

ABSTRACT

G-IB-182

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(184) 1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Finzel, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(184) and its large mound ^{on Piney Ridge} of stones/mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 169 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the 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 (though slightly skewed); measures about 10 inches square by about 10 inches high above the mound; 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 first surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side. ^(when the new monument was added to the mound by the 1900-03 Resurvey) The mound, believed the remains of an original cairn, is also in excellent condition, and measures a roughly-estimated 10 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high above ground at the center, where the monument now replaces the original wood post long since gone. On the national and state levels, No. ---(184) and its mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their 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. 184)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the northeast side of Pocahontas Road

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland

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

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

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and 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 Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IB-182 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-IB-182

CONDITION
 (monument & mound)
 EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
 (monument & mound)
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE (mound)
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(184) and its large mound of stones on Piney Ridge mark an original point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 169 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. The monument was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place (though slightly skewed); measures about 10 inches square by about 10 inches high above the mound; 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 originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side. The mound, believed the remains of an old original cairn, is also in excellent condition.

The area here is the ^{high}/~~rough~~, densely wooded, north slope and end of Piney Ridge, sparsely settled along the county roads. The site is within Election District 9 of Garrett County, MD, and Greenville Township of Somerset County, PA; a little over 1/2 miles southwest of ^{the settlement of}/~~Pocahontas~~, PA; about 3/4 miles west northwest of the small village of Finzel, MD; about 1350 feet due west of Milestone No. ---(183); at a point about 300 feet west of the cleared access (logging road) from Pocahontas Road to the pipeline, and about 75 feet south of the pipeline; in a deciduous woods, at a junction ^{at the mound}/~~of~~ an old east-west barbed wire fence with a north-south barbed wire fence. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, and not easily from closeby; and this obscurity seems effectively protective.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground or mound, with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground without 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 some minor chips along the edges and corners and the stone seems skewed about 15° counterclockwise. The mound was not measured, but appears from phot to be about 10 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further descriptions of the original mounds and monument additions)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

Survey No. G-IB-182

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 1767 (mound) 1902 (monument) ~~INDICATE SPECIFIC SURVEYORS~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(184) and its large mound of stones are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among 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 area was originally surveyed and marked by cairns and additional wood posts in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the remains of a cairn in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(184) and the mound are also significant symbolically for their 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: Frostburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 67332, northing 439873

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Garrett

STATE 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

10/12/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

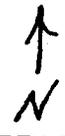
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:
MILESTONE NO. -- (184)

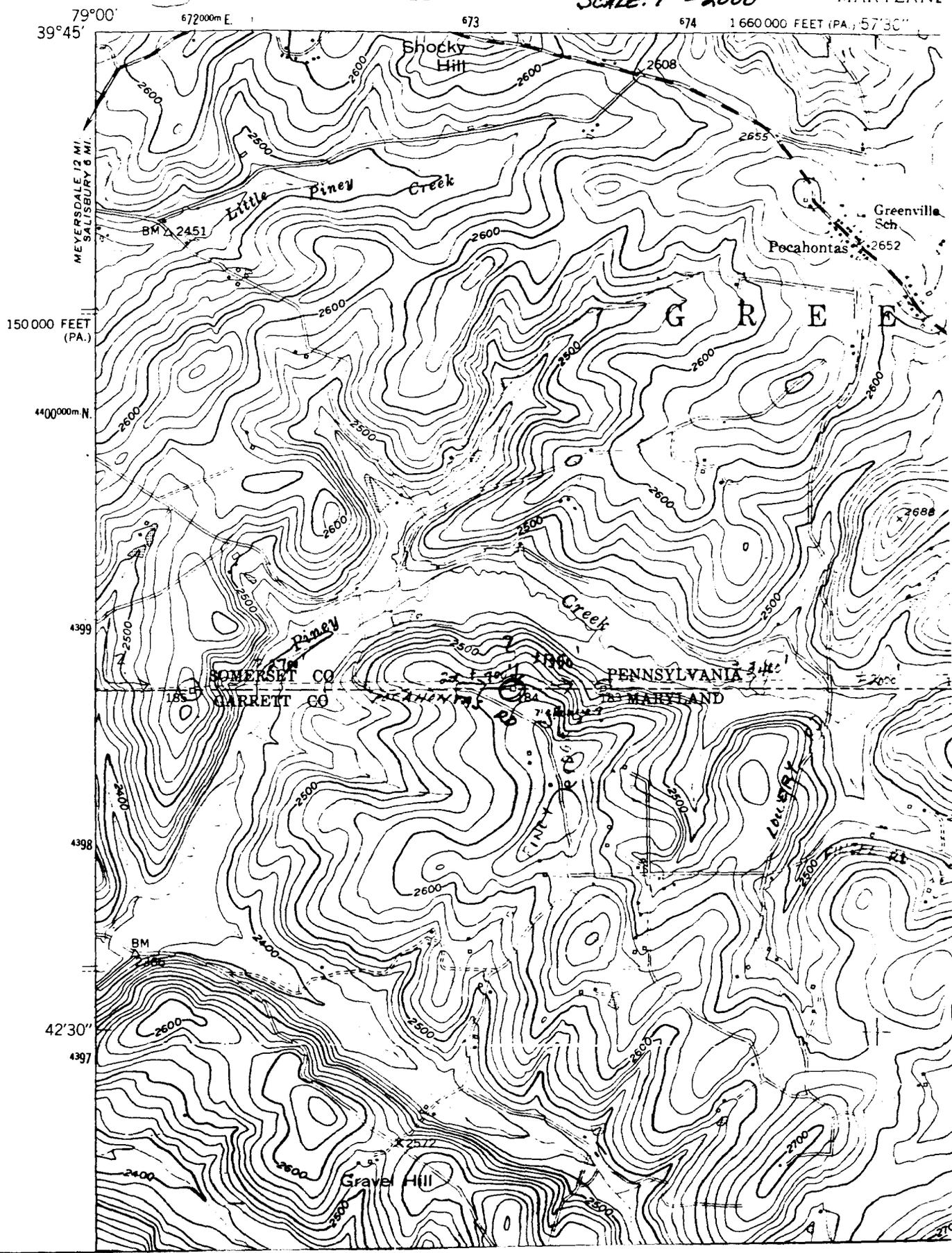
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



FROSTBURG QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1949 PHOTOREV. 1974
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

STATE
MARYLAND

S183 1 SE
(MEYERSDALE)





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MASON EDWIN WEST - DE; M - ESTONE - (186)
STONE MONUMENT TO LARGE MOUNT OF STONES
SW CORNER (P. 1/1)

PHOTO ALICE MANTON 10/12/12 (P. 1/1)



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MASCK EDIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE - (184)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF STONE
NE CORNER (1767 2)

PHOTO ALICE MARTIN 1882 21, 22, 23 24



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M&D WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (184)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF STONES

VIEW NE: OF STONE, MOUND, SETTING & PROXIMITY
TO GLEARED, MOWED OLD PIPELINE SWATH

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/12/81 (1981.43.36)
(neg in MGS coll.)

STONE
& MOUND