

## 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, 2nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON  
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 2 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 3)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)  
 STREET & NUMBER off west side of Appleton Road (MD 316)

CITY, TOWN Appleton  VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 MD: 1 / PA: 5  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY  
 MD: Cecil / PA: Chester

**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	<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 State of Maryland/ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:  
 STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A Liber #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (see surrounding property ownership list) Folio #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)  
 TITLE Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE CE-1012 entered 3/80 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 2(3) marks Mason and Dixon's second mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, on their West Line. One of 24 monuments and sites now marking the Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is an original milestone set in 1766 at an original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is rural, sparsely settled, gently rolling farmland on the north (Pennsylvania) side; and much the same on the south (Maryland) side, though now part of a large (5,377.91 acre) Maryland Fair Hill Natural Resource Management area much of it reverting to woodlands. The site is located about 1.7 miles north-northwest of the scattered <sup>settlement</sup> of Appleton, Maryland; about the same distance south of <sup>the community of</sup> Remblesville, Pennsylvania; about 1300' off the west side of Appleton Road opposite the junction of Elbow Lane; in the center of a marshy bramblepatch surrounded by <sup>fenced</sup> farmed fields. It cannot be seen from the road, nor from closeby without clearing away the brush.

The monument, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, presently stands about 1' above ground, as compared with its original height (presumed to be about 3' or more) or that in 1902 of about 1½' when surrounded by a concrete collar below ground. It is firmly in place, in fair condition, and protected by its site. The letters P and M and most embellishments remain, <sup>and are fairly clear</sup> though the top is very weatherworn <sup>now somewhat dome-shaped,</sup> and top corners and edges have several deep chips. The stone appears to have been broken through, about in the middle, from a recent-looking <sup>horizontal</sup> fine mend-line.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for detailed description of original milestones and 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 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 1766 (reset 1902) ~~WILKINSON/AREHMEER~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 2(3) is significant primarily as one of 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along their West Line, the boundary commonly known as the Mason-Dixon Line since Civil War times and notable for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, was monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 17 original milestones within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, No. 2(3) is also significant locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial and Civil War heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.42918.439702

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Chester

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey	DATE 3/16/80 (site surveyed)
STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount Avenue	TELEPHONE 301/472-2128
CITY OR TOWN Phoenix	STATE Maryland 21131

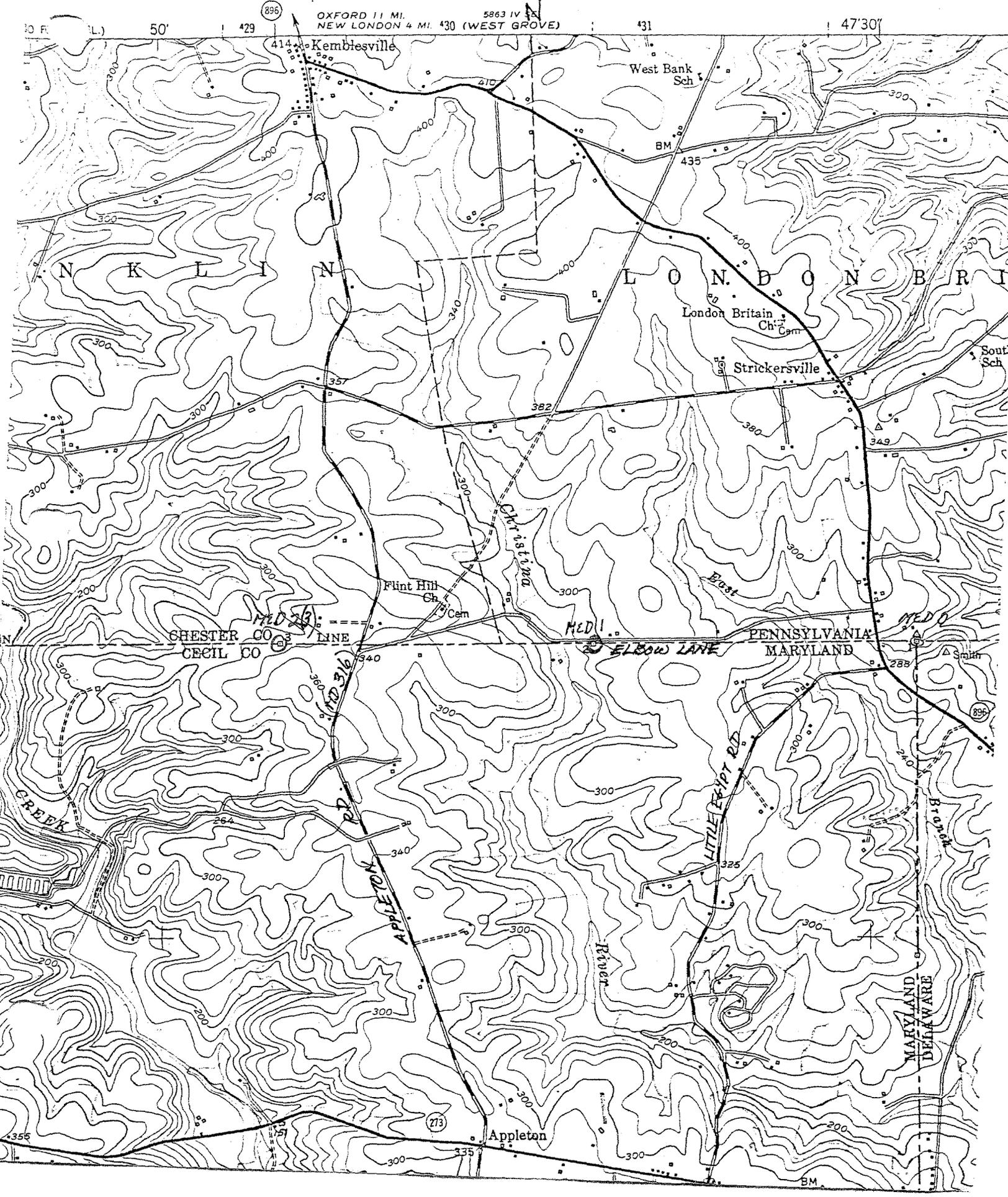
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

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

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MASON EDIXON WESTLINE: MILESTONE NO. 2





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 2 (3)  
NE CORNER (-1P)

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MASIN & TIRON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 2 (3)  
SW CORNER (-/M)

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