

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 67(70)

Littlestown, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

1767 (replacement, first set 1902  
at relocated site; now missing)

The original Milestone No. 67(70)/<sup>set in 1767</sup>marked Mason and Dixon's 67th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Because of its condition and location at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, it was replaced by "another monument" (presumably also of 1767, brought from Washington County) in 1902 and "set a short distance farther east..." where it stood until sometime in the 1970's when it apparently disappeared, after lying/<sup>neglected</sup>along the roadside for a couple of years. Neither site is presently marked, nor were they located during the 1979-82 field inspection. And neither monument has been traced, though will be during the Phase II of the Mason-Dixon <sup>line</sup> /boundary marker project. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, No. 67(70), the original and replacement, were embellished oolitic limestone posts, with low pyramidal tops, quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground, with bases left rough-cut for setting below ground. They were carved with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with the top planes fluted, rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features were the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. **Until** the original and relocated sites are reestablished by the National Geodetic Survey (and below-ground bases as well as missing tops found or accounted for): the significance of these sites cannot be evaluated on the federal, state or local levels.

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, 67th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 67 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 70)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER north side of Line Road/T-667

CITY, TOWN

Littlestown  VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Carroll / PA: Adams

**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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (MISSING)	from site	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
				<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
				<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
				<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
				<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
				<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
				<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A

(see 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 Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE CARR-303 entered 1/80

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE 1902
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED (MISSING)		

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

Milestone No. 67(70)/<sup>approximately</sup>marked Mason and Dixon's 67th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a replacement of the original milestone of 1767 with another original milestone presumably brought from Washington County in 1902 and set at a relocated site "a short distance farther east, on top of the hill..." where it remained until sometime around 1978 (a date estimated by the surrounding property owner). The site is not marked and neither site nor monument were found.

The area here is open, unfenced farmland, sparsely settled. The site is located within Election District 3 of Carroll County, MD, and Germany Township of Adams County, PA; about 2½ miles southeast of the town of Littlestown, PA; about 2¼ miles due north of Silver Run, MD; about 1 mile east of MD 97; "on top of the hill, where the road swerved a little to the southward, leaving the monument on the north side of the road" (according to MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 87). The site is not marked in any way and will need to await the reestablishment of the survey point by the National Geodetic Survey.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, both the original monument set here and its replacement were embellished oolitic limestone posts, with low pyramidal tops quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground, with bases left rough-cut for setting below ground. They were carved with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with the top planes fluted, rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features were the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. In 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, the replacement was made because the original monument "had been worn down until there was little left of it" being "nearly in the middle of a short section of line road," and relocated to a nearby site "a short distance father east, on top of the hill, where the road swerved a little to the southward, leaving the monument on the north side of the road." (MGS, Vol. 7, 1908, p. 87). The original monument was not traced during the 1950 field inspection or the 1979-82 field inspection; and the demise of the replacement will not be known until traced during the Phase II of the present Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker project.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method for resetting them)

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 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 (replacement and relocated) 1902 set at new site) BUILDERS/ARCHITECTS Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Until the original/site of Milestone No. 67(70) are reestablished by the National Geodetic Survey, and <sup>at least</sup> the replacement traced and reset (or a substitution made), the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary will not be adequately defined between Milestone 66 and 68, and the significance of the site and marker cannot be assessed.

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 acreQuadrangle name: Littlestown (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 18, easting 32428, northing 439848VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY CarrollSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Adams**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

8/24/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

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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*VIEW AND PROXIMATE TO TOWER  
HATTING ROAD TO DANT HOUSE*

*PHOTO TAKEN 10/24/80 (1980-27-314)*

*VIEW EAST ALONG DUE RD 3/25/80 APPROXIMATE*



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CORPS OF ENGINEERS



LITTLESTOWN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1959 PHOTOREV. 1971 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

HANOVER 6.6 MI.  
MT PLEASANT 4.5 MI.

5563 1 SE  
(MC SHERRYSTOWN)

324

2'30"

790000 FEET





MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 67 (70) SITE (APPRX.)  
N/S LINE ROAD R/W, LITTLESTOWN, PA. VICINITY  
A REPLACEMENT OF 1767, FIRST SET (1902) AT RELOCATED SITE (NOW MISSING)  
PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1980. 27. 32A) 10/20/80

VIEW LOOKING EAST TOWARD SITE