

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, 23rd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 23 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 24)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west end of Cook's Landing Road (PA T-301)

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	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 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
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A Liber #: Folio #:

(see surrounding property ownership list)
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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-1030 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. 23(24) marks Mason and Dixon's 23rd 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, in fairly good condition, unaltered, and ^{firmly set} at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is a wooded bluff, overlooking the Susquehanna River, about 150' below. The site is within Election District VIII of Cecil County, Fulton Township of Lancaster County; about 1.7 miles southwest from the scattered settlement of Pleasant Grove and the main road (PA LR-36007); about 40' due west of Judge Mueller's summer cottage, in a deciduous woods at the edge of a footpath overlooking the River. It cannot be seen from Cook's Landing Road, nor easily until closeby, and is protected by this remoteness.

The monument was originally cut to stand about 3' above ground, but was reset during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary to stand about 1½', as it does at the present time. Identical to the other original Mason and Dixon West Line milestones, No. 23(24) is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. It measures about 12" square; the P on the north side facing Pennsylvania is clear and intact, but the M on the south side facing Maryland has been chipped, as have all edges and top corners. Most fluting, ^{circle panels} and margins remain clear; and the top planes show little weathering.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for a description of the 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			
<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) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 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. 23(24) 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 longstanding provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 20 (of the original 24) monuments 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)

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: 18.39512.439731

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 4/16/80 (site surveyed by Jean Ewing)STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount Avenue TELEPHONE 301/472-2128CITY 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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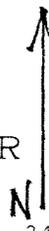
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 23(24)

CONOWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREV. 1970 SCALE: 1"=2000'

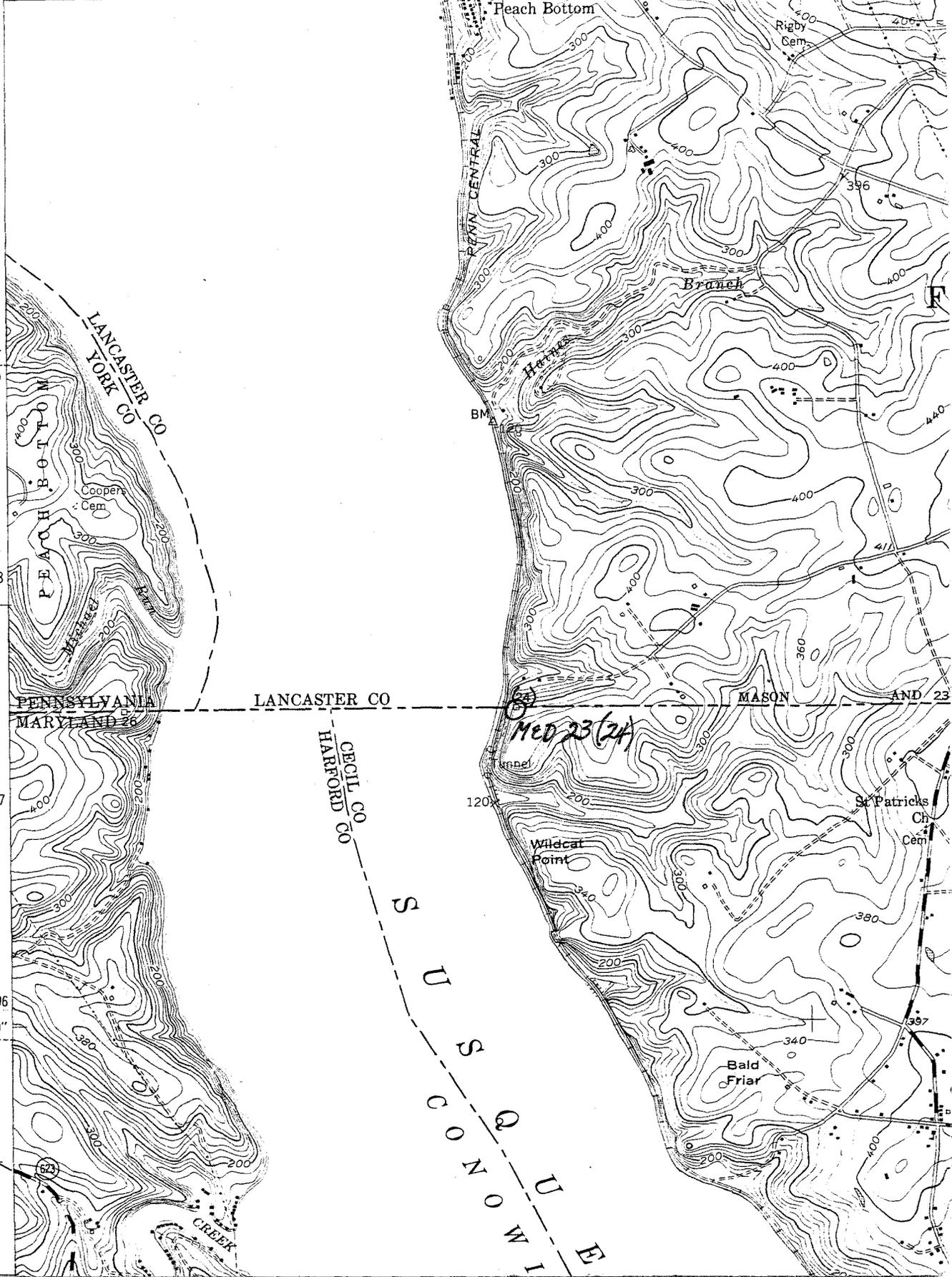
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

5763 N. SE.
(HOLTWOOD)



76°15' 393000m.E. 394 2 430 000 FEET (PA.): 396 12'30" 397
39°45' 4400000m.N.

4399
150 000 FEET
(PA.)



LANCASTER CO
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PEACH BOTTOM

PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND 26

LANCASTER CO

CECIL CO
HARFORD CO

MASON
AND 23
MED 23(24)
CONOWINGO WEST LINE

HILL, PA. 3.4 MI.

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M-D 23

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Mason-Dixon west line marker 23 (24)

South. West Jones (-/M)

JEAN.
F wing photo 6/80 (Aug 22)



M-D 23

North - East faces (-1P)

Mason & Dixon west line marker #23 (24)

JEAN
Fearing photo 6/80

neg 20

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Mason & Dixon west line; ^{MIKE} stone 23₁ (24)

Ewing 16 April 80 (NO NEG.)

VIEW
↑ looking WSW, ^{TOWARD STONE E} across Susquehanna R.