

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Milestone No. 14, Baltimore-Harford Turnpike Inventory Number: BA-3276

Address: Northbound MD 147: Located on the East side of Northbound MD 147; South of Bonaparte Avenue Historic district: yes no

City: Mount Vista Zip Code: 21082 County: Baltimore County

USGS Quadrangle(s): White Marsh

Property Owner: Maryland State Highway Administration Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 54

Project: _____ Agency: MD SHA

Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration

Preparer's Name: Ryan DeSmith Date Prepared: 06/19/2012

Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Baltimore-Harford Turnpike Milestone is an object associated with the early nineteenth century turnpike that connected Baltimore City with Harford County. The object, which may have been set on the road as early as 1844, is a six-foot-long granite pylon shaped marker. Five (5) feet of this marker are buried and the remaining one (1) foot protrudes above ground. The marker is grey in color and rough-cut. The top of the stone is rounded and is inscribed with "14 M to B" which represents "14 Miles to Baltimore." The milestone is located in an embankment along the shoulder of the road and due to recent clearing of brush, the stone was uncovered. SHA Cultural Resource Staff were not allowed to access the milestone due to safety issues (hazardous roadside conditions). The boundary consists of a four (4) square foot area surrounding the milestone within SHA right-of-way for MD 147. Four (4) square feet of property were surveyed for this study.

The Baltimore-Harford Turnpike was charted in 1816 and was completed in 1859 for a span of 20 miles. The organizers in charge of this project were James Gittings, Henry Nichols, William Henry Thompson, Thomas Tenant, Richard Frisby, Joseph Jenkins, Levi Hollingsworth, John Kelso, and William Stansbury. The turnpike began at Monument and Forrest Streets in Baltimore City, and ended at Bel Air in Harford County. There was also a short secondary Harford Turnpike that began just north of Gunpowder Falls, and terminated at the present day Factory Road and Long Green Pike to Little Gunpowder Falls. Presently, MD 147 follows

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along the same route established by the turnpike.

Construction began in 1817, and was laid out by Henry Thompson, William Stansbury, and Jon Davis of Baltimore County and John Moores, James Steele, and William Glenn of Harford County. By 1819, 10-miles of the road were completed up to the Gunpowder Falls Bridge. Further expansion did not continue past the bridge until 1844. The remaining section of the road was completed by workers hired by the Turnpike Company in October 1846. In addition to the turnpike itself, four (4) tollhouses, four (4) tollgates, and twenty (20) granite milestones were placed along the turnpike.

In 1860, the portion of road located at Monument and Forrest Streets to North Avenue was ceded to the city of Baltimore. In July 1910, 16.9 miles of the turnpike in Baltimore and Harford Counties were sold to the State Roads Commission, and in August the portion of the turnpike from North Avenue to the northern Baltimore City line was deeded to the city. The Turnpike Company, although inactive, remained in existence until 1937.

The milestones along the Baltimore-Harford Turnpike were placed at the end of every mile starting with the 1-mile stone in Baltimore City. The 14-milestone is located along the east side of Harford Road, about 200 yards south of Bonaparte Avenue. Few of these milestones exist along the Harford Road; this particular stones existence was, until recently, unknown.

Based on research conducted by SHA, we have determined that Baltimore-Harford Turnpike Milestone 14 is eligible at the local level of significance under National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criterion A (events) as an example of an appurtenance associated with the 19th century turnpike that connected Baltimore with Bel Air, Harford County. Additional research conducted as part of this study did not identify either persons or engineering associated with the Harford Road Milestone 14 as the local, state or national level and Milestone 14 is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria B (persons) or C (engineering/architecture). NRHP Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study.

Sources Consulted:

Hollifield, William, "Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County," Cockeysville: Baltimore County Historical Society (1978)

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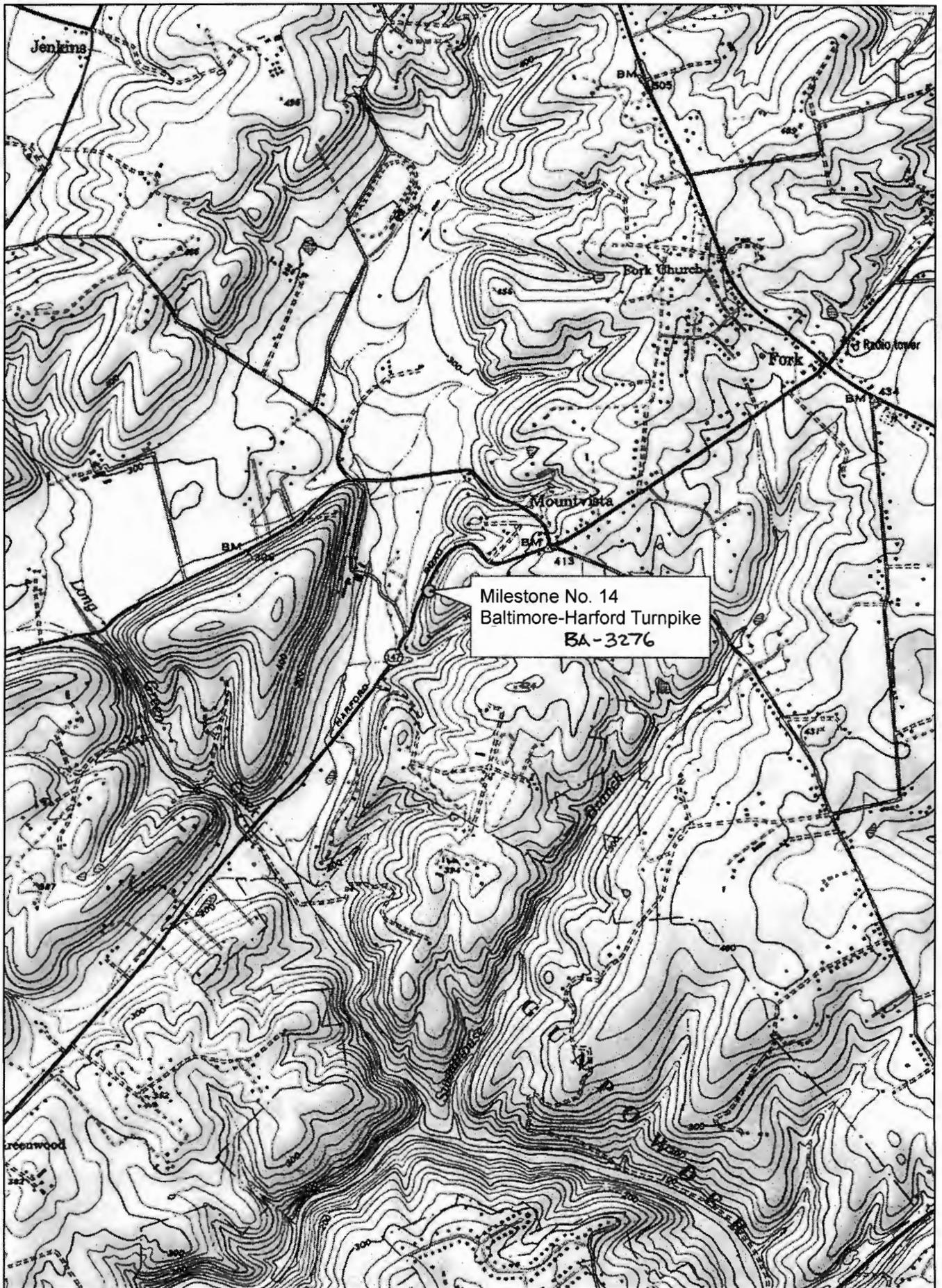
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Location Map, White Marsh USGS Quadrangle





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MILESTONE NO. 14, FRONT ELEVATION, FACING WEST

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