

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-260

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(215) 1767 (survey), 1902 (monument, now  
Polk Hill area, Maryland/Pennsylvania missing from site)  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(215), removed prior to the inundation of the area at the time of construction of the Youghiogheny River dam in 1943, was set in 1902 as a new monument to mark a new point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little more than 191 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, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the boundary, was a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long (cut to stand about 1½ feet high above ground); and was embellished only by the capital letter P to face Pennsylvania on the north, M to face Maryland on the south, the year 1767 to face east (the year this area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 to face west (the year when the area was resurveyed and the new monument set). The significance of the site, now unmarked and obliterated by the flooding, is negligible; and that of the monument, if found, only as it can be utilized as an addition or replacement on the Line.

(NOTE: followup documentation will be provided for the record during Phase II of the Mason-Dixon Line field inspection project)

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name) \*

historic (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

\* and/or common Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 215)

## 2. Location NOTE: site inundated at time of Youghiogheny River impoundment

street & number (former site) off east side of Youghiogheny River  not for publication

city, town Polk Hill area  vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 12

state Maryland/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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no (site)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other boundary <sup>state</sup>

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) name State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-260 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-IIA-260

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input 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 of move c. 1943 (?) monument
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not known	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X not known	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X additional site (1902)	

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. ---(215), removed prior to the inundation of the area by the construction of the Youghiogheny River dam, was set in 1902 as a new monument to mark a new point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary / a little more than 191 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. It was a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; measured about 10 inches square, and was probably set to stand about 1½ feet high above ground. It was 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 Mason and Dixon), and 1902 on the west side (when set at this site during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). According to the Bayliff notes, 1959, p. 117 (under Marker 211): "Dr. A. L. Trussell located this marker on a farm some distance north of the boundary... (and) no attempt has been made to return this marker to the boundary."

The area here now is flooded by the Youghiogheny River impoundment and the 1902 site lost (except for the recording and engineer's map on file in the National Archives for the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). Until these original field notes and maps can be reviewed as part of Phase II of this marker inspection project, a site description cannot be completed. And until the monument is again located, its existence and condition cannot be determined.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the 1900-03 Resurvey monuments and methods of setting)

# 8. Significance

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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 (original survey), 1902 (monument) ~~1902 (monument)~~ Surveyors: Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

From 1902 until c. 1943, Milestone No. --- (215) was 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 the new Cockeysville marble monument set in 1902 at a new site on the Line established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Removed sometime prior to the inundation of the area at the time of construction of the Youghiogheny River dam, the monument is believed to be in existence, and the site is obliterated. The significance of the site is therefore debatable; and that of the monument only if it can be found and utilized elsewhere along the Line.

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

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property N/A (site now within impoundment area)

Quadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), 1947/1974

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic) do NOT complete UTM references NOTE: site not shown (see Plate LXXI, 1900-03 Resurvey)

A 

1	7	6	3	7	4	3	9	7
Zone		Easting			Northing			

B 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

C 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

D 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

E 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

F 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

G 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

H 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Garrett code

state Pennsylvania code county Somerset code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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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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HASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE  
FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-  
WEST VIRGINIA

C-IA-260  
(25)

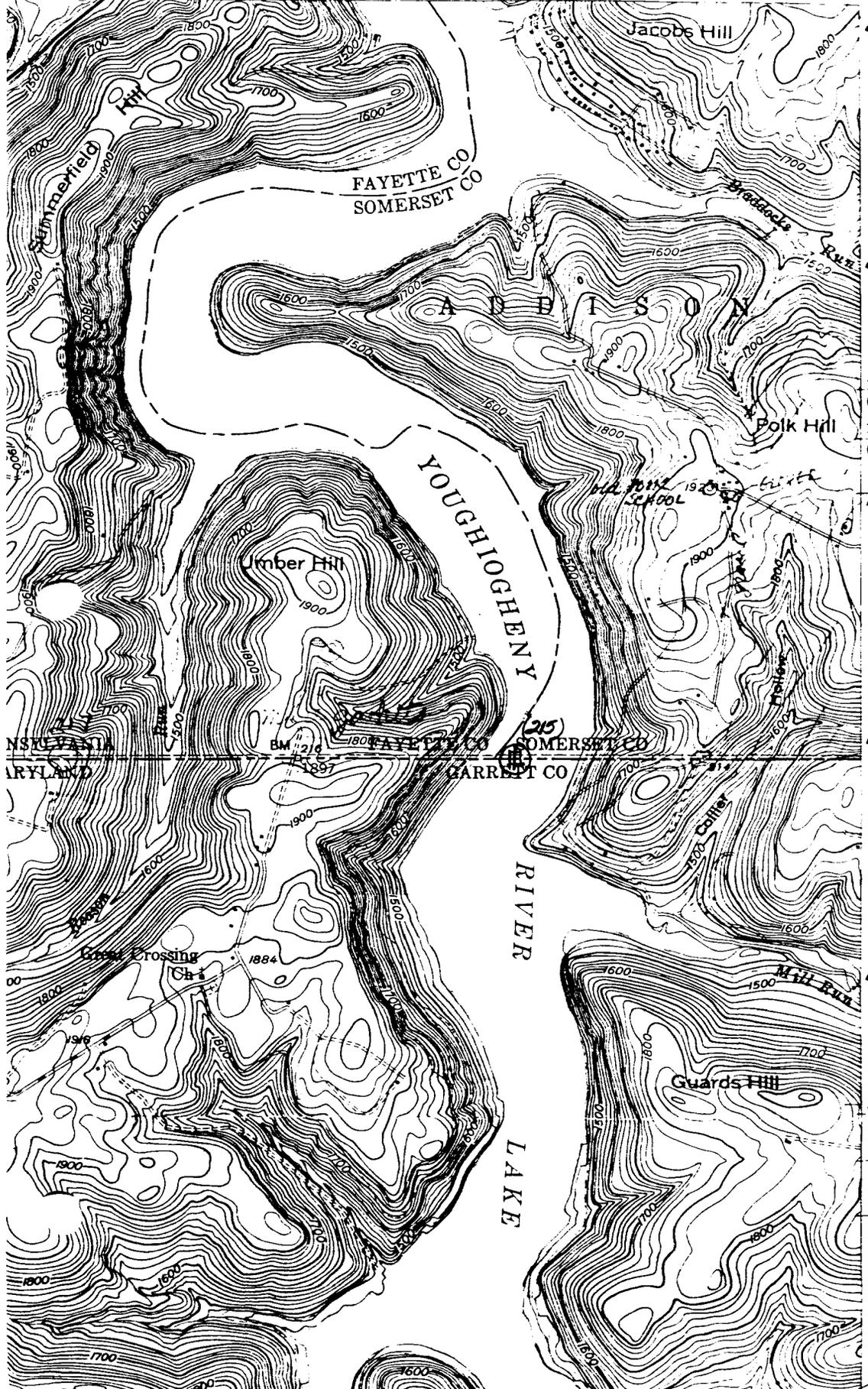
PENNSYLVANIA  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION SURVEY

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1947 PHOTOREV. 1974

5163 IV ST  
CONFLUENCE



5' 636 16 MI. 637 203000 FEET (W.VA.) 1540000 FEET (PA.) 79°22'30" 39°45'



450 000 FEET  
(W.VA.)  
150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

4399

4398

4397

42'30"

ADDITION (JUNC. U.S. 40) 4.4 MI.