

ABSTRACT

HA-1545

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 30(32)

1766 (reset 1902)

Whiteford, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 30(32), an original crownstone, marks Mason and Dixon's 30th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line, the longest of their survey lines run and marked to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. The monument, first set in 1766, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. Originally measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, it was cut to stand about 3' above ground. In 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, it was reset to stand about 1½' high. The Penn shield on the north (Pennsylvania) side has been slightly disfigured by a large shallow chip out of the top northwest corner, but the Calvert shield on the south (Maryland) side is very clear and intact, as are most of the margins, fluting and top planes. There are chips along all edges, particularly the southwest, and corners, but the monument is otherwise in good condition, unaltered, and relatively protected in its obscure original site. On the federal and state levels, it is significant primarily as one of the series of 135 original monuments still standing along the West Line, commonly known as the Mason-Dixon Line since Civil War times, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. Locally, it is also significant as one of 17 original monuments along the present Harford/York county boundary (and one of only 3 crownstones), among the few and diminishing number of objects and structures still visually identifiable with our colonial and Civil War heritage.

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, 30th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 30 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 32)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off north side of Whiteford Road (MD 136)

CITY, TOWN

Cardiff

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Harford / PA: York

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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see 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 Harford County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

HA-1545 entered 2/25/80

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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. 30(32) marks Mason and Dixon's 30th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original crownstone of 1766, in fairly good condition, unaltered, and at its original site, though reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is rural, rolling farmlands interspersed with deciduous woodlands and a few orchards, with increasing numbers of houses strung along the main roads. The site is located ^{in a valley} /about 1 mile/ ^{northwest} from the village of Whiteford, which adjoins the south end of Cardiff, Maryland; about 1 mile west of the town of Delta, Pennsylvania; about 1800' north of Whiteford Road (MD 136); about 650' north of the remains of an old brick house ; about 150' inside the west edge of a dense deciduous thicket, close to an old overgrown east-west fence on the north side and a small stream just to the south. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby, and is protected by its unobtrusiveness.

The monument, one of only 24 crownstones remaining on the West Line and one of only 3 along the present Harford/York county boundary, was originally quarried and carved in England, measured about 12" square by about 4½' long and cut to stand about 3' above ground. In 1902 it was reset to stand about 1½' high, with the longer length below ground and surrounded by a concrete collar. By the time of the 1979-82 field inspection, it remained much as reset, although there is now a very large shallow chip out of the top northwest corner into the Penn shield--a disfigurement noted at the time of the 1950 field inspection. The Calvert shield on the south side, facing Maryland is very distinct and intact, as is most of the fluting, margins and top planes. All edges are chipped, particularly the southwest, as are the top corners.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting these)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 1766 (reset 1902)

~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 30(32) is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. As one of only 24 crownstones remaining on the West Line, and one of only three within the present Harford/York county boundary, it is significant locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to our colonial and Civil War heritage.

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 DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Delta (Maryland-Pennsylvania, USGS 7.5 minute series,
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 38390, northing 439746

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey DATE 2/14/80 (site surveyed by
Jean Ewing)

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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MASON-DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 30 (32)
DELTA QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1956 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



3.85 IN SW
(FAIRVILLE)

76°22'30"

2 390 000 FEET (P.A.)

384000m E

39°45'

FANINGROVE 4.9 MI.

440000m N

150 000 FEET
(P.A.)

4399

4398

FIVE FORKS 3 MI.
GRACETON 0.6 MI.

42'30"

4396

4395





10347

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NW corner
(PENN COAT OF ARMS / -)

Mason-Dixon west line: ^{MILESTONE} # 30 (32)

PHOTO: JEAN
1 / E wing 14 Feb 80 (NEG # 0)

A black and white photograph of a rectangular stone block lying on a bed of dry leaves and twigs. The block has a carved emblem on its front face, which appears to be a coat of arms or a heraldic crest. The emblem is somewhat faded but shows a shield with a crown above it. A small, dark rectangular label with white text is placed at the bottom of the block. The text on the label reads "M-D 30".

M-D 30

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South-West corner
(- / CALVERT COAT OF ARMS)

Mason & Dix west line, ^{THE} stone 30(32)

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