

ABSTRACT

G-IIC-248

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(203) 1767 (area surveyed; mound)  
Keyzers Ridge, Maryland vicinity  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(203) is probably only a "small mound" (if as noted by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary on the engineer's map, Plate LXVII, MGS Vol. 7, 1908), but may have been monumented in 1902 (if as described in their listing, p. 98). Neither monument nor mound was located at the time of the field inspection of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary in 1950; and the most likely/<sup>mound</sup>prospect found on the east slope of Keyser Ridge during the field inspection in 1984 is dubious. Until the location and site are resurveyed by a civil engineer, descriptions/<sup>are unreliable</sup>and significance cannot be determined.

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. 203)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER off the north side of Alternate US 40, Savage River State Forest

CITY, TOWN

Keyzers Ridge  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 state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument? or 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) Liber #: Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IIC-248 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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input 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		

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

Milestone No. ---(203) is probably only a "small mound" (if as noted by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary on the engineer's map Plate LXVII, MGS Vol. 7, 1908), but may have been monumented in 1902 (if as described by the Resurvey as "Stone monument on Keyser Ridge, about half a mile west of the preceding," p. 98). Neither monument nor mound was located at the time of the field inspection in 1950; and although the enclosed photos show a likely mound prospect found during a re-inspection field-search in 1984, a reliable determination will have to await an official resurvey by a civil engineer, or more specific field descriptions among the 1900-03 records at the National Archives.

The area here is <sup>the</sup> very remote, densely forested <sup>steep</sup> eastern slope of the north end of the ridge called Keyser Ridge by the 1900-03 Resurvey, well into the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Savage River State Forest. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2 miles north-northeast of the crossroads settlement of Keyser's Ridge; off the east side of the recently constructed <sup>and restricted</sup> access road to the <sup>Columbia Gas</sup> pipeline; somewhere between the ridge and Puzzley Run, a distance of about 1600 feet to the east. The site of the mound photographed is about at the mark on the quadrangle made by Blaine Miller, who served as surveyor for Columbia Gas along this part of the boundary about at the 2400-foot elevation line. Other marks on the quadrangle were transposed from other sources: at the ridge (the MD-DOT map No. 183A); next east, from the 1900-03 Resurvey map Plate LXVIII; the Miller estimate; the 1900-03 Resurvey notes; the MD-DOT No. 183; and close to Puzzley Run, PA-DOT.

We could not find anyone who had seen a monument on this east slope of the mountainside at the line. The DNR <sup>including the</sup> staff member who accompanied us had no knowledge of even the mound, and with so many uprooted tree-mounds along the way, none actually seemed a certainty. The mound photographed was a rather large one, about 12 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center, a mixture of stone and earth, with a young tree growing out of the center, strewn with leaves and dead branches; and can be seen from the <sup>old</sup> pipeline when foliage is dormant.

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 & marked) ~~EDMUND ARCHER~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Until the site <sup>is</sup> redetermined through an official resurvey of this part of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, the existence <sup>and significance</sup> of a "small mound" as shown on the 1900-03 Resurvey map (Plate LXVII) cannot be determined. If such a mound remains (as the one photographed), the significance on the national and state levels would be 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 <sup>the site</sup> may have been monumented in 1902 with one of the new Cockeysville marble posts (although the <sup>published</sup> Resurvey notes contradict their engineer's map). Locally, when the existence of a mound <sup>as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette</sup> or monument is verified, <sup>it</sup> (or they) would also be significant <sup>boundary</sup> for the <sup>identifiable</sup> 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: (probably mound only) site location not shown on quadrangle  
(see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map Plate LXVII)

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 651, northing 4398

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

4/13/84 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

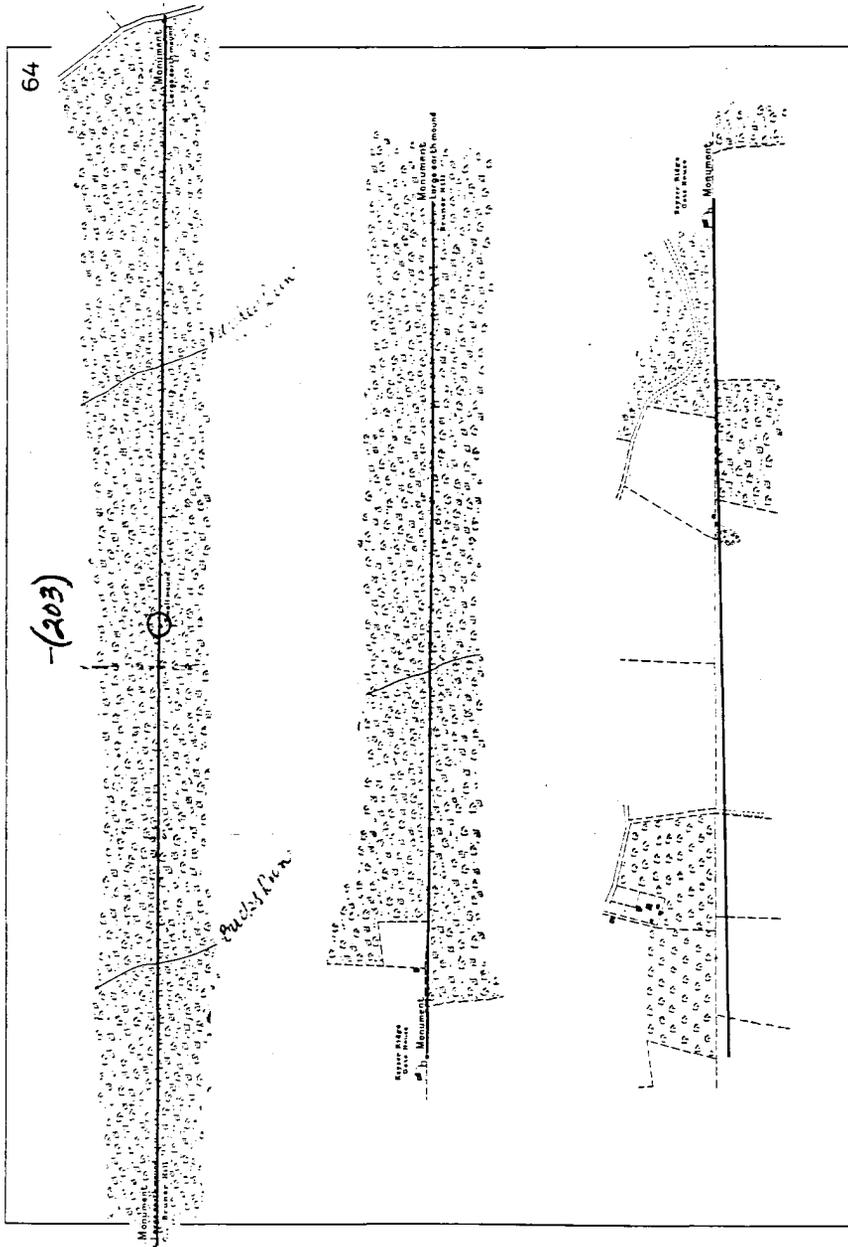
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXVIII.



SCALE: 1" = 1000'

N

39°45'

4401000m N

150000 FEET (PA.)

4398

4397

42'30"

ADDISON GUNN. PA. 5.2 MI.  
STRAWN 3.2 MI.

2880  
4395  
289

1580000 FEET (PA.)

652000m E

653

12'30"

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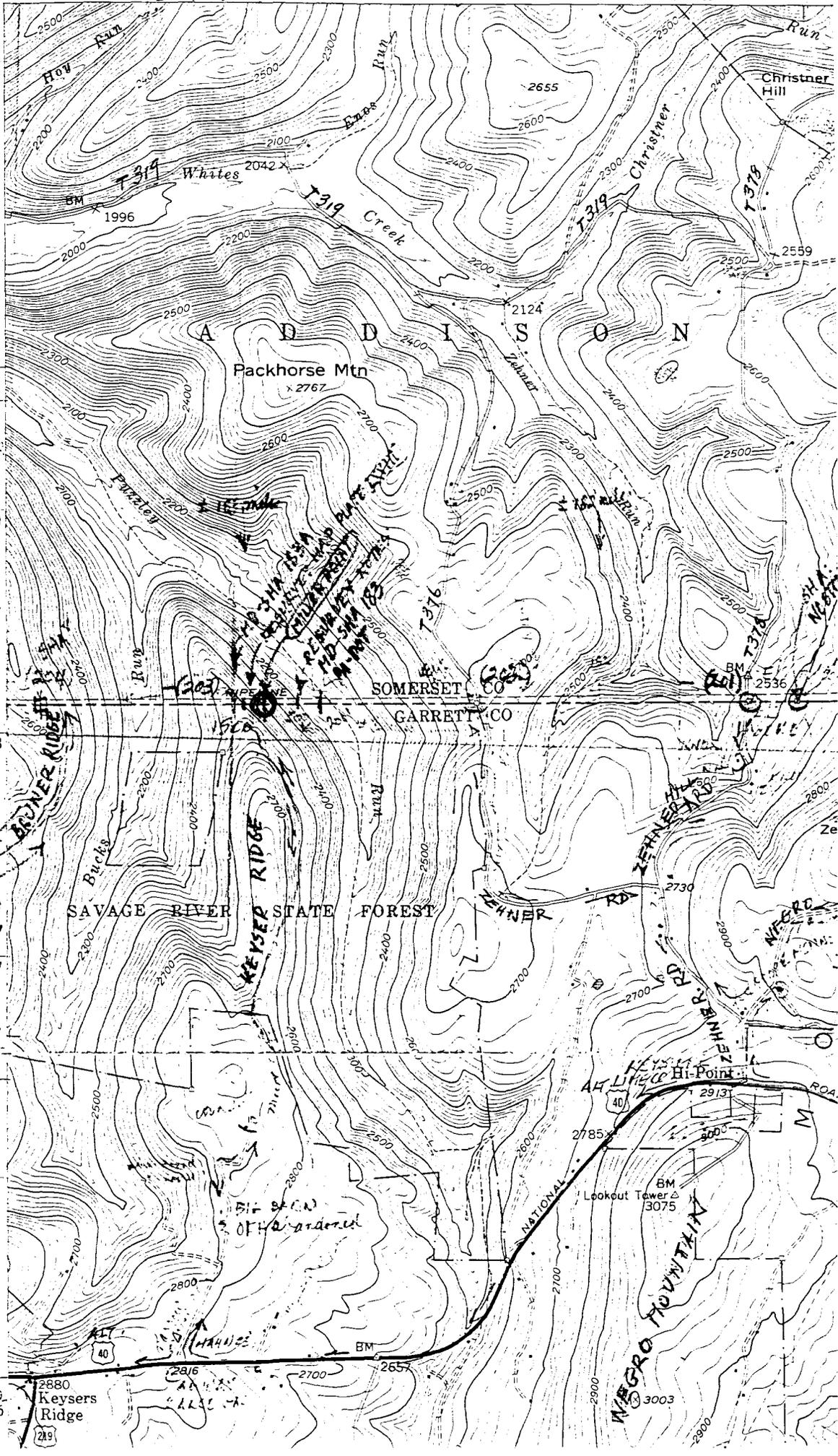
MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE,  
MILESTONE NO. — (203)  
(APPROX. SITE  
OF MOUND)



NOTE FILE 201:  
At time of survey the  
mound was not  
marked. Folk of  
Keysers home  
(off the rd) & set  
marker in yard.

GRANTSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
(HARRAND - PENNSYLVANIA)  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES  
(TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1946 PHOTOREV. 1974  
SCALE 1:24000

NOTE FILE 204:  
same as note 201 as  
to name of this  
mound - but still  
call it "Mason's  
Mound" - see  
description of map  
to Keysers home



2880  
4395  
289  
Keysers  
Ridge



MHT

7600 RIDGE

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. — (203)

(MOUND OF EARTH & STONES ONLY)

VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST UPHILL TOWARD MOUND

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 4/13/84 (1984.4. 21)



NOTE: THIS SITE MAY OR MAY NOT BE NO. (203), BUT SEEMED THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE AT THE TIME OF THE 1984 FIELD INSPECTION.



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. — (203)

PUZZLEY RUN

VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST TOWARD MOUND OF EARTH & STONES IN  
RELATION TO OLD PIPELINE & PUZZLEY RUN

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 4/13/84 (1984.4.22)



THIS SITE SEEMED THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR NO. — (203), BUT  
 NOTE: WILL NEED TO BE RELIABLY DETERMINED BY A N&S RESURVEY.  
 THERE ARE MANY MOUNDS ON THIS MOUNTAIN SIDE & 4 DIFFERENT  
 SURVEYOR POINTS (MD-DOT, PA-DOT, 1900-03 RESURVEY, + BLAKE HILLER CE)