

ABSTRACT

G-IIC-244

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(199)

1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Hi-Point, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(199) and its mound of earth and loose stones mark a point about 181 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 about 18 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, described by the Resurvey as an earth mound, is now covered with large loose stones, and measures ^(from photos) a roughly-estimated 9 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center. On the national and state levels, No. ---(199) 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.

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. 199)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Negro Mountain Road

CITY, TOWN

Hi-Point

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	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 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-IIC-244 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-244

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT (monument & mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (monument & mound)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (monument & mound)
<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The area here is the east edge of the broad ridge of Negro Mountain, part of the old Butler homestead^{and farm}, now abandoned. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1½ miles northeast of the scattered settlement called Hi-Point, MD; about 2½ miles southwest of the village of Springs, PA; about 1000 feet east of Negro Mountain Road (no longer public); at a point about 145 feet south of the old pipeline and about 100 feet northeast of the small unpainted frame homestead, in the southeast corner of an open pasture. It cannot be seen from the road, but easily from nearby, and seems protected by this remoteness and proximity to the east-west wire fencing about 10 feet to the north.

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 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground^(or mound) with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground(or mound), thus securing it without 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. The mound, not measured in the field, is estimated from photos to be about 9 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high, and appeared to be of earth with large stones piled loosely over it.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further details describing the original Mason and Dixon cairns and the 1900-03 Resurvey monuments utilized as replacements and additions to the Line)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 65462, northing 439825

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

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DATE

10/10/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

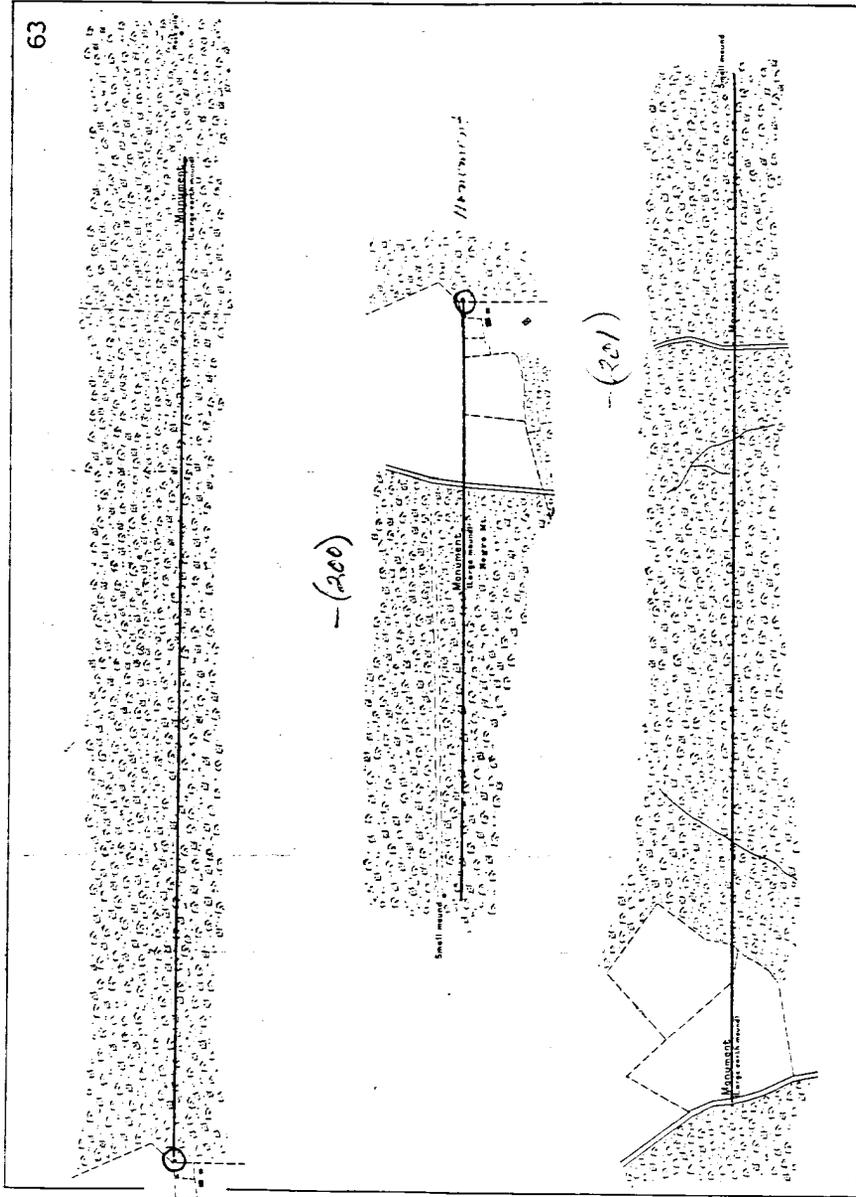
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXVII.



SCALE: 1" = 1000'
↑ N

(199)

(200)

(201)

Small meadow

(201)

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE 100 --- (199)

GRANTSVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

STATE OF MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

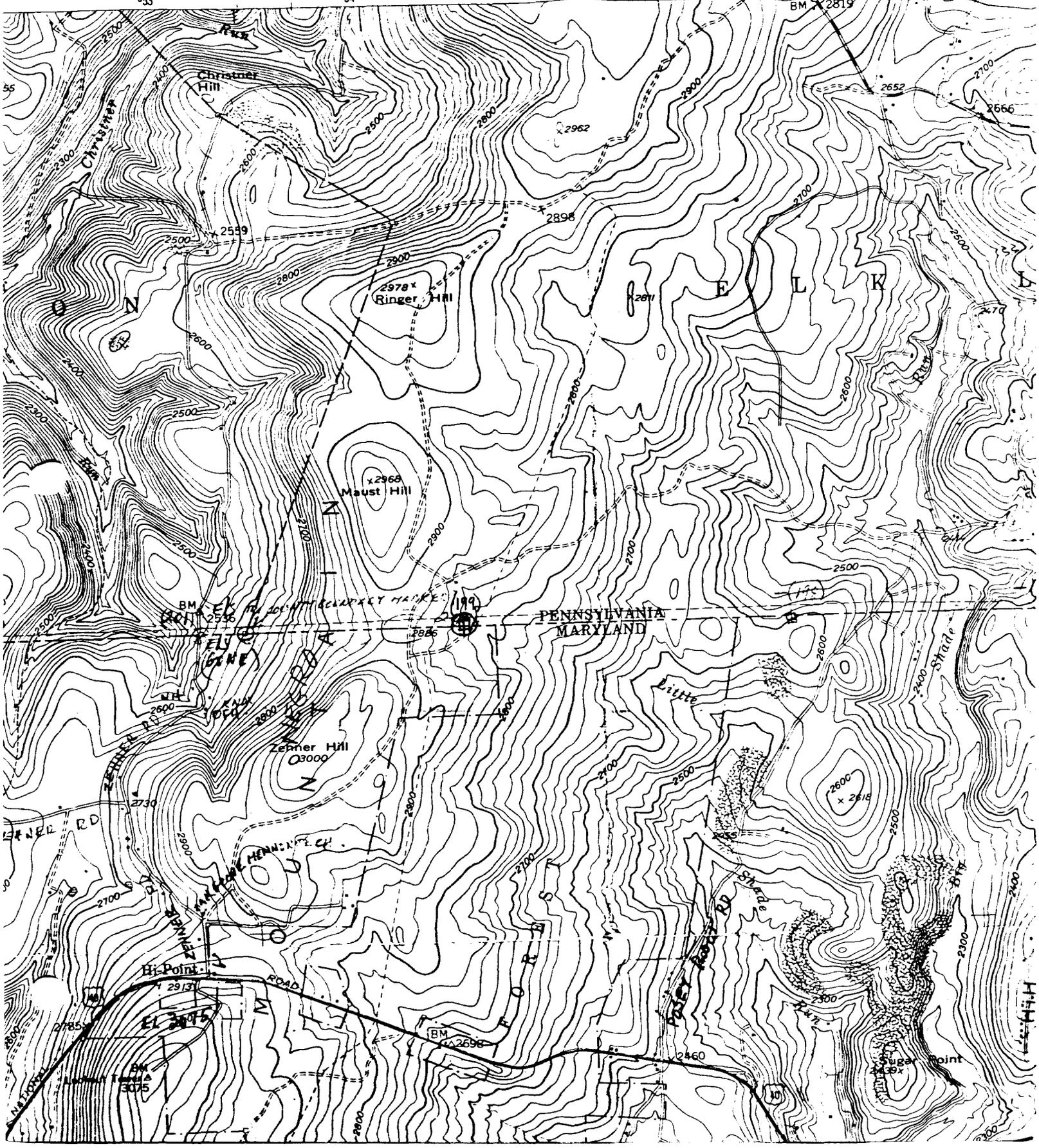
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12'30"

5163 1 SW (MARKLETOWN)

L'ISTONBURG (JUNC PA 53) 6.8 MI

10'





M+T

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: M. STONE -- (1901)

STONE MICKLENT (1902) IN MOUND OF STONES

SE CORNER (M/1767)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN OF 27 (3144 22)



PHOT

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (193)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN MOUND OF
STONES
NW CORNER (P/902)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/6/84 (PRI. 44-25)