

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI: _____

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, 22nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 22 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 23)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER at end of Bell Manor Road in fork between PA T-456 and LR-36007

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Grove VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<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

TITLE

Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CE-1029 entered 3/80

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1902</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 22(23) approximately marks Mason and Dixon's 22nd horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is a replacement of the original of 1766 with a new Port Deposit granite monument of a differing design in 1902, set at a better site on the Line further east, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is predominantly rural, with a few scattered ^{open fields} farms, and residences, along the last ridge before the land slopes westward down to the Susquehanna River. The site is within Election District VIII of Cecil County, Fulton Township of Lancaster County; about 0.8 mile south-southwest of the scattered settlement of Pleasant Grove, Pennsylvania; about 1.15 miles due north of the small crossroads settlement of Pilot, Maryland; at the north end of Bell Manor Road (Pilottown Road) in the fork between PA T-456 and LR-36007; about 2' from the main road (LR-36007) in the road shoulder at grade level. It can be easily seen from the road, all seasons. According to the 1900-03 Resurvey, the original milestone here "was situated in the bottom of a hollow a little farther west and had been washed out and destroyed by the formation of a gully."

This new monument (and the one added to the Line on the west side of the Susquehanna River, now inundated) was described in the MGS Vol. VII (1908), pp. 74-75 as of Port Deposit granite, 5'6" long, 12" square above ground, and with a flat top, though the surfaces to be buried below ground level were left rough "as it came from the quarry; weight about 1000 pounds." It remains in place, firmly set, in excellent condition; is a salt-and-pepper granite, dressed, and embellished only by very plain V-cut/^{blocky}capital letters, P on the north (Pennsylvania) side, M on the south (Maryland) side. Although unprotected by any posts, it has survived traffic and road maintenance machinery hazards, but is certainly endangered.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for a description of this and other monument replacements and additions to the Line)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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 (original marker) ~~AND/OR ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (replacement) 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. 22(23), though a new replacement in 1902 for one of the original milestones, and at a slightly relocated site, is primarily significant as one of the series/^{visually} maintaining the integrity of the original West Line, and thus representing a boundary of national and state importance, which has symbolized the division between the north and south since Civil War days, and a century earlier was notable for the innovative survey methods used to settle the longstanding provincial boundary disputes. Individually and locally it is considerably less significant.

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

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/AUTM: 18.39710.439730

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY CecilSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Lancaster**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

2/3/80(site surveyed by Jean Ewing)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CE-1029
MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 22 (23)
CONQUINGO DAY QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREV. 1970 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

