

ABSTRACT

G-IIC-242

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(197) 1767 (area surveyed); 1902 (monument)  
Springs, Pennsylvania vicinity  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(197) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line a little over 179 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 <sup>about</sup> 10 inches square by about 17 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 area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site on the Line established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). On the national and state levels, No. ---(197) 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. 197)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of MD/PA 669 (Springs Road)

CITY, TOWN Springs  VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 6 / PA: 12  
 STATE 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	<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
	<b>X not applicable</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>state boundary marker</b>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE, LIBEL #:  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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-IIC-242 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 190

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(197) marks a point <sup>on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary</sup> a little over 179 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, MD; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures about 10 inches square by about 17 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 area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site on the Line <sup>established</sup> during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is a broad hilltop, <sup>half</sup> wooded, half grassy open fields, with scattered housing strung along the Springs Road (MD-PA 669). The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1 mile southwest of the village of Springs, PA; about 1 1/4 miles north-northwest of the town of Grantsville; about 400 feet west of the road at the Line <sup>opposite the junction of T-305</sup>, about in the middle of the hilltop, against (on the north side of) an east-west wire fence, about 1 foot east of a wood cornerpost where a north-south wire fence joins it; at a point about 4300 feet east of Mason and Dixon's 180th mile. It cannot be seen from any road; but easily from nearby, all seasons; and seems protected by its inconspicuous site, fencing and fencepost.

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 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 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; though there are small chips at the top corners, and a few nicks along the vertical edges. According to the 1900-03 Resurvey notes: "Mason and Dixon describe a mound on this hill but no trace of it could be identified." (MGS Vol. 7, 1902, p. 98). There was no mention of a mound in the 1950 field inspection <sup>notes</sup> of the markers along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; and none was observed at the time of the 1981 field inspection.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY various replacements and additions to the boundary during the 1900-03 Resurvey, and the original Mason and Dixon mounds)

**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) <b>stat</b> |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                         |   | <b>boundary surveying</b>                                       |

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area surveyed) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1902 (monument) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. ---(197) 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 added in 1902 to a new point established <sup>during</sup> 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. ---(197) 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)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Grantsville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series  
(topographic), 1946 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000NOTE: monument location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03  
Resurvey engineer's map Plate LXXVI

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 65754, northing 439831

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

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DATE

9/7/81 (site surveyed)

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Phoenix

STATE

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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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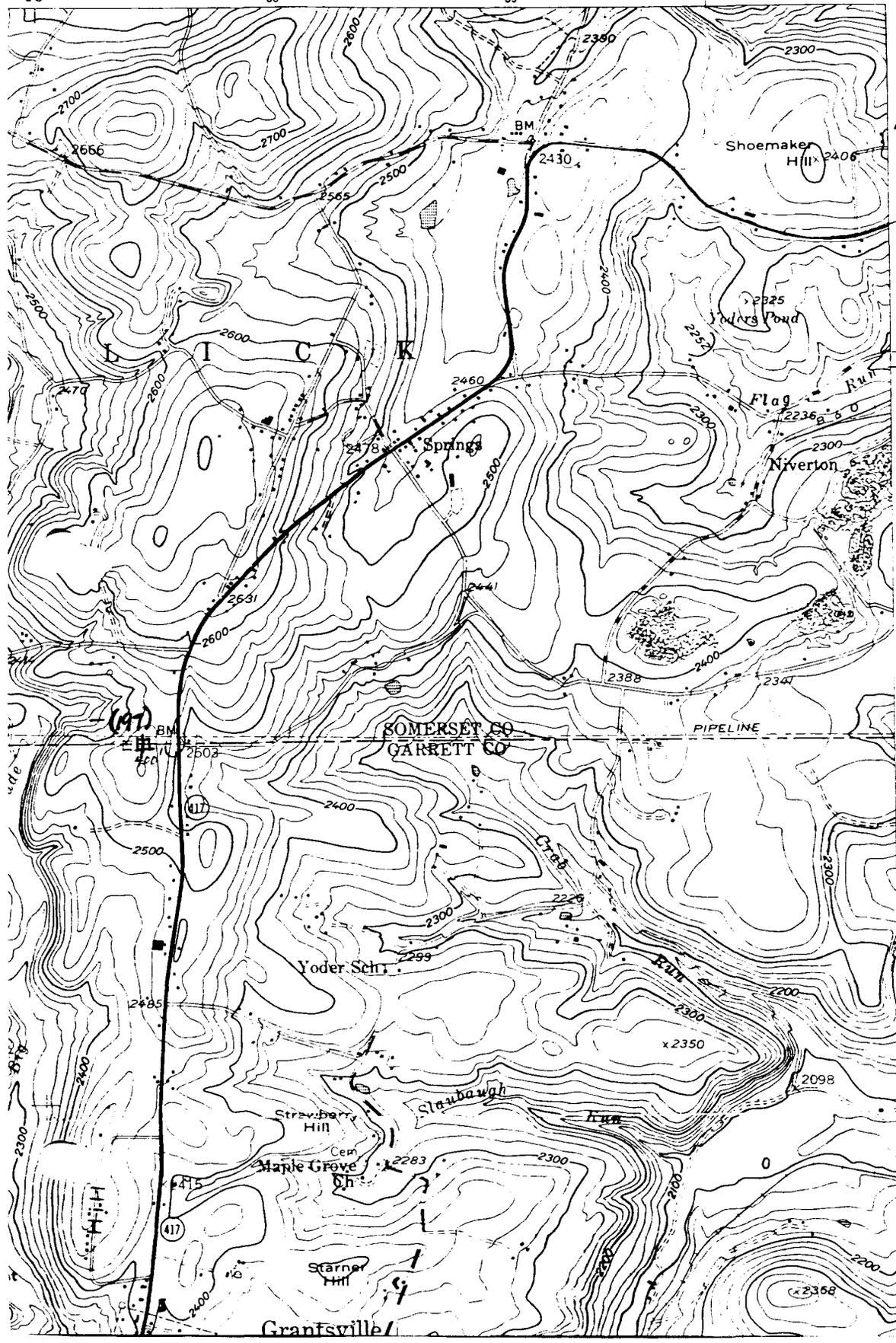
# MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTO. (197)

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

GRANTSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1946 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
200,000 FEET (MD.)

5,631 SE  
(MEYERSDALE)  
GARRETT CO. (28)

10' 658 659 79°07'30" 39°45'



SALISBURY (JUNC. U.S. 219) 2.8 MI  
SOMERSET (JUNC. PA. TURNPIKE) 3.6 MI

(196) MD MILE 11.151  
(17.5 miles from Indian  
Hill)  
700,000 FEET  
(MD) (STONE MON. FIRST SET 1912  
IN HONOR OF BIRTH)

MD - (193)  
MD MILE 11.151  
MON. FIRST SET IN MD  
1902

VE 31 MI  
WD 23 MI



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE MILESTONE — (19:)  
STATE MANDATE (1902)  
NW CORNER (P/1902)

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HASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE MILESTONE - (197)  
STRAE MOUNTMENT (1902)

SE CORNER (M/1767) + ALBA & JONATHAN  
BRANDES. 1767-1800

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