

ABSTRACT

G-IIC-243

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(198) 1767 (mound site); 1902 (monument)
Springs, Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(198) and its mound site mark Mason and Dixon's 180th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 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 about 12 inches 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 the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was added to the center of the remains of the cairn during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, replacing the original wood post, by then no longer in evidence). On the national and state levels, No. ---(198) and its mound site 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.

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, 180th Mile Post and Heap of Earth
 AND/OR COMMON
 MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 198)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Posey Row Road/T-400
 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 | 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 |
| | X not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound site 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, LIBER #: Folio #:
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
 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-243 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-IIC-243

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|---|---|---|---|
| CONDITION (monument) | | CHECK ONE (monument) | CHECK ONE (monument & mound) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound) | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED (mound) | | DATE _____ |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(198), and its mound of earth (no longer visible), mark a point 180 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. The monument was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 12 inches 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 originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side. The mound, noted in the 1900-03 Resurvey, is no longer discernible.

The area here is one of the high/^{eastern}foothills of Negro Mountain (elevation at site about 2600 feet), densely forested. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1 1/4 miles southwest of the village of Springs, PA; about 2 miles northwest of the town of Grantsville, MD; about 1/2 mile west of Big Shade Run and about 1350 feet west of Posey Row Road at the Line; ^{and about midway in}at the north edge of/a cleared field framed by deciduous woods on the east-north-west sides, about 1 foot north of an east-west barbed wire fence, and wood fencepost. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, but easily from the field, and seems protected by the post and fencing.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called magnesian limestone or saccharoidal dolomite; 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, with only a few nicks along the vertical edges and mottled darkening of the top (and some on the four sides) by lichen.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for further descriptions of original Mason and Dixon cairns and the monuments set by the Resurvey in 1902)

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 (mound site) ~~SIXXING/XXXXXXXX~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Grantsville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
 (topographic), 1946 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000
 NOTE: monument location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03
 Resurvey engineer's map Plates LXVI and LXVII
 UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 65625, northing 439828

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 and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/10/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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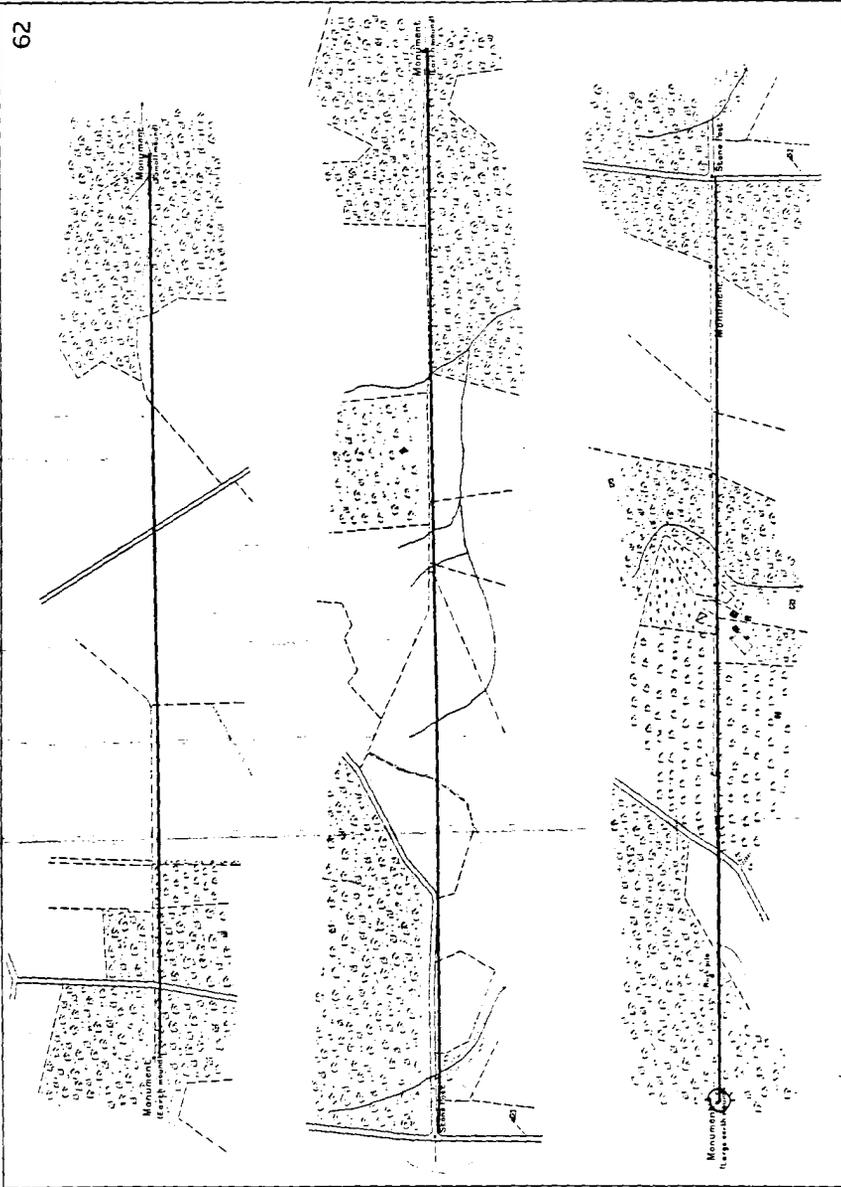
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RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXVI.



SCALE: 1" = 1000'

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE - (198)

STONE MONUMENT (1902) 10 MET MOUND OF
EARTH MARKING 1st MILE WEST OF
NORTHEAST CORNER OF MARYLAND

SE CORNER (M¹⁰²)

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