

ABSTRACT

G-IIC-249

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(204)

1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Keyzers Ridge, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(204) and its large mound of earth on Bruner Ridge mark a point about 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 good condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches 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 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 mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, one of the largest and best preserved on the Line, is in excellent condition, unaltered (except for the substitution of the monument for the original wood centerpost), measures about 15 feet in diameter by about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high at the center, and is covered by weedy grass, with a pile of woodland debris shoved up onto the north side (presumed a temporary disposal by the clearing for a new Columbia Gas east-west pipeline). On the national and state levels, No. ---(204) 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. 204)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the northeast side of US 40 (National Pike), Bruner Ridge

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	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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<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-249 entered 9/4/81

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (monument & UNALTERED mound)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (monument & ORIGINAL SITE mound)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD (monument)	<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. ---(204) and its large mound of earth on the top of Bruner Ridge mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 183½ 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. It is in good condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches 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 the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was added to the mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, one of the largest and best preserved on the Line, is in excellent condition, unaltered (except for the substitution of the monument for the original wood centerpost), and measures about 15 feet in diameter by about 3½ feet high at the center.

The area here is a rugged, remote, densely forested ^{ridge (called} ~~ridge~~ Bruner Ridge by the 1900-03 Resurvey; known by the Maryland DNR staff as Keyzers Ridge), in the midst of Savage River State Forest south of the boundary. The site is within Addison Township of Somerset County, PA, and marks the dividing line between Election Districts 3 and 5 of Garrett County, MD; is nearly 2 miles due north of the crossroads called Keyzers Ridge and US 40 (National Pike); about 3 miles southeast of the town of Addison, PA; at a point about 15 feet west of the new forest/pipeline service road and about 15 feet south of the pipeline, at the north edge of the forest. It cannot be seen from this road, but probably could be ^{from the pipeline} ~~when the pipeline~~ construction debris has been cleared. The site is protected by its remoteness, but ^{endangered} ~~from abuse~~ by logging operations on the north side.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is 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 clear and intact, except for a ^{disfiguring} ~~chip~~ in the letter M. There are ^{also} ~~many~~ small chips at the top corners and vertical edges; and all surfaces are mottled by lichen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further descriptions of the 1900-03 monuments and original Mason and Dixon cairns, now mounds)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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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/mound location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map Plate LXVIII

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 65015, northing 439813

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/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

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

RE: G-IIC-249

NOTE: THE ^{OTHER} 5X7 B&W GLOSSY PRINT
OF MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE MILESTONE
NO. — (204) WAS TURNED OVER TO
PETER KURTZE WITH OTHER NR MATERIALS
AS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ORIGINAL MOUND OF
EARTH (1767)

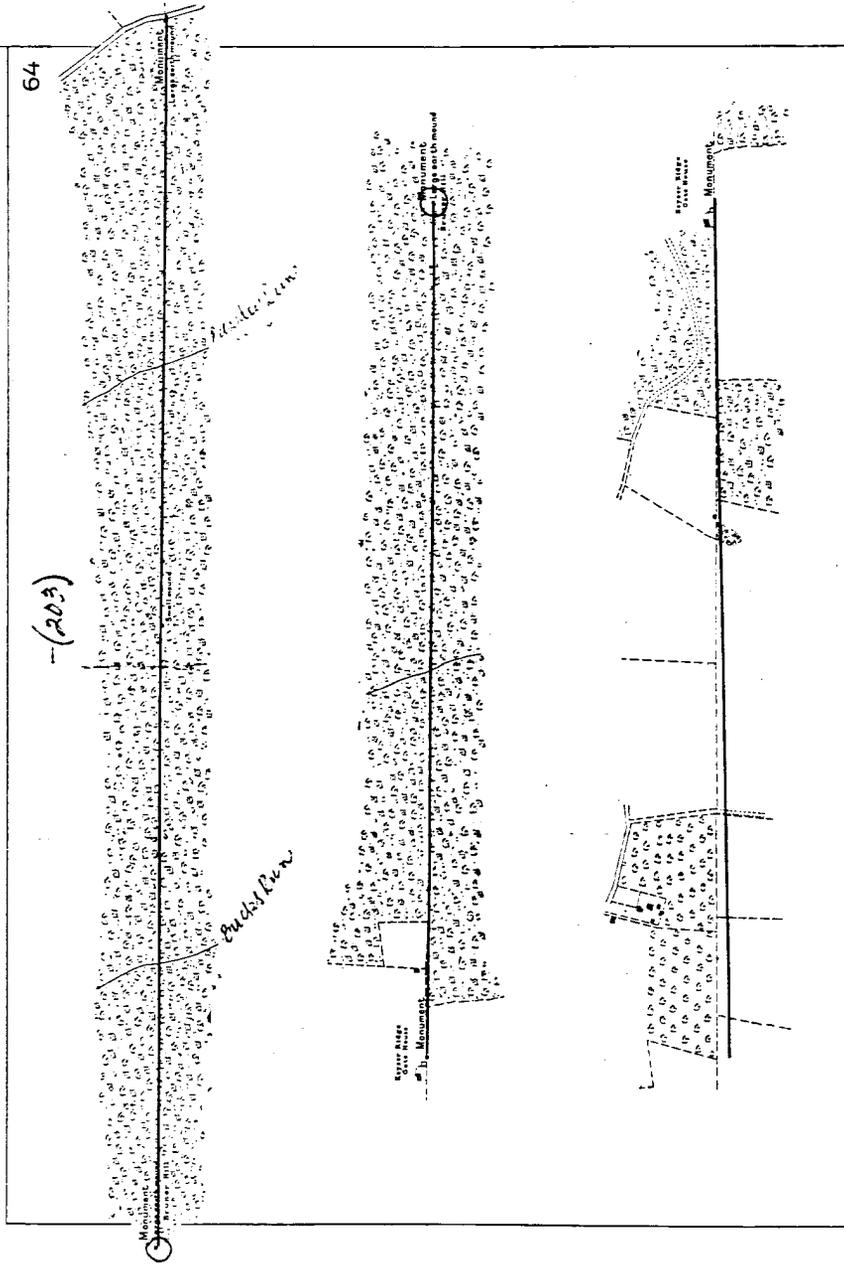
(NEG. NO. 11 view looking NE of mound & ^{sw corner of} monument)

Alice Martin

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE, MILESTONE NO. — (204)

RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXVIII.



SCALE: 1" = 1000'

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, VOL. III. BALTIMORE: JOHNS HOPKINS PRESS, 1908.

MASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS:

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

GRANTSVILLE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
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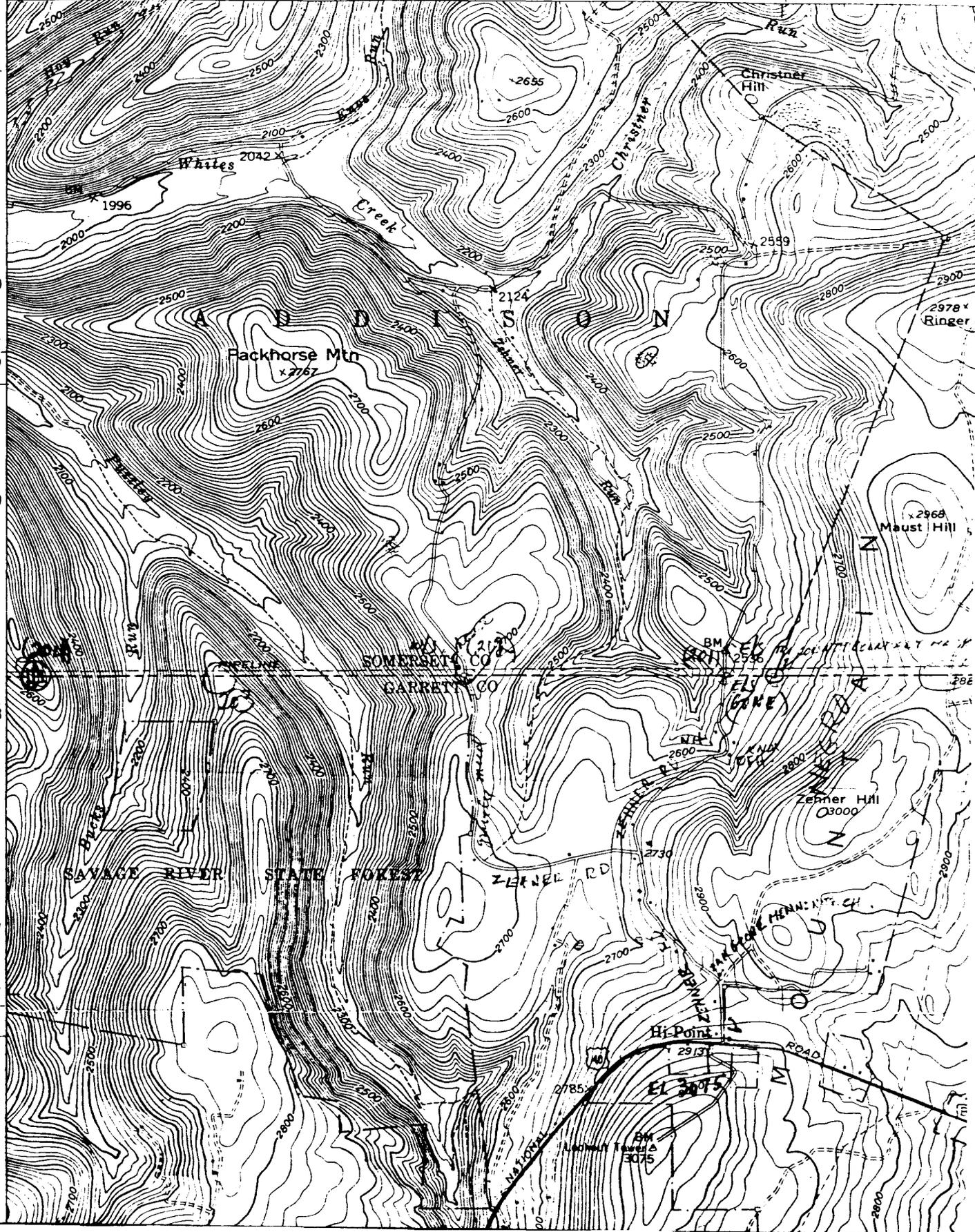
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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (204)
STONE MONUMENT (1902), IN LARGE BOUND
OF EARTH (1767)

NE CORNER (1767/P)

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