

## 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, 21st Mile Stone.

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 21 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 22)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off the northeast side of Red Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Grove  VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 16

STATE

Pennsylvania

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS N/A	<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 &amp; 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 &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

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 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 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. 21(22) marks Mason and Dixon's 21st horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is <sup>an original milestone of 1766</sup> in good condition, unaltered (although at sometime prior to 1902 "mended with iron clamps"), and at its original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is rural, sparsely settled, with some farmlands but mostly woodlands. The site is within Election District VIII of Cecil County, Fulton Township of Lancaster County; about 0.8 mile southeast of the small crossroads settlement of Pleasant Grove, Pennsylvania; about 1½ miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Pilot, Maryland; about 1500' east-northeast off the bend in Red Hill Road, on the south slope in a deciduous woods about 50' from the edge of a cultivated field, within sight of transmission lines and towers. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby, for it is unmarked, and protected by this obscurity.

The monument, originally set to stand about 3' above ground, was apparently reset in 1902, at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and now stands only about 9" above ground. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments: it is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. The stone still measures about 12" square; retains its basic shape, though all edges and particularly the top corners are chipped; the letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) side are clear and intact, as is much of the fluting and margins; the top planes and apex remain, rising about 1" to the center.

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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
REHISTORIC	<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) ~~MASON AND DIXON~~ 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) at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 21(22) 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 Mason and Dixon's innovative survey methods and the settlement of long standing provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 20 (of 24 original) monuments remaining along 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: 18.39837.439730

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Cecil
STATE	Pennsylvania	COUNTY	Lancaster

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION	DATE	
<u>Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey</u>	<u>4/16/80</u>	<u>(site surveyed by Jean Ewing)</u>

STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
<u>14308 Mount Avenue</u>	<u>301/472-2128</u>

CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Phoenix</u>	<u>Maryland 21131</u>

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  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 21 (22)  
CONDWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTOREV. 1970 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5763 1 SW  
398 (WAKEFIELD)

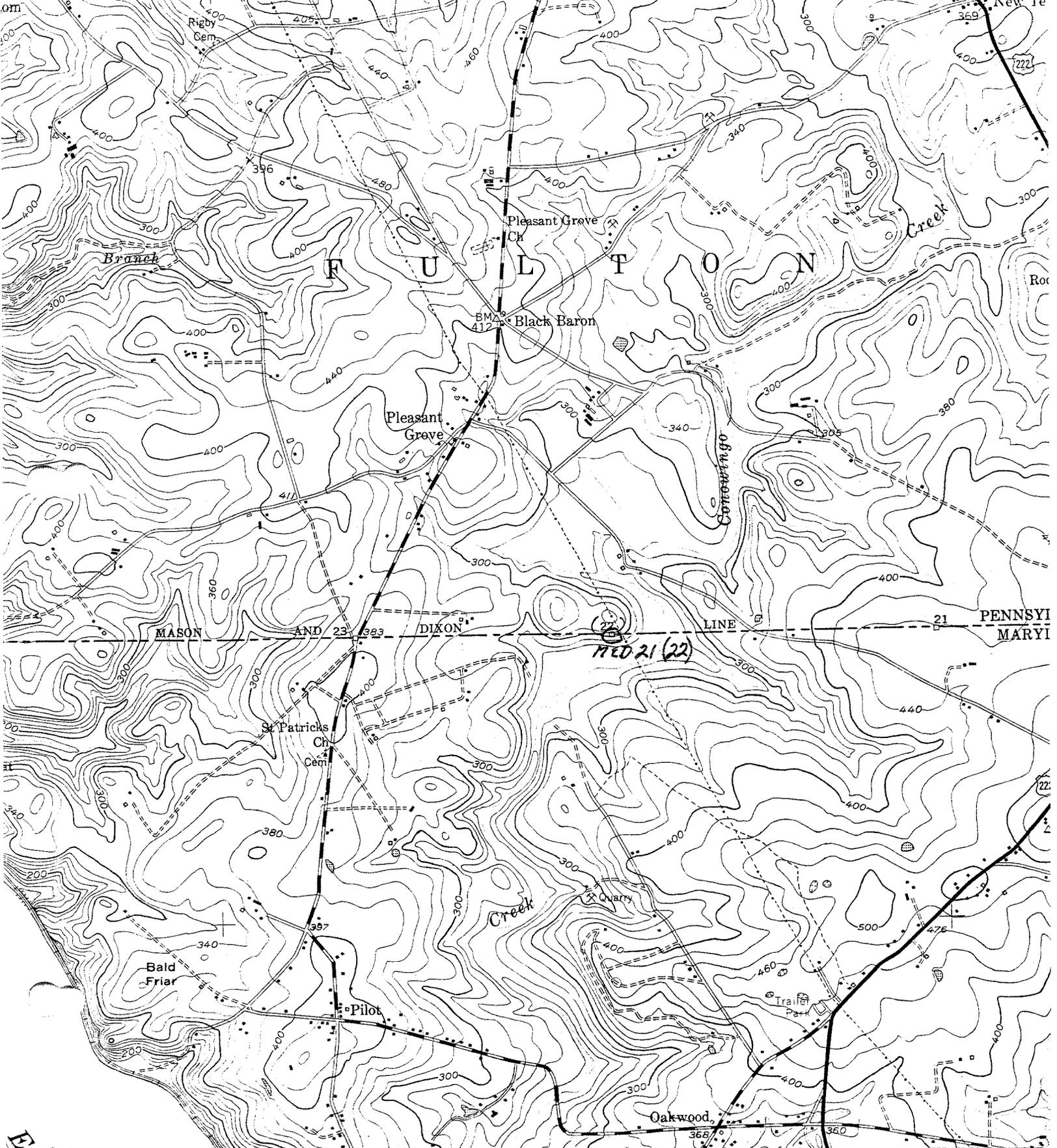
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400 10' WAKEFIELD 2

396

12'30"

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PENNSY  
MARY

MED 21 (22)

MASON

AND 23

DIXON

LINE

21

PENNSY  
MARY

Bald  
Friar

Pilot

Oakwood

Traff

Quarry

St. Patricks  
Ch  
Cem

Pleasant  
Grove

Black Baron

Pleasant Grove  
Ch

Branch

Creek

Creek

Condwingo

Rot

New Te

WAKEFIELD 2

QUARRYVILLE

A black and white photograph of a rock specimen. The rock is roughly rectangular and has a mottled, light-colored surface with darker, irregular patches, possibly representing mineral inclusions or weathering. It is positioned in the center-right of the frame. In the foreground, to the left of the rock, is a dark rectangular label with the white text "M-D 21". The rock and label are surrounded by a dense layer of dry leaves and twigs, suggesting an outdoor field setting. The background is out of focus, showing more of the ground cover.

M-D 21

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 21 (22)  
WEST & SOUTH (M) FACES

PHOTO: JEAN EWING 4/16/80 (NEG. #35)



M-D 21

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 21 (22)  
EAST & NORTH (P) FACES

PHOTO: JEAN EWING 4/16/80 (NEG. NO NUMBER)