

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI no. \_\_\_\_\_

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, 14th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 14(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 15)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER south side of abandoned section of Little New York Road

CITY, TOWN

Sylmar

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	<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 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-1021 entered 3/80

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	
<input 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. 14(15) marks Mason and Dixon's 14th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is an original milestone of 1766, at an original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765, resurveyed in 1902 and reset at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is still essentially rural, rolling farmland, interspersed with woodlands. The site is located in Election District VI of Cecil County, West Nottingham Township in Chester County; about 1½ miles due west of Sylmar, MD/PA; about 1¼ miles north-northeast of the village of Rising Sun, Maryland; about ¾ mile northwest of US 1; about 5' from an abandoned section of Little New York Road in the marshy edge of a woods and at the east edge of a small stream (Stone Run). It cannot be seen from the main road, nor easily from this abandoned stretch because of the nearby dumping and lush foliage. It is close to a large deciduous tree and beside a black stone of similar size.

The monument, originally set to stand about 3' above ground was found by the 1900-03 Resurvey "almost completely buried in a swamp and was very much out of plumb..." It is believed to have been <sup>reset</sup> in its original position in 1902, and to stand about 1½' above ground. By the time of the 1950 field inspection it was still in place and plumb, but with the "Maryland side damaged so that it is impossible to read lettering. Large chip broken from southwest corner of top." By the time of the present inspection, it was in deteriorated condition, in place and plumb but now standing only about 10" above ground. Both the letters P and M have been crudely reworked, most fluting and margins are gone; all surfaces are badly weathered and chipped; no top planes remain and all edges and corners are chipped, and there is a large pit in the apex. It is somewhat protected by the obscurity of the site, but may be endangered not only by neglect but also by the dumping of large rocks and logs nearby.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are 24 original crownstones and 111 milestones of 1766-67 still standing along Mason and Dixon's West Line, set at mile intervals through mile No. 132, and including 12 added in 1902 beyond that point (3 crownstones, 9 milestones) at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 14(15) is primarily significant as one of this original series, which represents a boundary of national and state importance, not only for its symbolism at the time of the Civil War but also for its innovative survey methods and settlement of longstanding provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 17 original milestones remaining within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is also significant locally as one of the diminishing number of objects and structures visually identifiable with our colonial and Civil War heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

**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 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

UTM: 18.40912.439718

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 4/11/80 (site surveyed by Jean Ewing)

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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.

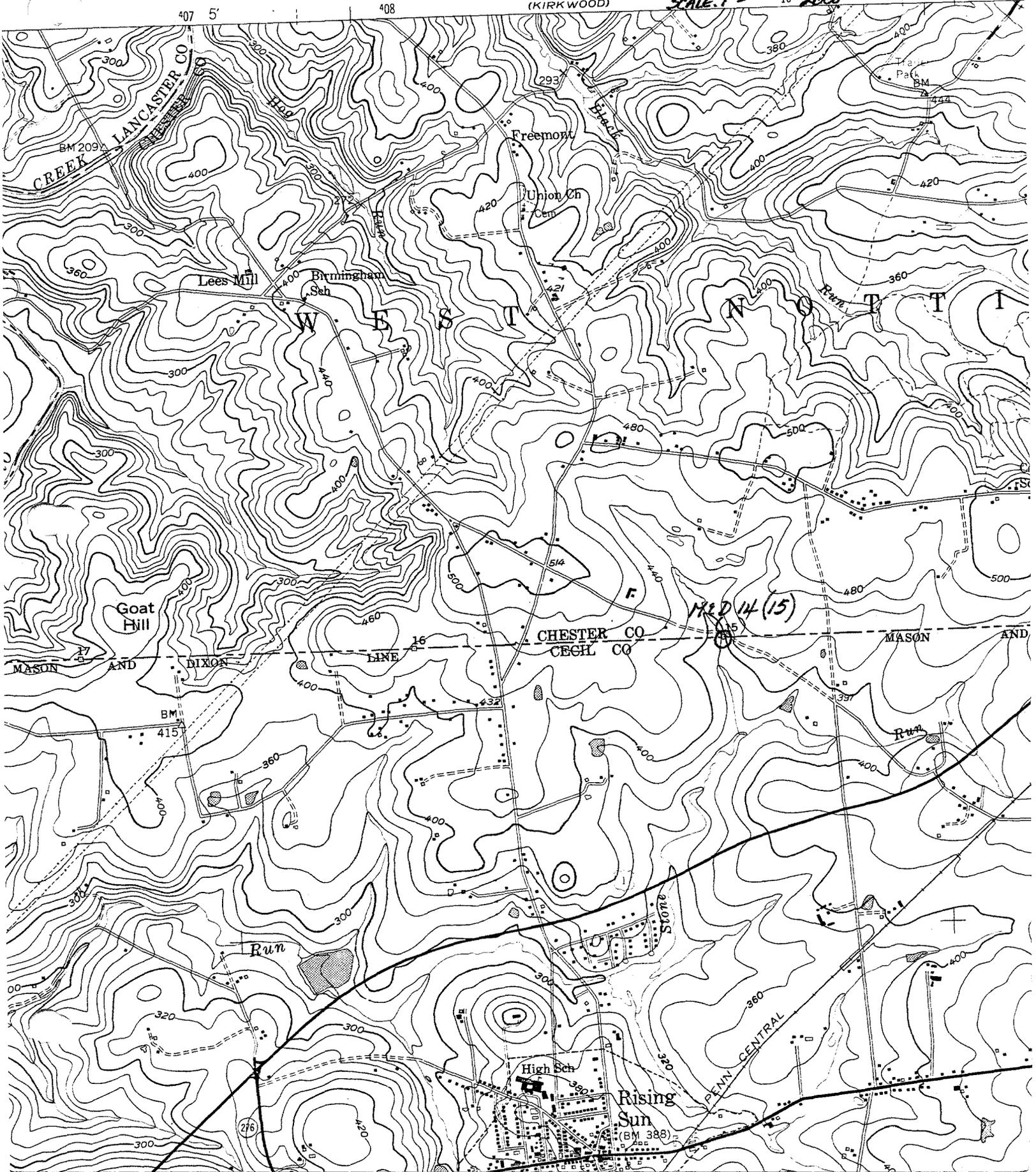
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CE-1021  
MASON-DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 14 (15)

RISING SUN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTO, REVISED 1970  
SCALE: 1" = 410' 2000'

5763 1 SE  
(KIRKWOOD)

2'30" 1:070 000 F



407 5'

408

CREEK  
LANCASTER CO

Lees Mill

Birmingham Sch

Freemont

Union Ch  
Cen

Goat Hill

CHESTER CO  
CECL CO

MED 14 (15)

MASON AND DIXON LINE

BM  
415

Run

High Sch

Rising Sun  
(BM 388)

PENN CENTRAL



MHT-HS1: CE-VI-1021

Mason & Dixon ~~east-west~~ line; # 14 <sup>MILESTONE</sup>

NW CORNER (p/-)

from NW

Chester / Cecil Co., Meadows / Fox, landowners.

PHOTO: JEAN

Ewing 11 April 80 (NEG #11)



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Mason & Dixon ~~east-west~~ line; #14 <sup>MILESTONE</sup>

SE CORNER (M/-)

from SE

Fox / Meadows landowners in Cecil / Chester Co

PHOTO: JEAN

NEwing 11 April 80 (NEG #10)



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Mason Dixon E-W line stone 14  
(15)

from north looking SE

View of stone from old abandoned Little New York Road.

Ewing April 11, 1980 (NEB #14)