

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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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, 5th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 5 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 6)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off south side of Lewisville Road (PA 472)

CITY, TOWN

Lewisville VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 5

STATE

Pennsylvania

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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

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-1015 entered 3/80

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 5(6) marks Mason and Dixon's fifth mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland on their West Line. Originally, 24 monuments were set along the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary (1 double crownstone at the corner, set in 1768; 4 crownstones and 19 milestones in 1766). Of these, 3 crownstones and 17 milestones remain on this part of the Line, No. 5(6) amongst them, at a site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is still predominantly rural, rolling farmland, with Lewisville being one of the few small settlements. The site is located at the eastern edge of the settlement; about 1½ miles northwest of Fair Hill, Maryland; about 1000' south of the Lewisville Road (PA 472) in one of the fields in back of the Durborow farmhouse; at a point about 20' east of a hedgerow at the east edge of a farm service lane. Unmarked and unexposed, it cannot be seen from a distance or detected closeup. And because it is covered by so little soil (a few inches), it could be easily damaged by farm machinery, and must be considered endangered.

The monument, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was standing about 1' above ground in 1948 (c. 9/19/48) when photos on file at the Maryland Historical Society were taken by Dr. A. L. Trussell. By the time of the 1950 field inspection it was described as "almost covered with earth." And though there are rumors that it has been moved "about 200' from the original site" it would seem to be where it was in 1948. At the time of the 1979-82 field inspection, we were able to expose the monument to a depth of about 18" and found it in fair condition, with the shields of the Penn and Calvert arms intact, with most fluting and some margins remaining; but with large chips on the top corners, chips along all edges; a deteriorating top with no planes or embellishments remaining and a large pit in the apex. It measured about 11" square; but we were unable to determine if it was ^{firmly in place,} still/surrounded by the concrete collar of 1902 or had been moved.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for description of original crownstone and the 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
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<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
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<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) ~~BLINDERS ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 5(6) is significant primarily as one of only 24 original crownstones still standing along Mason and Dixon's 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 (if found to be original) was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monumented the following year, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of only three original crownstones within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, No. 5(6) 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 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.42412.439708

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Chester

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey	3/16/80 (site surveyed)
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
14308 Mount Avenue	301/472-2128
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Phoenix	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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 5
BAY VIEW QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW/4 ELKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

1953 PHOTO REVISSED 1970

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

75°52'30"

39°45'

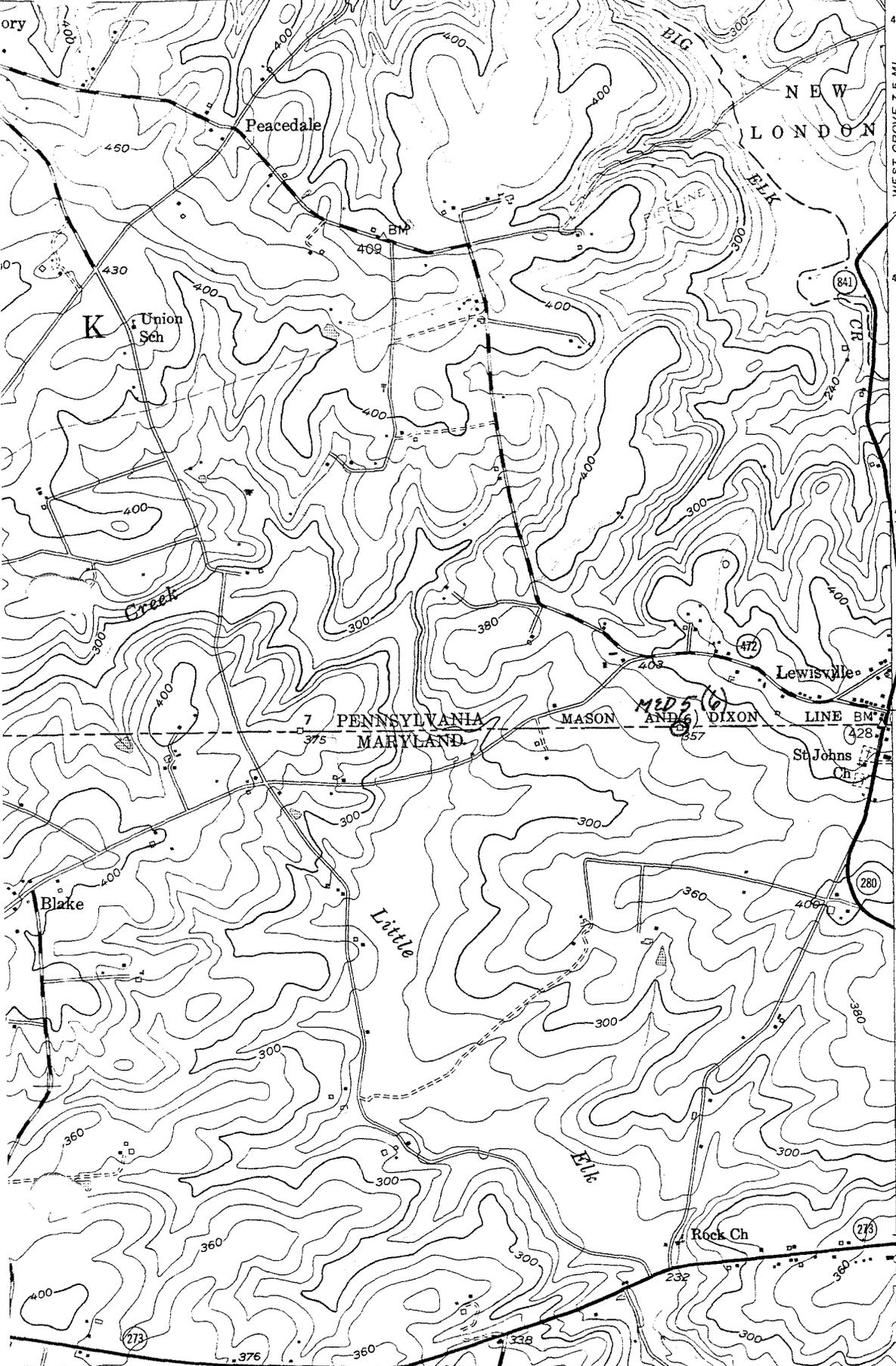
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(WEST GROVE) (6)



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WEST GROVE 7.5 MI.
COATESVILLE 21 MI.
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(MD.)
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0.9 MI. TO MD. 273
ELKTON 8 MI.
4396
42'30"
FAIR HILL 0.4 MI.
NEWARK, DEL. 7 MI.

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MASON AND DIXON LINE

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 5 (6)
(CROWNSTONE), SE CORNER (CALVERT COAT
OF ARMS | —)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/16/80 (1980.10.35)