

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-265

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(220) 1767 (survey), 1902 (monument)  
Markleysburg, Pennsylvania vicinity  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(220), southeast of the village of Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 194 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. This monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures about 10 inches square by about 15 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 Line at a new site established by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). On the national and state levels, No. ---(220) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of the 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

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DOE  yes  no

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. 220)

## 2. Location

street & number off the east side of MD 42/LR-26067  not for publicationcity, town Markleysburg  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 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 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 (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 &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

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-265 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-265

|   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                              | <b>Check one</b>   |
| <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 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. ---((220) marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 194 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 excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures about 10 inches square by about 15 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 Line at a site established by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is <sup>high</sup>cleared, hilly farm/<sup>and</sup>pastureland, sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Henry Clay Township of Fayette County, PA; about 1 mile southeast of the village of Markleysburg, PA; about 1¼ miles north-northeast of the scattered settlement of Asher Glade, MD; at a point about 550 feet due east of MD 42/LR-26067 at the Line and about 1900 feet north-northwest of the top of Gum Hill (elevation about 2060 feet at the site); in the middle of a fenced hilltop pasture, just east of a wood cattle-feeding trough. It cannot be seen from <sup>or the Umbel farmhouses</sup>the road, but easily from closeby, all seasons; and is protected by the property owners as well as the non-public site.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone, and 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 for setting into the ground so as to eliminate 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 are small nicks at the top corners and vertical edges.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the various kinds of monuments added to the Line in 1902)

# 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/                    |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                       | <input type="checkbox"/> music                          | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian               |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy                     | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                    |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> industry                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation             |  |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> invention                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |  |  |

boundary surveying

Specific dates: 1767 (survey) ~~Builder Architect~~ SURVEYORS: Charles Mason and  
 1902 (monument) 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. ---(220) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the Line at a new site established in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(220) 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

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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974 Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

|   |                   |                            |                                     |
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|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

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

|       |                 |      |        |                |      |
|-------|-----------------|------|--------|----------------|------|
| state | <u>Maryland</u> | code | county | <u>Garrett</u> | code |
|-------|-----------------|------|--------|----------------|------|

|       |                     |      |        |                |      |
|-------|---------------------|------|--------|----------------|------|
| state | <u>Pennsylvania</u> | code | county | <u>Fayette</u> | code |
|-------|---------------------|------|--------|----------------|------|

# 11. Form Prepared By

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

|              |   |      |                               |
|--------------|---|------|-------------------------------|
| organization | <u>Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey</u> | date | <u>9/5/81 (site surveyed)</u> |
|--------------|---|------|-------------------------------|

|                 |                           |           |                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| street & number | <u>14308 Mount Avenue</u> | telephone | <u>(301) 472-2128</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|

|              |                |       |                       |
|--------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|
| city or town | <u>Phoenix</u> | state | <u>Maryland 21131</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: LESTONE NO. --- (22)

FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1947 PHOTO REV. 1974  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

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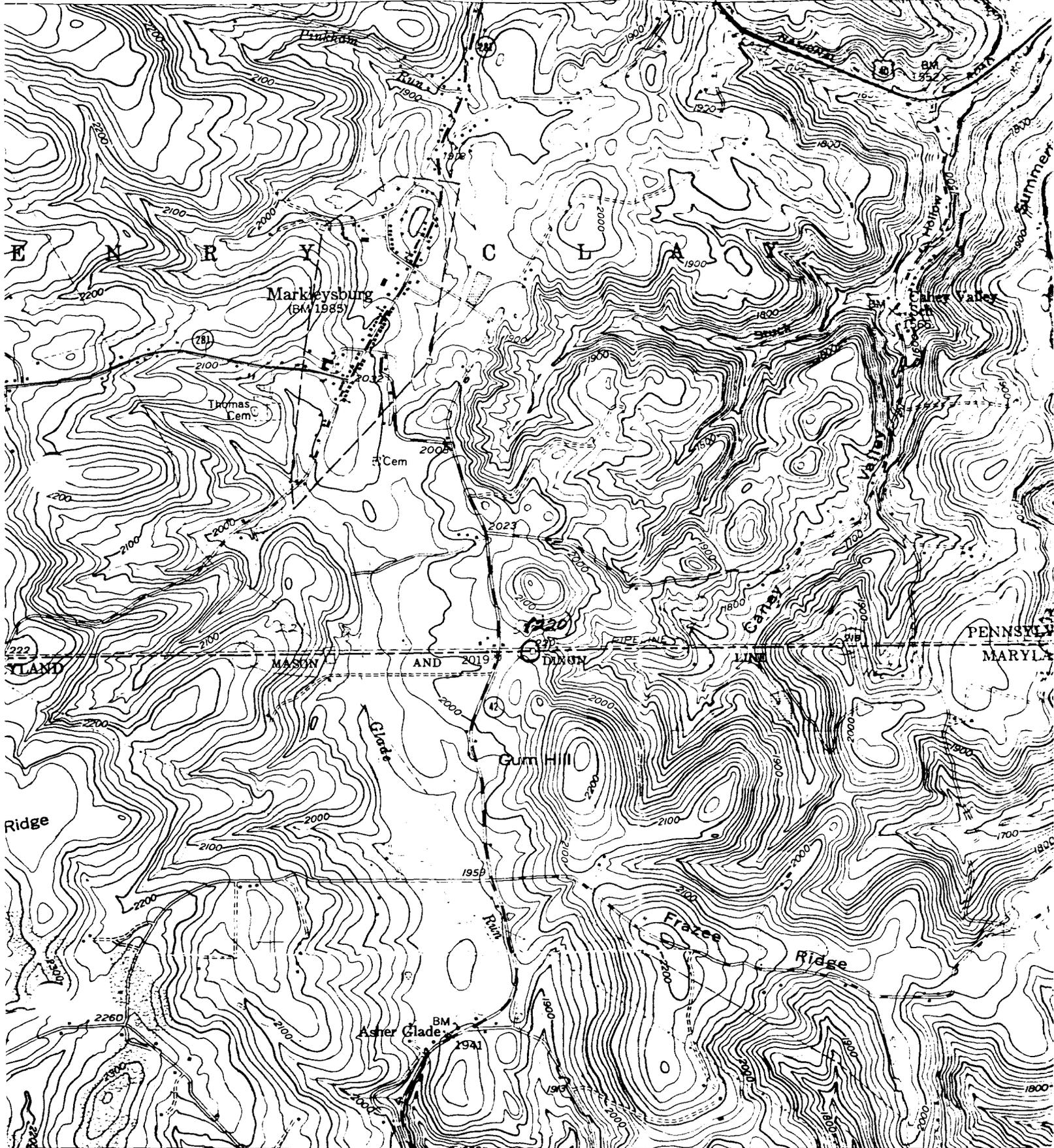
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(OHIO/PYLE)

UNIONTOWN 23 MI.  
0.6 MI. TO PA. 281

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1902

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(220)





1767

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (.220)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)  
NE CORNER (1967/P)

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