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Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. ____ (206)

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ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(206) 1767 (area surveyed), 1902 (monument)
Strawn (formerly Oakton), Maryland/Pennsylvania
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(206), near the scattered settlement of Strawn, marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line close to 186 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile provincial boundary, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet 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 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). On the national and state levels, No. ---(206) 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.

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. 206).

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of (unmarked) Road/T-328

CITY, TOWN

(formerly ^{Strawn} Oakton) 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 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
	<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 (monument 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-IIB-251 entered 9/4/81

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1902)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ----(206) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about $1 \frac{3}{8}$ miles west of the preceding monument No. ----(205), and is close to 186 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It 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; measures 10 inches square by about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ feet 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 area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this monument was added to the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is a lovely deciduous woods, gently sloping, ^{mountain foothills} very sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 5 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of the scattered settlement of Strawn (formerly Oakton), MD/PA; about 1500 feet northeast of US 40 (National Pike); at a point about 100 feet east of the unmarked (MD) road/T-328 at the Line and about 5 feet south of an east-west barbed wire fence separating the old pipeline (on the north side) from the woods. It cannot be seen from any road, but rather easily from the pipeline, though well camouflaged and protected by woodland undergrowth, and moss covering most of the stone itself.

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; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about $4 \frac{1}{2}$ feet long, intended for setting about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the 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 most of the stone is covered with a dark moss.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the several kinds of monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey as replacements and additions)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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 (area surveyed) ~~1902 (monument)~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) ~~1902 (monument)~~ SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(206) 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 this additional site established and monumented in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Bedford county boundary, No. ---(206) 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

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ~~less than one acre~~Quadrangle name: Accident (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1948 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 64676, northing 439806

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/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

7/25/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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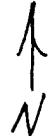
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE NO. 1

ACCIDENT QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY



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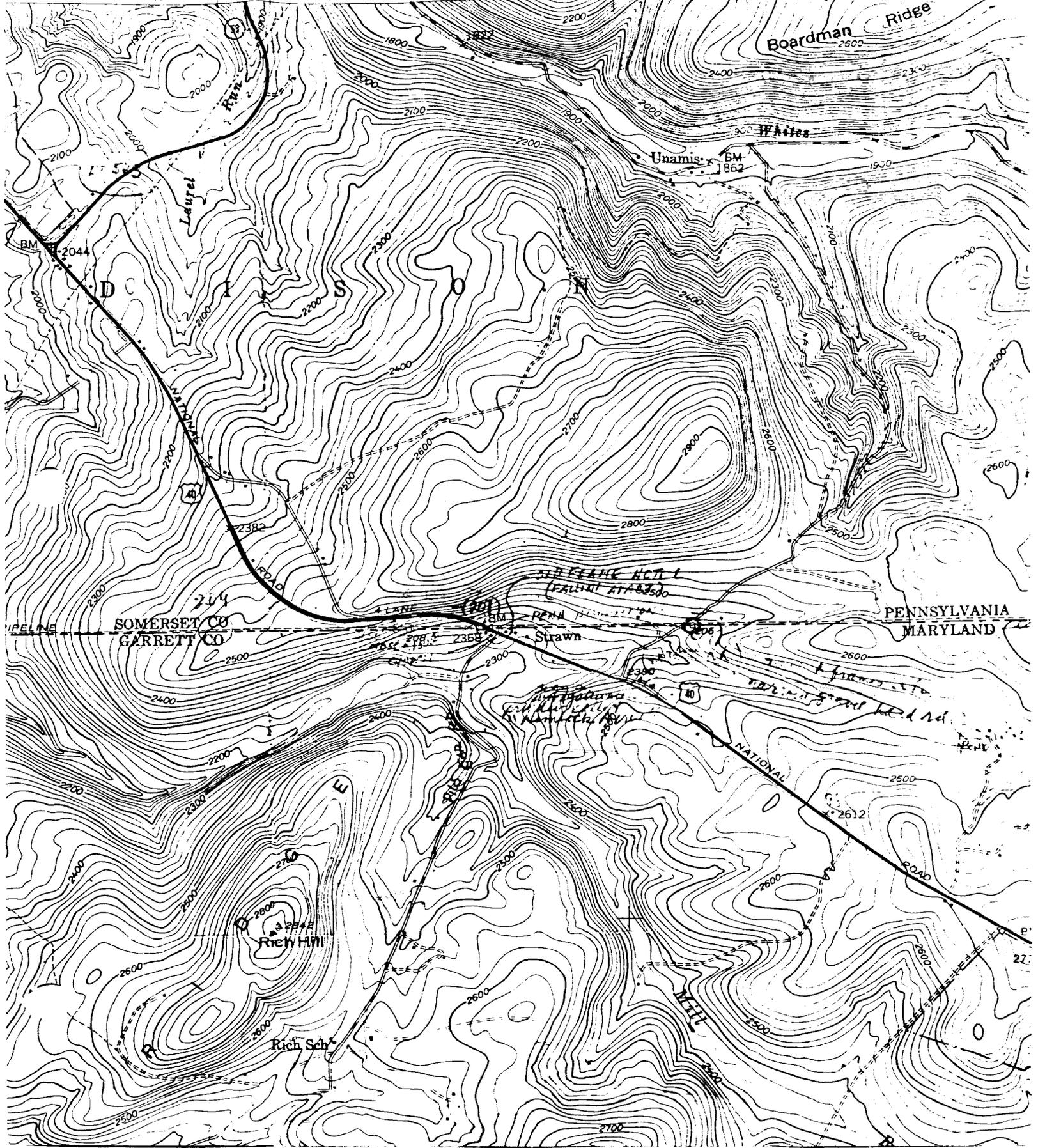
SURVEY 1948 PHOTO REVIS 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

L'ISTONBURG 0.2 MI. SOMERSET 3 MI. STONBURG 0.9 MI.

646 17'30" 647

160 000 FEET (MD)





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1. $\frac{1}{x^2} = x^{-2}$
 $\frac{d}{dx} x^{-2} = -2x^{-3} = -\frac{2}{x^3}$

2. $\frac{1}{x^3} = x^{-3}$
 $\frac{d}{dx} x^{-3} = -3x^{-4} = -\frac{3}{x^4}$



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