

ABSTRACT

G-IIB-258

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(213)

1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Mineral Spring, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(213) standing in the center of a large mound of earth northwest of the scattered settlement of Mineral Spring, marks a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little more than 190 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 about 10 inches square by about 14 inches high above the mound; 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 site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the remains of the cairn during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, also in excellent condition, is roughly estimated to be about 18 feet in diameter and about 2½ feet high at the center, and is intact except for the substitution of the monument for the original wood post. On the national and state levels, No. ---(213) and the mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their 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. 213)

## 2. Location

street & number off the north side of Smearman's Road  not for publicationcity, town Mineral Spring  vicinity of congressional district MD:6 / PA: 12

state Maryland 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	<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: boundary <sup>state</sup>

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

name (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

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-IIB-258 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-IIB-258

<b>Condition</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<b>(monument &amp; mound)</b> deteriorated ruins unexposed	<b>Check one</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	<b>Check one</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved	<b>(monument &amp; mound)</b> date of move _____
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. ---(213) and the large mound of earth mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little more than 190 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. 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 in the center of the mound; measures about 10 inches square by about 14 inches high above the mound; 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 site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the remains of the cairn during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, also in excellent condition, measures a roughly estimated 18 feet in diameter and about 2½ feet high at the center, seems intact, and is covered by leaves and branches.

The area here is high in elevation (about 1860 feet at the site), sparsely settled, hilly, partially farmed, partially left in undisturbed woodland. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1¼ miles northwest of the scattered settlement of Mineral Spring, MD; about 2½ miles southwest of Addison, PA; on the north edge of a wooded hilltop in a deciduous thicket; at a point about 25 feet south of the old pipeline (now overgrown and almost impassable) and about 2000 feet west of Smearman Road and the preceding monument, No. ---(212), about 6 feet south of an old east-west barbed wire fence, with several tall Linden trees growing in and at the edge of the mound. It cannot be seen from any road, and not easily from the pipeline or nearby; and seems protected by its inconspicuousness and the woodland tangle.

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 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground (or mound), 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 the bottom half of the four sides is darkened by moss and lichen.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the 1902 monuments set by the 1900-03 Resurvey and the original Mason and Dixon cairns)

# 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 (mound) ~~Builder/Architect~~ Surveyors: Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
 1902 (monument)

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. ---(213) and the large mound of earth are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among 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 site was ~~originally~~ <sup>surveyed and</sup> marked by a cairn in 1767; and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the remains of the cairn in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(213) and the mound are also significant symbolically for their 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

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Accident (MD-PA), 1948/74, 7.5' series Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References (NOTE: monument/mound location incorrectly shown on quadrangle)  
do NOT complete UTM references

A 

1	7	6	3	9	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

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

organization Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey date 9/6/81 (site surveyed)

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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.

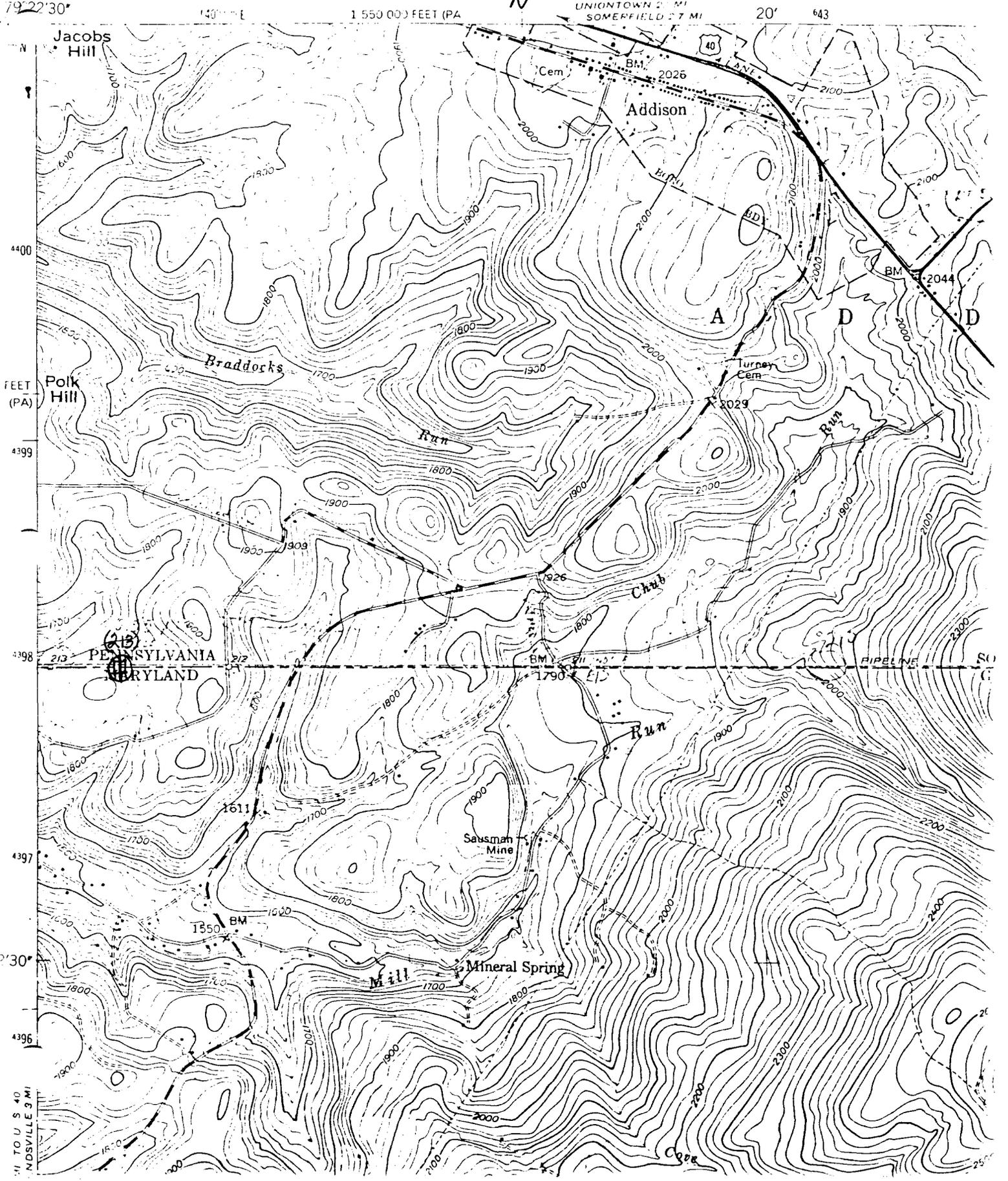
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ACCIDENT QUADRANGLE MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC) 1948 PHOTO REV. 1971 STATE OF MARYLAND MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



79°22'30" N  
4400  
FEET (PA)  
4399  
4398  
4397  
4396  
MI TO U S 40 NDSVILLE 3 MI



1 550 000 FEET (PA)

UNIONTOWN 2 MI  
SOMERFIELD 2.7 MI  
20' 643

Jacobs Hill

Polk Hill

Addison

Braddocks Run

Run

Chub Run

Run

Sausman Mine

Mineral Spring

Mill

40

60

PEENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

PIPELINE

CRK



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (200)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF EARTH  
SE CORNER (181161), LOCATED NW TOWARD OLD  
PIPELINE SWATH (LIGHT AREA)  
WITH ALICE MARTIN 9/2/81 (1981.317)



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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (213)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF EARTH  
NW CORNER (P/1902)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/6/81 (1981.3.11)