

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-266

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(221)

1767 (survey), 1902 (monument)

Markleysburg, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(221), south of the village of Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, is the westernmost of the 1902 monuments added to the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary during the 1900-03 Resurvey, and marks a point a little more than 195 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. It is in excellent 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 east side (when this new monument was set at a site established by the Resurvey). On the national and state levels, No. ---(221) 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

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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. 221)

## 2. Location

street & number off the west 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 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: 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 National Register nomination form)

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-266 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-266

<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. ---(221), the westernmost of the 1902 monuments added to the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary during the 1900-03 Resurvey, marks a point a little more than 195 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's West Line. It is <sup>a dressed Cockeyville marble post with a low pyramidal top,</sup> in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 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 set at a site established by the Resurvey).

The area here is high, wooded, <sup>and</sup> appears to be a northeastern finger of Thomas Ridge (elevation at the site about 2180 feet), with no houses in sight. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Henry Clay Township of Fayette County, PA; about 1 mile south of the town of Markleysburg; PA; about 1 1/4 miles north-northwest of the scattered settlement of Asher Glade, MD; about 4350 feet due west of MD 42/LR-26067 at the line; at a point about 43 feet south of the old pipeline, in the middle of the <sup>partially farmed</sup> rather broad ridge, just inside a lovely deciduous woods. It cannot be seen from any road, farm lane, or the pipeline, and is well hidden from sight <sup>when</sup> even closeby. <sup>remoteness of the</sup> The site seems protective, as are the property owners.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of an off-white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite <sup>quarried and carved in Cockeyville, MD,</sup> or magnesian limestone, and was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for standing about 1 1/2 feet high above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground in order to eliminate the need for <sup>securing with</sup> 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 is a chip in the top southeast corner, nicks along the vertical edges; and most of the bottom half is covered by a dark moss, with lichen sprinkled over the rest of the stone.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the several kinds of monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey, and the methods of securing these)

# 8. Significance

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<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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<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"/> 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 (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. ---(221) 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 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 surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new monument set at an additional site on the Line established in 1902 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. ---(221) 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-266

(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 Quadrangle scale 1:24000  
series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974  
UTM References do NOT complete UTM references (approx.) NOTE: not shown on quadrangle  
see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map Plate LXXII

A	<u>1</u> <u>7</u>	<u>6</u> <u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <u>3</u> <u>9</u> <u>7</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

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	<u>Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)</u>				
organization	<u>Maryland Historical Trust and</u>	date	<u>9/5/81 (site surveyed)</u>		
	<u>Maryland Geological Survey</u>				
street & number	<u>14308 Mount Avenue</u>		telephone	<u>(301) 472-2128</u>	
city or town	<u>Phoenix</u>	state	<u>Maryland</u>	<u>21131</u>	

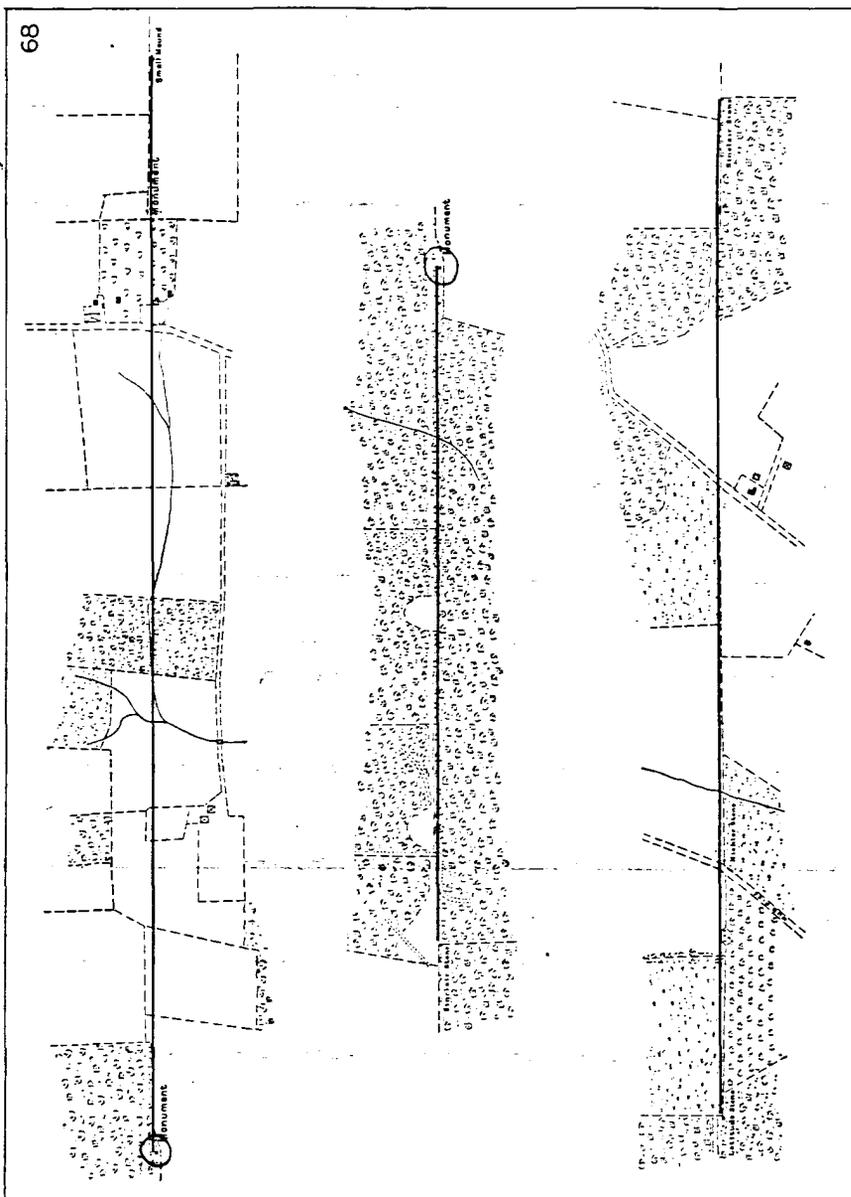
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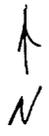
RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXXII.



SCALE: 1" = 1000'

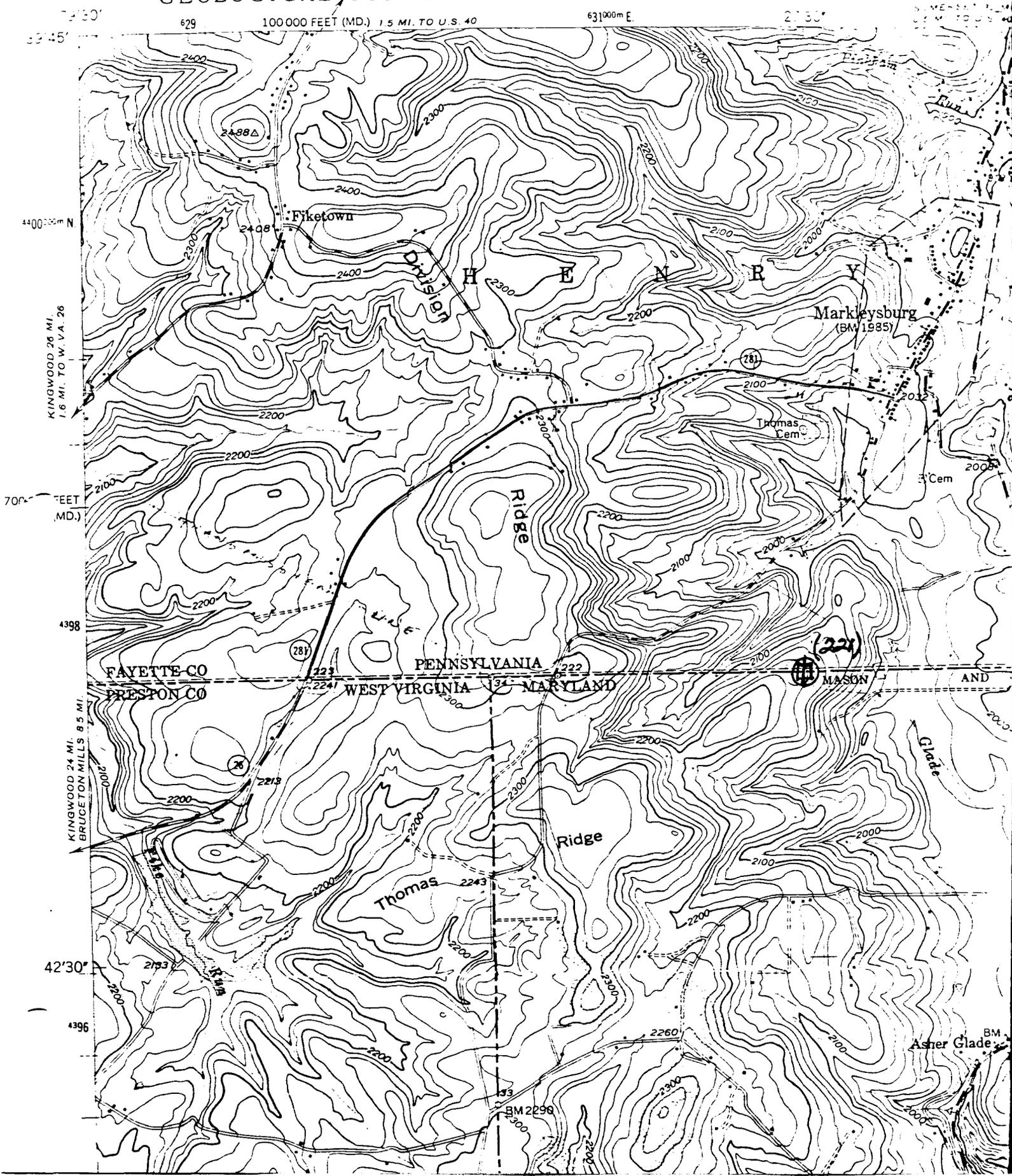
MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE NO. 221



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USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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SCALE: 1" = 2000' MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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MASON & DINOR'S WEST LINE MILESTONE — (221)

STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SE CORNER (M/1767) — LOOKING TOWARD PIPE LINE

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/5/81 (1981 20 CA)



MASON'S WEST LINE IN STONE --- (22')

STONE MARKER (14')

W. SIDE (10')

WEST LINE MARKER (10' 22' 106)