

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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, Initial Monument

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 0 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 1)
(same as Mason and Dixon's North Line Milestone No. 87)**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER

off east side of MD 896, Mechanicsville,

CITY, TOWN

Mechanicsville VICINITY OF

MD: 1 / PA: 5 / DE:

STATE

Delaware

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNTY
MD: Cecil / PA: Chester / DE: New
Castle**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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<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)

NAME States of Maryland/Pennsylvania/Delaware

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

TITLE Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CE-1010 entered 3/80

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. O(1), a replacement monument of 1849, marks the northeast corner of Maryland, the end point of Mason and Dixon's North Line (Monument No. 87) and the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of 24 monuments ^{and sites} now marking the Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary at mile intervals; and replaces the double crownstone set by the commissioners in 1768, which by the time of the Graham resurvey of the North Line in 1849 was said to have disappeared.

The area here is still predominantly rural, gently rolling farmland, with housing scattered almost entirely along main roads, except for the extensive new residential development along Little Egypt Road coming up to within about a ½ mile of the boundary. The site is located about 2 miles northeast of Appleton, MD; about ½ mile northwest of Mechanicsville, Delaware; nearly a mile south-southeast of Strickersville, Pennsylvania; about 700' northeast of the junction of Little Egypt Road with MD 896; on the south bank of a small stream at the bottom of a wooded slope; only about 15' downstream from a pile of brush and debris. It cannot be seen from the road, and is inconspicuous when closeby. It is endangered by neglect, erosion of the bank site by the stream, wash from the hillside, and the dumping upstream.

The monument stands about 2½' above ground, probably close to its original height, is in place, firmly set, and is in comparatively good condition, though with chips along all edges and top corners. It is a plain but dressed ^{squared} granite post, about 14" ^{wide on} each side, and has a low pyramidal top with centered apex, capped by a US C&GS metal reference disk stamped "M.D.P. CORNER/NO 2/1935". The only embellishments are blocky V-cut capital letters (P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, with the date 1849 cut below; P on the east side, facing the earlier provincial lands administered by the Penns at the time of the Mason-Dixon survey; and the letter M on the south and west sides).

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further descriptions of monuments and the Graham resurvey)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1849 ^{replacement} (monument) ~~1768~~ ¹⁷⁶⁸ (original) ~~1768~~ ¹⁷⁶⁸ SURVEYORS Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 0(1), although a replacement in 1849 of the original Mason and Dixon double crownstone set in 1768, is significant as a key tri-state boundary monument. For Maryland and Pennsylvania, it not only marks the site of the northern terminus of Mason and Dixon's north-south line between the two colonial provinces (and ^{states} until 1921), but also the beginning point of the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line. For Delaware, No. 0(1) has also marked that State's northwest corner (since 1921, when the triangular sliver of land known as "The Wedge" (containing 714 acres) was formally declared by the U.S. Congress to be a part of Delaware, rather than Pennsylvania.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.43240.439700

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Cecil
STATE	Pennsylvania	COUNTY	Chester
STATE	Delaware	COUNTY	New Castle

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION	Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey	DATE	3/16/80 (site surveyed)
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CITY OR TOWN	Phoenix	STATE	Maryland 21131
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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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MGS: RESURVEY OF HASON-DIXON LINE. (VOL. VII, 1908)
PLATE II.



FIG. 1.—GRANITE MONUMENT (NO. 1) ERECTED IN 1849 BY
COL. GRAHAM AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF MARYLAND.

VIEWS OF MONUMENTS

NEWARK WEST QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREV. 1970, SCALE: 1"=2000'

CE-1010
MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. 0 (1)
NORTHEAST CORNER OF MARYLAND

