

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, 15th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 15 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 16)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Red Pump Road, MD/T-304, PA

CITY, TOWN Rising Sun 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 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 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-1022 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 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. 15(16), an original crownstone of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 15th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of three original crownstones still standing along the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, and is set at its original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is still predominantly rural, gently rolling farmland, but at the southern edge of wooded slopes dropping down to the Octoraro Creek. The site is located within Election District VI of Cecil County, and West Nottingham Township of Chester County; about 1.2 miles north of the town of Rising Sun, Maryland; about 1½ miles south of a little crossroads settlement of Freemont, Pennsylvania; about 1400' due west of Red Pump Road, MD/T-304 PA at the Line (about 1200' west-southwest of the Stockford farmhouse); in wire fencerow flanked by open fields. It cannot be seen from the road, but is easily found when nearby.

The monument, originally cut to ^{stand} about 3' above ground, was reset to stand about 1½' high in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and now stands about 15" high. It is firmly in place, in very good condition, though with small chips all edges and corners and some weathering. As with all original Mason and Dixon crownstones: No. 15(16) is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. The stone measures about 12" square; the shields of the Penns (facing the north, Pennsylvania side) and the Calverts (facing the south, Maryland side) are clear, and most fluting and margins remain, as well as the top planes. It is well protected by a small clump of young trees and a metal fencepost, carrying a strand of barbed wire overhead.

(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

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~BUNDELMAN/ROBERTSON~~ 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(136) and including 12 added in 1902 beyond that point (3 crownstones, 9 milestones) at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 15(16), an original crownstone of 1766, 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 only three original crownstones still standing 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)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.40805.439719

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

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

4/11/80

(site surveyed by
Jean Ewing)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

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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.

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HASON & DIXON'S WEST LIDE; MILESTONE NO. 15(16), MINGLING CRAWFORD (1766)
VIEW OF SOUTH SIDE (CALVERT SHIELD) + UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN

PHOTO: PAUL HOFFMAN 9/30 (SERIA 840 PRINT IN MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PR37 1611
HARWOOD COLLECTION)
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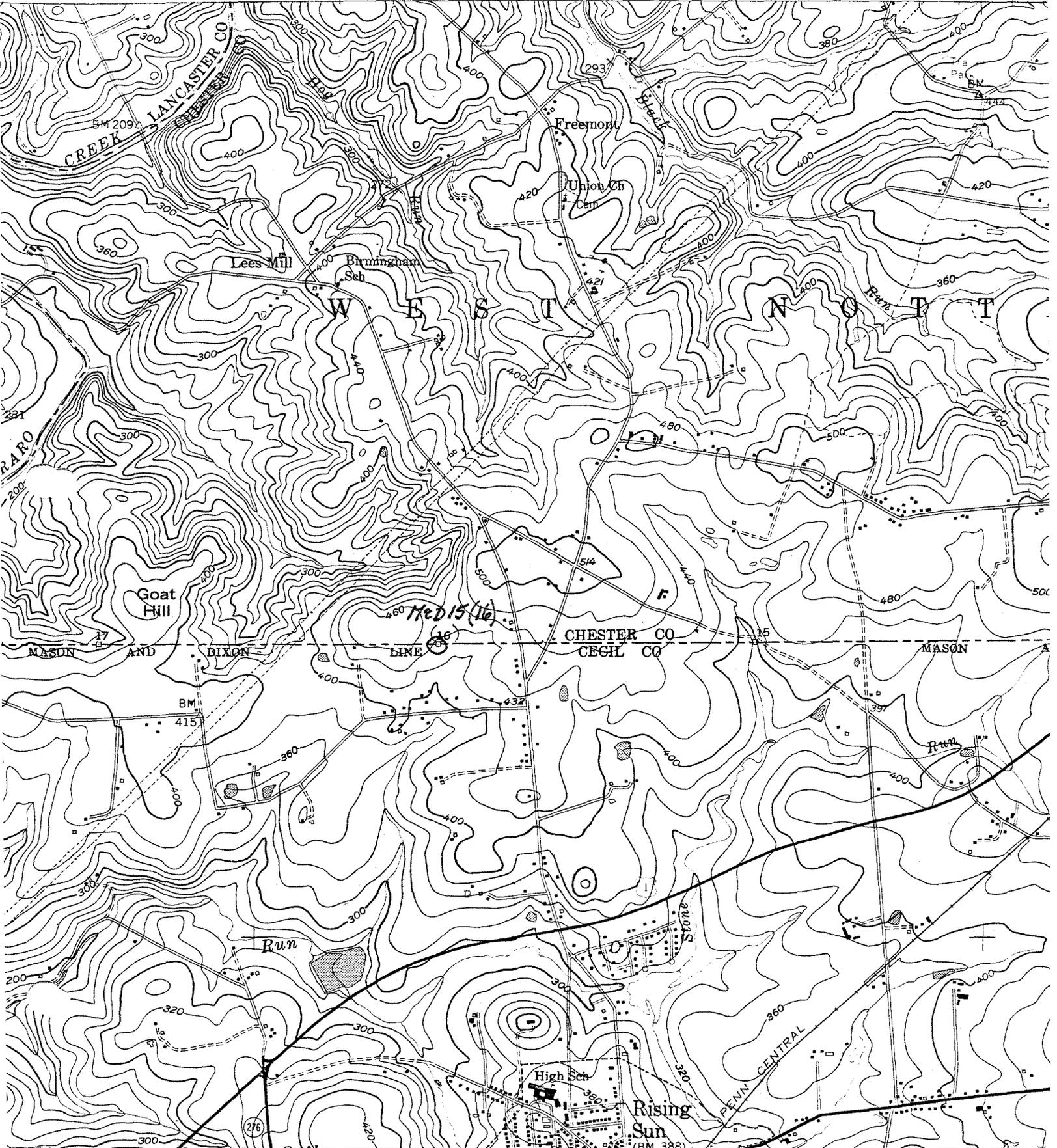
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 15 (16)

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



406 407 5' 408 5763 I SE (KIRK WOOD) 410 2'30" 107C





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Mason Dixon ~~WEST~~ Line; #15
MILESTONE (16)

(PENN COAT OF ARMS / —)

NW corner



Bilbo / Stockford landowners in Cecil / Chester Counties

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MILESTONE

Mason & Dixon ~~west line~~ #15(16)

(BALVERT COAT OF ARMS (—))

from SE corner

Cecil / Chester Counties, Bilbo & Stockford landowners

PHOTO:

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