

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-261

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(216)

1767 (survey), 1902 (monument)

Umbel Hill (area), Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(216), on Frazee's Ridge, marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary about 191½ 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 dressed, rather florid white marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland. It is in good condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by 16 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 part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the new site on the <sup>Line</sup> established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). On the national and state levels, No. ---(216) 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.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

## 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. 216)

## 2. Location

street & number off the north end of Frazee Ridge Road  not for publicationcity, town Umbel Hill (area)  vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 22

state Pennsylvania county MD: Garrett / PA: Fayette

## 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	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <sup>state</sup> boundary

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners) <sup>marker</sup>

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

street &amp; 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 &amp; number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-261 entered 9/4/81  federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

Survey No. G-IIA-261

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. ----(216) marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary over 191½ miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; is in good condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by 16 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 part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established on the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

just west of the Youghiogheny River and is high  
The area here is part of Frazee Ridge, which ends at the north tip called Umbel Hill, all within the Garletts' farm. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Henry Clay Township of Fayette County, PA; about 2½ miles east-northeast of the scattered settlement of Asher Glade, MD; about 3 miles east-southeast of the town of Markleysburg, WV; about 1500 feet north of the Garletts' farmhouse, about in the middle of the ridge's broad/open expanse of farmed land; in a cleared spot (about 15 feet in diameter) about 5 feet east of the farm service lane, surrounded by unfenced cornfields. It cannot be seen from any public road, but easily from the lane, all seasons; and is protected by the property owners and site.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill -- visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone. It was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet as a base below 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; although there is a large chunk out of the top southwest corner, and smaller chips at the other top corners and along the vertical edges. There is a US Coast and Geodetic Survey bench mark (V-120) about 3 feet northeast of the monument, reset in 1942 with/capped by a round concrete base the metal disk at ground level.

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

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boundary surveying		

Specific dates 1767 (original survey) 1902 (monument) ~~Builder/Architect~~ SURVEYORS Charles Mason and 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.

Milestone No. ---(216) 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 the new Cockeysville marble monument set/at an additional site on the Line established 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. ---(216) is also significant symbolically 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

Survey No. G-IIA-261

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), 1947/1974  
USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic)

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

1	7	6	3	6		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 Fayette code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland Historical Trust and  
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city or town Phoenix

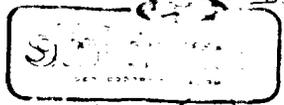
state Maryland 21131

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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STATE NO. 21-28  
DATE MTT-81 ASSIGNMENT 18-7-81  
MATCH COUCH WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKING  
GARRETT COUNTY - (216)  
PHOTOS: ALICE MARTIN 9/7/81  
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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. - (216)

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VIEW LOOKING SOUTH OF MONUMENT IN RELATION TO USCL65  
BENCH MARK & GARLETTS FARM LANE  
(1981-31-21)

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE - (216)  
STATE MONUMENT (1929)  
+ BENCH MARK I 120 RESET 1942  
NE CORNER (1767/8)  
PHOTOS: ALICE MARTIN (9/7/81) 9/11/81 1981-31-21  
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CLOSEUP OF USCL65 BENCH MARK I 120  
(RESET 1942)  
(1981-31-23)

VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM GARLETTS FARM LANE;  
OF MONUMENT & SETTING  
(1981-31-18)

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE

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FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-

WEST VIRGINIA

PENNSYLVANIA  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
SURVEY

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1947 PHOTO REV. 1974

1:50,000 FEET SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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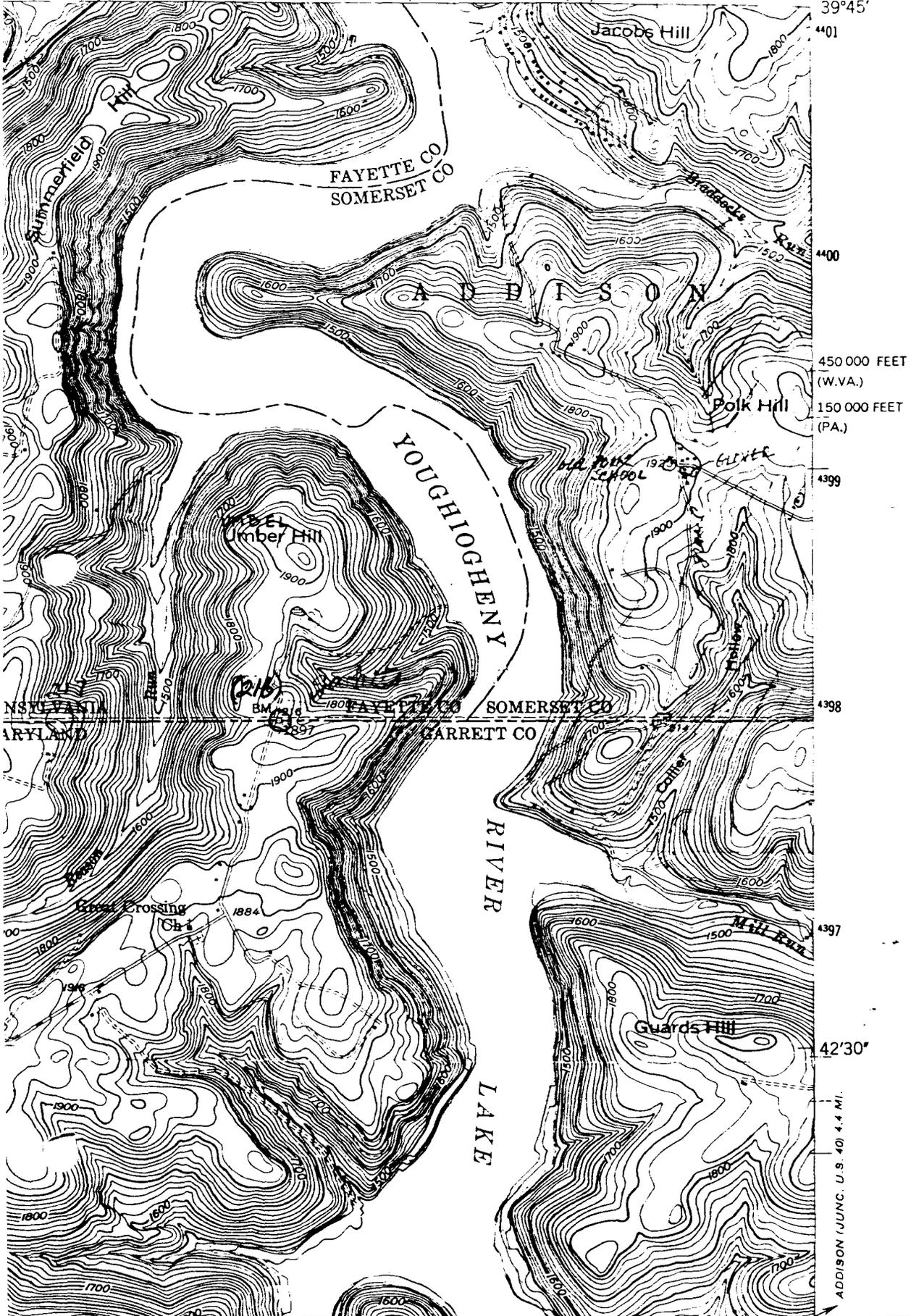
39°45'

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SOMERFIELD 1 MI.

2 030 000 FEET (W.V.A.)

1 540 000 FEET (PA.)

5163 IV SE  
CONFLUENCE



450 000 FEET  
(W.V.A.)

150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

4399

4398

4397

42'30"

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



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (216)

STONE MONUMENT (1902)

+ USC: G-SURVEY 4 RANCH MARK V 120, RESET 1942

NE CORNER (176/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/7/81 (1981.31.20)



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MASON EDINON'S WEST LINE MILESTONE — (26)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)  
+ BENCH MARK II 120 RESET 1942  
SW CORNER (1902/11)  
PHOTO ALICE MARTIN 9/7/81 (1981-31 17)