

## 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, 3rd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON  
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 3 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 4)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of MD 280

CITY, TOWN Fair Hill  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	<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 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 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 Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE CE-1013 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. 3(4) marks Mason and Dixon's third 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, with a clustering of houses and small settlements at crossroads, with large expanses of farms and woodlands in between, particularly on the Maryland side of the boundary, now part of a large (5,377.91 acre) Maryland Fair Hill Natural Resource Management area, much of which is reverting to woodlands. The site is located about 1.8 miles northeast of the settlement of Fair Hill, Maryland; about 1.55 miles east-southeast of the settlement of Lewisville, Pennsylvania; about 900' west of Big Elk Creek, at a point about 1000' northeast of an abandoned farmhouse and old concrete silo, against (on west side of) an old north-south wire fence separating an old logging road from the Management area farmed fields, well camouflaged by a scraggly wooded hedgerow. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby, and seems protected by its obscurity.

The monument, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, presently stands about 1½' high above ground, as compared with its original height (presumably about 3' or more) and measures about 11½" square. It is firmly in place, in fair condition, and obviously neglected. Both the letter P and M have been chipped, though are still discernible; there are big chips along all edges and corners; <sup>about half of</sup> the fluting and margins are gone; and all surfaces are badly weatherworn, particularly the top planes (no longer visible) which also have several pits.

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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~MONUMENT ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No 3(4) 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. 3(4) 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)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.42755.439703

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

STATE: MarylandCOUNTY: CecilSTATE: PennsylvaniaCOUNTY: Chester**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

3/16/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland

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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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 3(4)

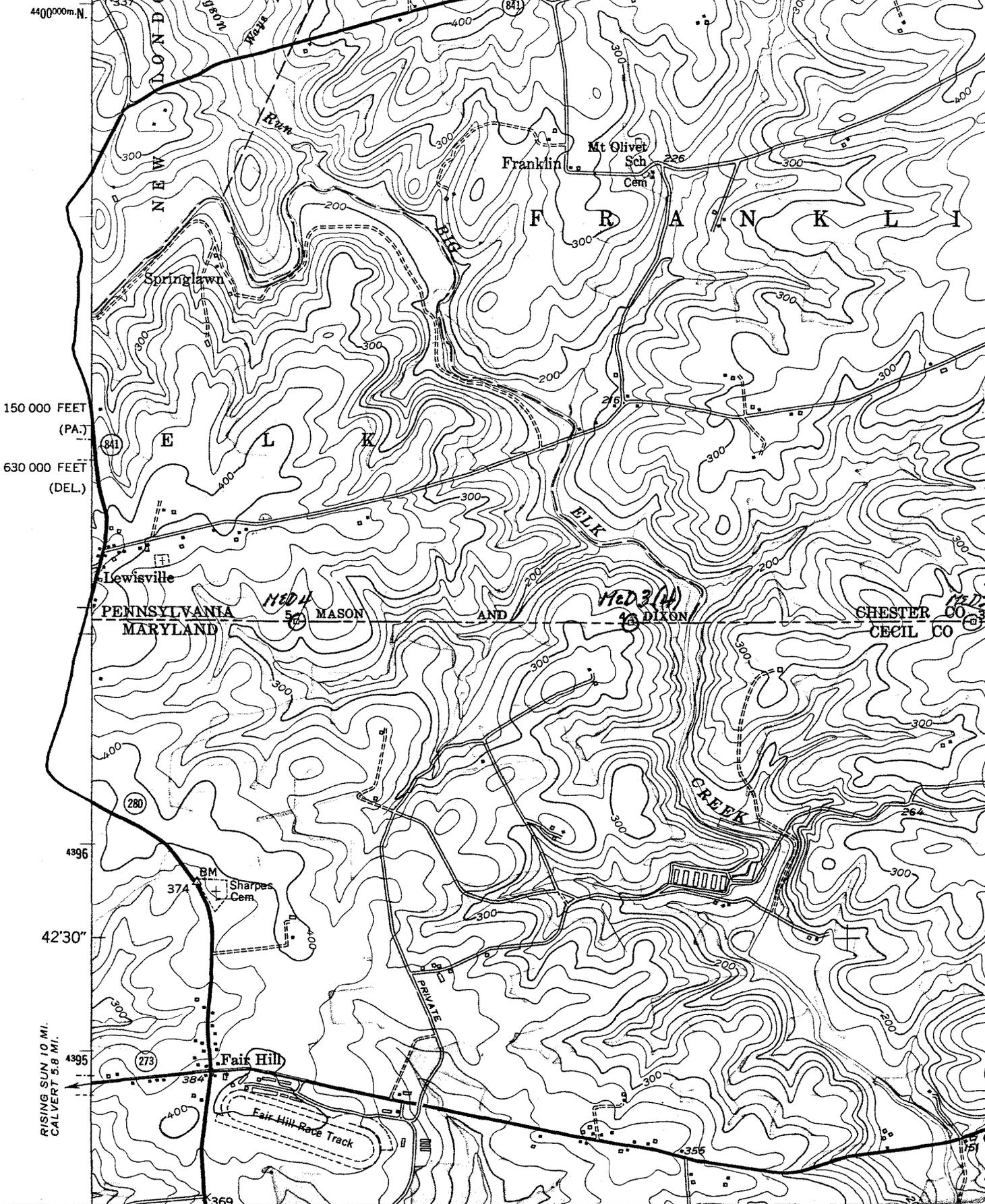
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
NEWARK WEST QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-DELAWARE-PENNSYLVANIA  
COATESVILLE 20 MI.  
WEST GROVE 6 MI.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC) 896  
50' 1953 429

5863 1/4 SW  
(OXFORD)

75°52'30" 2 530 000 FEET (PA.) 426 000 m. E. 427 BM 405 414

39°45' 440 000 m. N. 380 000 FEET (DEL.) 50' 1953 429



150 000 FEET (PA.)

630 000 FEET (DEL.)

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND CHESTER CO. CECIL CO.

RISING SUN 10 MI.  
CALVERT 5.8 MI.



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 3 (4)  
SE CORNER (M/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/16/80 (1980.10.27)



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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 3 (4)  
NW CORNER (P/-)

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