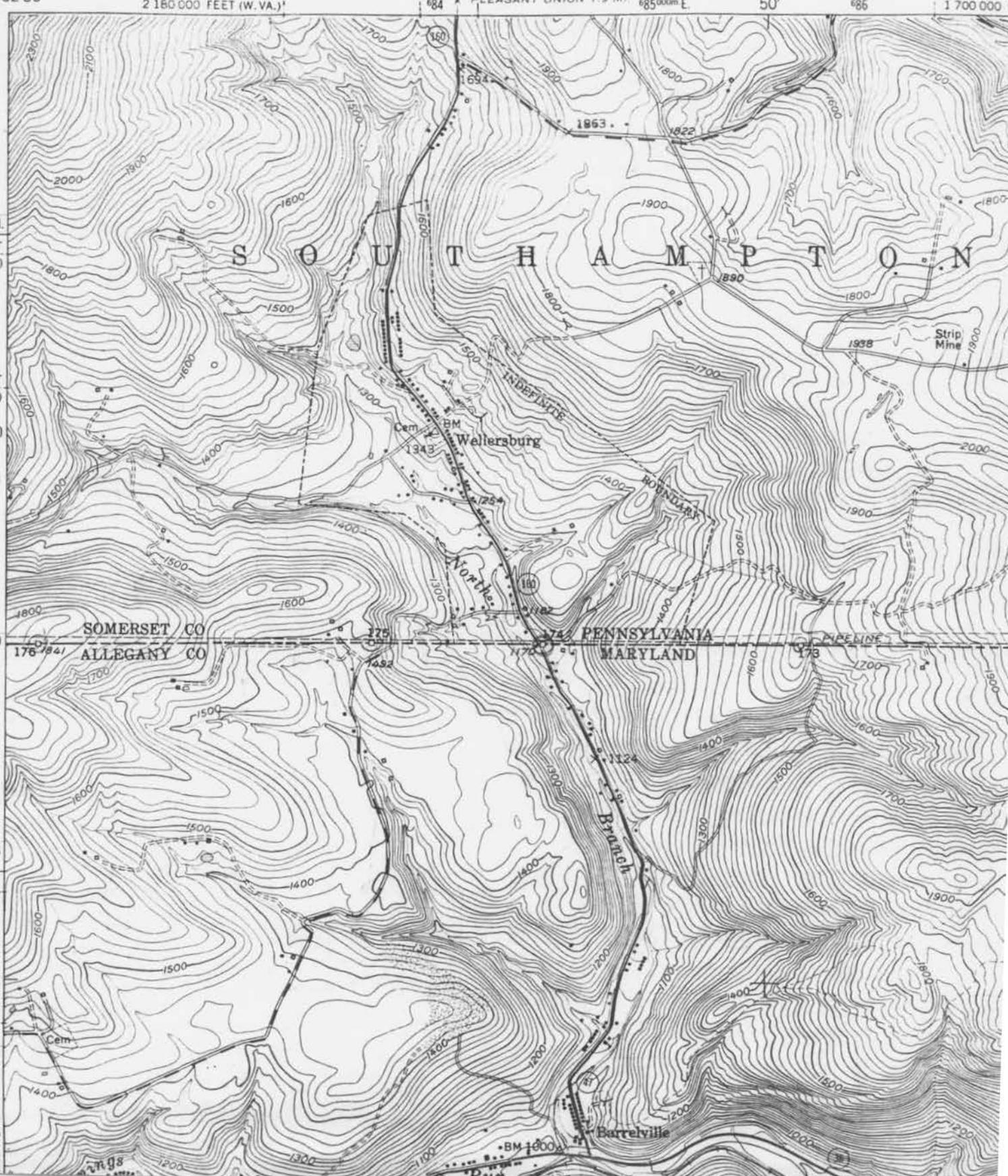
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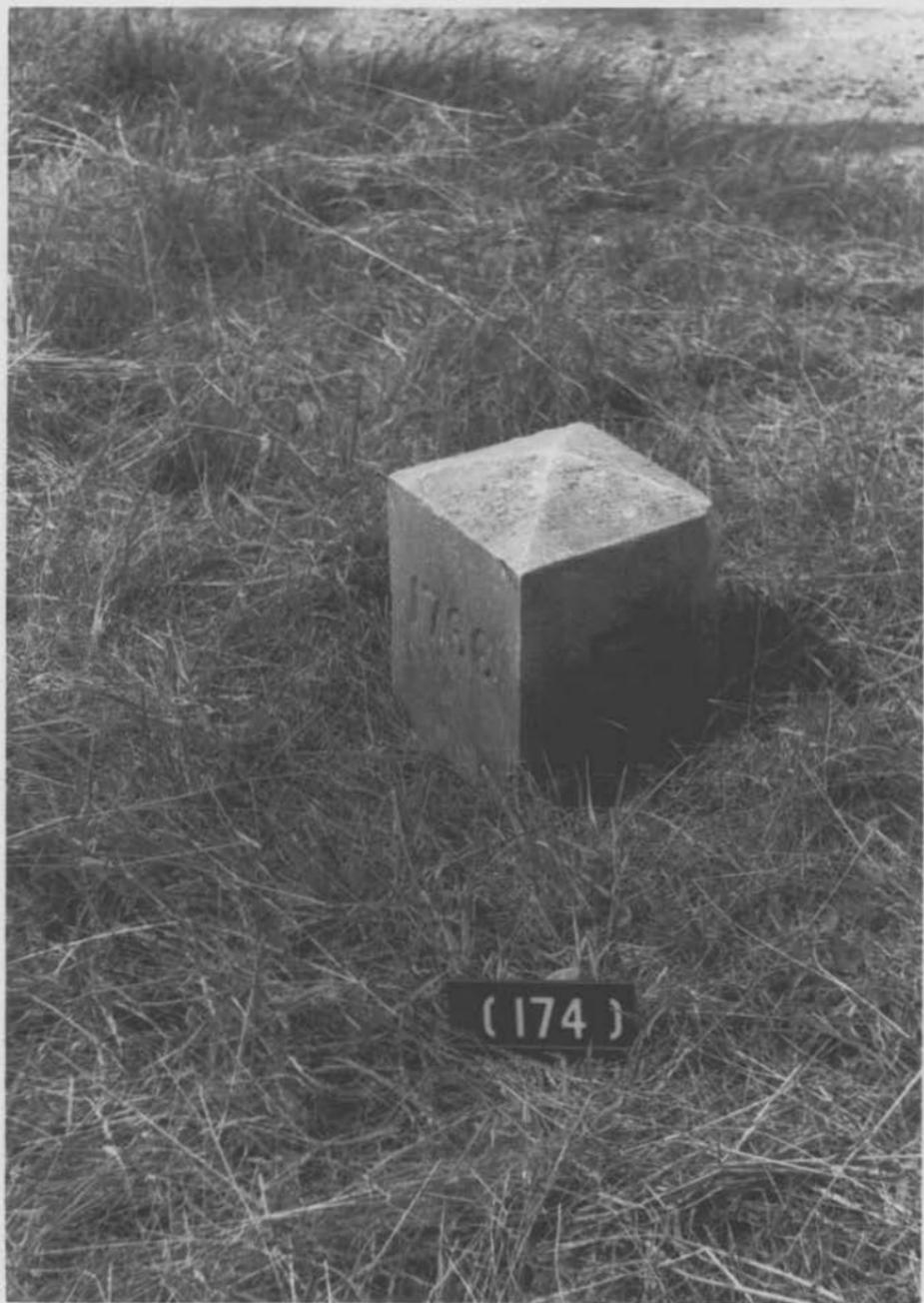
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1.8 MI





MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (174)  
SW CORNER (1982/4)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 8/2/81 (1981-26 29A)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE MILESTONE - (174)  
NE CORNER (1766/P) & EDGE OF MD 47

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 8/2/81 (198: 26, 27A)