

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, 19th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 19 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 20)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the southeast side of River View Road (T-301)

CITY, TOWN

Rock Springs

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 1 / PA: 16

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
MD: Cecil / PA: Lancaster

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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

_____ 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-1026 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 19(20) marks Mason and Dixon's 19th 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, unaltered though in deteriorated condition, and is ^{firmly} set at its original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is predominantly rural, rolling farmland, at an elevation of some 200' above the Octoraro Creek a little over a half mile to the east. ^{The site} is within Election District VIII of Cecil County, Fulton Township of Lancaster County; about 0.7 mile northeast of the small crossroads settlement of Rock Springs, Maryland and about 0.7 mile southeast of the junction of PA 172 with US 222 called Jenkins Corner, Pennsylvania; about 0.35 mile due east of US 222 at the Line; about 1100' east from a bend in River View Road (PA T-301), just inside the edge of the northeast corner of a deciduous woods, camouflaged by briars.

The monument, originally ^{about 12" square and} set to stand about 3' above ground, was reset in 1902 to stand about 1½' high at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It presently stands about 1' high, ^{rounded and} is misshapen from two centuries of weathering and chipping. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments: it was an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. It is now about 11" square, with only a faint trace of the letter P on the north (Pennsylvania) side, and part of the M on the south (Maryland) side left; all other embellishments are gone, including the planes forming the top, which is now lumpy and with several deep pits. It has been endangered in the past, while in a farmed field; it is now endangered by nearby dumping and logging, as well as neglect and being unmarked.

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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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) ~~ENGINEER/ARCHITECT~~ 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 the 132nd mile, and including 12 added in 1902 beyond that point (3 crownstones, 9 milestones) set at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 19(20) is primarily significant as one of this original series, which represents a boundary of national and state importance not only for its symbolism since Civil War times but also for its innovative survey methods and settlement of longstanding provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 20 (of the original 24) monuments still 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)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/AUTM: 18.40160.439726

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

STATE MarylandCOUNTY Cecil

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

Lancaster**11 FORM PREPARED BY**NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological SurveyDATE 2/3/80 (site surveyed by Jean Ewing)STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE 301/472-2128CITY OR TOWN PhoenixSTATE 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
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M-D 19

Mason & Dixon #19⁽²⁰⁾ Cecil County Maryland CE-1026
WEST LINE: MILESTONE. Lancaster County Pennsylvania

South and East sides (17/-)

NEG # 30
PHOTO: JEAN EWING Feb. 1980



M-D 19

Mason & Dixon #19 (20)
WEST LINE: MILESTONE

CE-1026

North & West sides (P/-)

NET # 28
PHOTO: JEAN EWING Feb³ 1980