

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

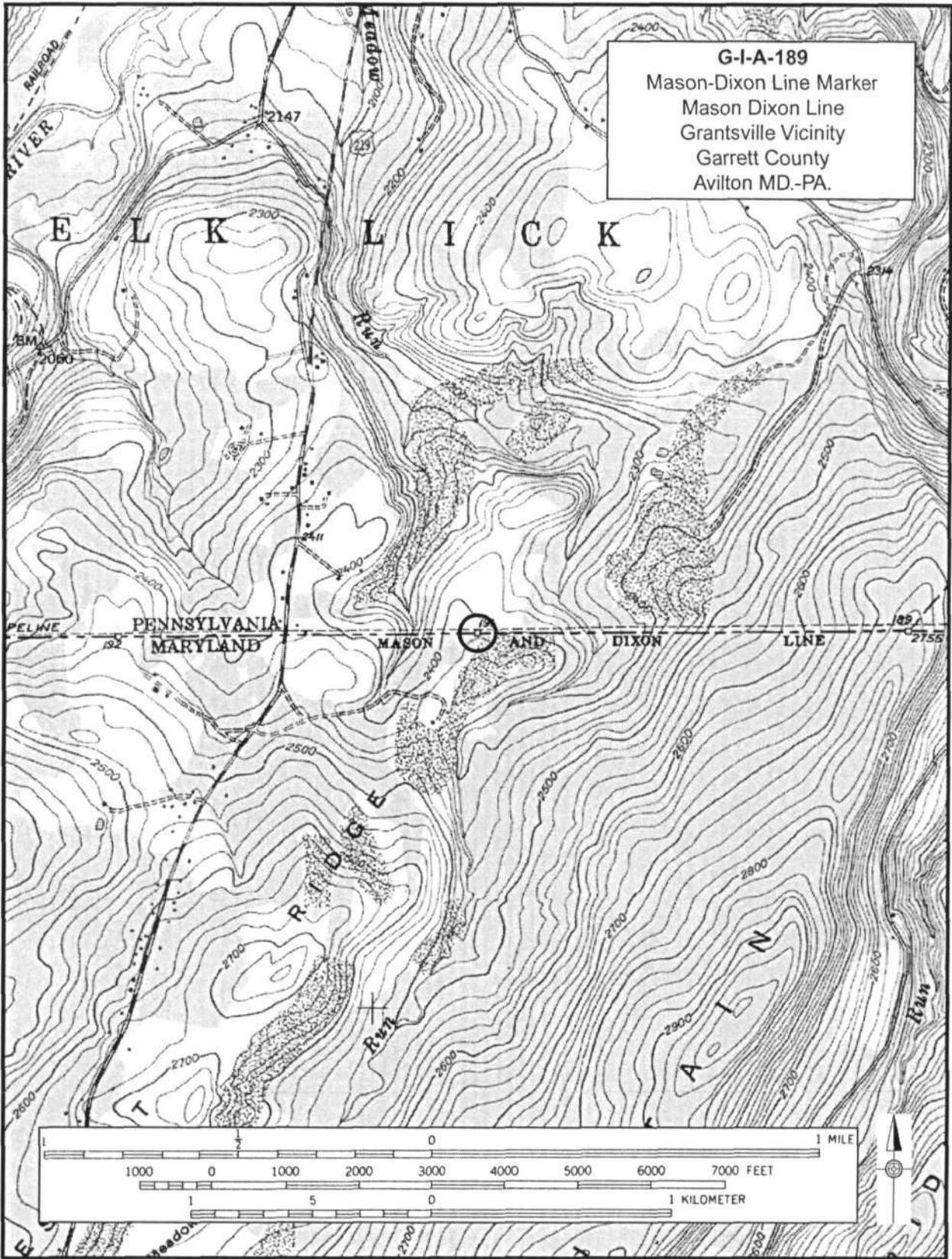
Addendum

MIHP Number: G-I-A-189

Property Name: Mason Dixon Line Milestone 191

Property Address: Maryland – Pennsylvania Border, on the northern edge of Chestnut Ridge, 2,700 feet east of U.S. 219.

Mason-Dixon Line Milestone 191 is a small rectangular stone marker set atop a low earthen mound. The monument and mound, the ruin of the original cairn, represent one of the survey points established during the initial 1767 survey and confirmed during the 1902 resurvey. We located, mapped and photographed the monument, and found it intact. The Maryland Historic Trust and the Maryland Geological Survey surveyed the marker in 1981 and it was nominated for the National Register of Historic Places the following year as part of "Boundary Markers Along The Mason-Dixon Line Thematic Group." Information on file at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission indicates that the markers were listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. As the historic property boundary has not been clearly defined, we recommend a fifty-foot diameter circle from the 1902 marker, including the marker, cairn, mound and immediate setting, as the historic property boundary.





G-1-A-189 (Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker)

Garrett County, Maryland

Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)

View of Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker, facing South

Photo 1 of 1

ABSTRACT

G-IA-189

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(191)

1767 (area surveyed), 1902 (monument)

Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(191) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line on Chestnut Ridge/is about 3750 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(190) which marked their 174th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile/^{English} provincial boundary, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures about 10 1/4 inches square by about 25 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the Line). On the national and state levels, No. ---(191) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

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

AND/OR COMMON MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 191)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Salisbury Road (US 219), Chestnut Ridge

CITY, TOWN Salisbury VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 6 / PA: 12
 STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
 VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: Folio #:
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

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

TITLE Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IA-189 entered 9/4/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. G-IA-189

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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (2)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(191) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3750 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(190), which marked their 174th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the Line in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures about 10 1/4 inches square by about 25 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was originally surveyed and marked by cairns and additional posts), and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is near the north end of Chestnut Ridge, along which are strung patches of strip mining, interspersed with hilly woodlands and some open fields, with housing confined almost entirely to the roadsides. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2 miles south of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 2 1/4 miles northeast of the settlement of High Point, MD; about 2700 feet east of Salisbury Road (US 219) and about 15 feet south of the new pipeline, ^(Columbia Gas No. 1804-26) at the north edge of a deciduous, rocky, ^{ferny} woodland. It cannot be seen from any road (or the pipeline, until huge logs are removed), and would ordinarily be protected by the remoteness of the site, but is vulnerable to damage during pipeline construction and maintenance, and should be identified by ^awitness post.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called magnesian limestone or saccharoidal dolomite; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, though there are a few minor chips at the top corners.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of West Line monument additions and replacements)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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 1767 (area surveyed) 1902 (monument) ~~BUNDESVARCHITECT~~ SURVEYORS Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(191) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed^{and marked} in 1767, and this new site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(191) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

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 DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66473, northing 439850VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY GarrettSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey DATE 10/11/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

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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

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:
MILESTONE NO. - (191)

AVILTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1947 PHOTOREV. 1974
UNITED STATES



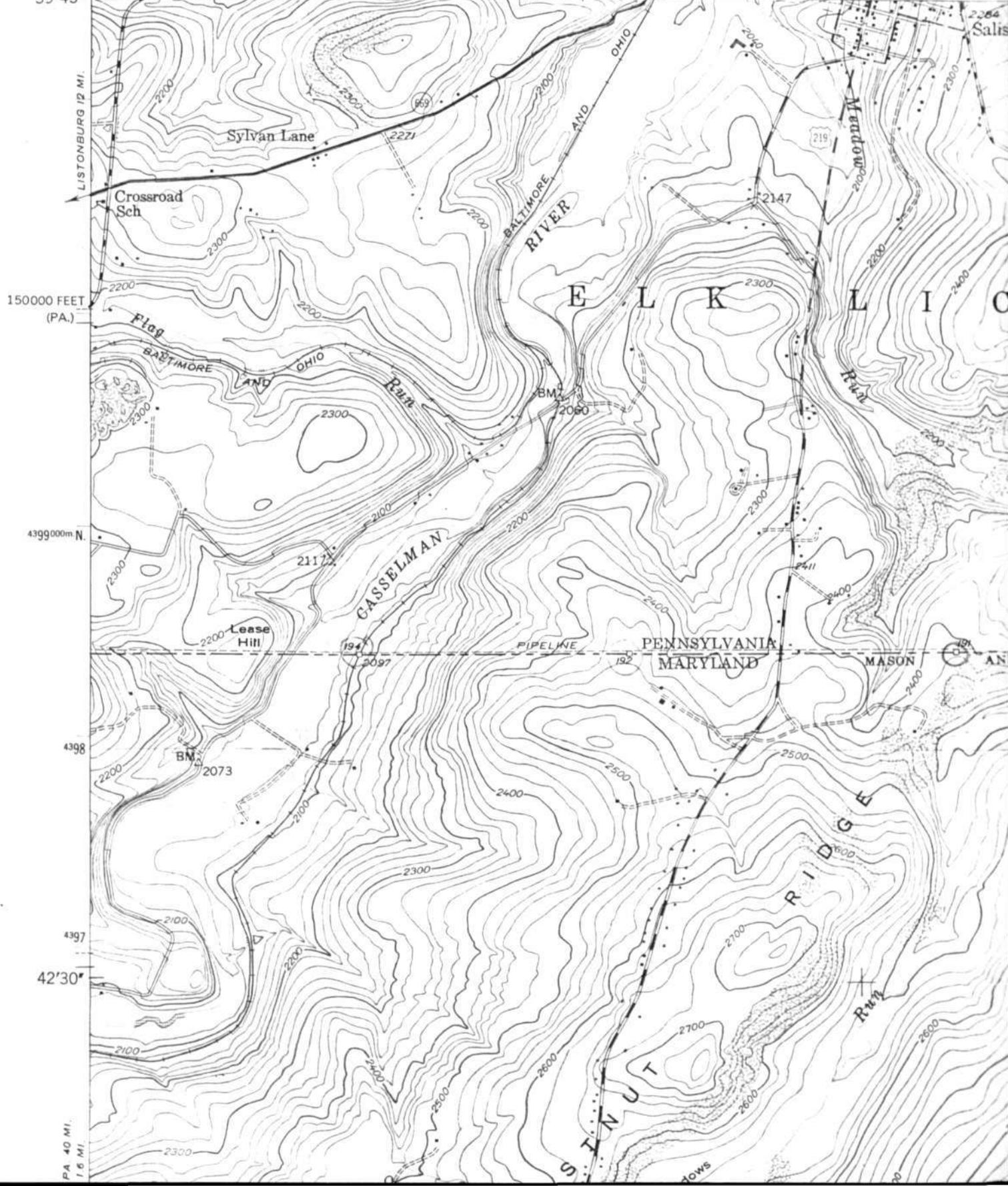
51631 SW
(MARKLETON)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE: 1"=2000'

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

79°07'30" 661000m E. 662 1620000 FEET (PA.); 663 WEST SALISBURY 0.3 MI. 664 5' SOMERSET 22 MI MEYERSDALE 6 MI.



39°45'

LISTONBURG 12 MI.

150000 FEET (PA.)

4399000m N.

4398

4397

42°30'

PA. 40 MI.
1.6 MI.



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTAKE - (12)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SE CORNER (M/17.5) & SHOWING PROXIMITY
OF NEW PIPELINE SWATH CONSTRUCTION

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45.28A)

NEW PIPELINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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MASON EDINON¹ WEST LINE MILESTONE - (19)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

NW CORNER (P/1902), & SHOWING PROXIMITY
OF FELLED LOG AT EDGE OF CELL PIPELINE SWATH
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PHOTO: LICE MARTIN 10/1/81 (1981.45. 26A)