

ABSTRACT

HA-351

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 32(34)

1766 (reset 1902)

Graceton, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 32(34) marks Mason and Dixon's 32nd 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 (now partially gone), quarried and carved in England, and originally measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. Although about half of the top of the south side had been broken off ^{and lost} prior to 1902, the milestone was reset at that time by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary to stand about 1½' high, where it remains to this day, apparently without further deterioration other than weathering. The letter P on the north ^(the only full side remaining) side is clear and intact, though with an old chunk out of the top edge; the east and west sides are half gone but with most of the fluting remaining; the entire south side (facing Maryland) is gone, ^{the letter M.} including / On the federal and state levels, No. 32(34) is nevertheless significant as one of the series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still defining this boundary, commonly known as the Mason-Dixon Line since Civil War times, famous for its historical impact, and for its innovative survey methods a century earlier. Locally, this milestone is also significant, as one of 17 original monuments still marking the present Harford/York county boundary, and amongst the few and diminishing number of objects and structures visually identifiable with our colonial and Civil War heritage.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. HA-351
Magi No. 1303513234

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, 32nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 32 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 34)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the northeast side of Graceton Road (MD 624)

CITY, TOWN

Graceton

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 type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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-351 entered c. 6/70 (undated) FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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. 32(34) marks Mason and Dixon's 32nd 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 milestone of 1766; at its original site, though reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; and is unaltered, though the top half of the ^{presently exposed} south side had apparently been "broken off (before 1900) and lost," leaving it in a deteriorated condition.

The area here is rural, rolling farmland, with only scattered housing, strung sparsely along the roads. The site is within Harford County's Election District 5; York County's Peach Bottom Township; about 1/2 mile west-northwest of the crossroads settlement of Graceton, Maryland; about 500' northeast of the Graceton Road (MD 674) just south of its bend to the west; in an unfenced pasture about 100' due west of the Bulette house, near an old springhouse ^{to the east} and small stream to the north. It can be seen from the main road and the Bulett drive, all seasons, and is apparently protected, for ^{the monument} remains essentially unchanged since 1902.

The monument, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top (now half gone), quarried and carved in England, and originally ^{measuring about 12" square by about 4 1/2'} in length, cut to stand about 3' above ground, with the capital letters P facing north toward Pennsylvania and M facing south toward Maryland. Although the top 1 1/2' had been diagonally broken off ^{sometime prior to 1902} including the M on the south side, the Resurvey reset this milestone to stand about 1 1/2' above ground, where it remains today, firmly and with no recent breaks or further chips. The one full side remaining (the north side) is weatherworn and with a large chunk out of the top edge, but with the letter P clear and intact. Some fluting remains on the east and west sides, but both are noticeably weatherworn; and less than half the top remains, formless.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full 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			
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) ~~BUILDING/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 32(34), despite its deterioration, 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 ^{230.228-mile} 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. Individually, and as one of 17 original monuments **remaining** along the present Harford/York county boundary, No. 32(34) is also significant locally as ^{being} amongst the few and 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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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: Fawn Grove, USGS 7.5 minute series, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 38062, northing 439752

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 (also see Jean Ewing form of c. 6/70, undated)

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

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey	12/12/79 (site surveyed with Jean Ewing)
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
14308 Mount Avenue	301/472-2128
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Phoenix	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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: *Mason Dixon Stone # 32*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *This marker stands in a meadow about 100' west of the*

CITY OR TOWN: *lane enters northeast of Grace ton Willis Bullette house*

STATE: *of Whiteford Road (Md 136) Pylesville Maryland* CODE: COUNTY: *Harford* CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		<i>State line marker</i>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: *Willis Bullette's land*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Grace ton Road*

CITY OR TOWN: *Pylesville, Md.* STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT*

STREET AND NUMBER: *HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN S*

CITY OR TOWN: *BEL AIR* STATE: *MARYLAND* CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Damaged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone Marker # 32 for the
 Mason-Dixon Line - the
 Maryland - Pennsylvania

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1763 - 67

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi-
losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Historic</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-
itarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN G. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS STATE: MARYLAND CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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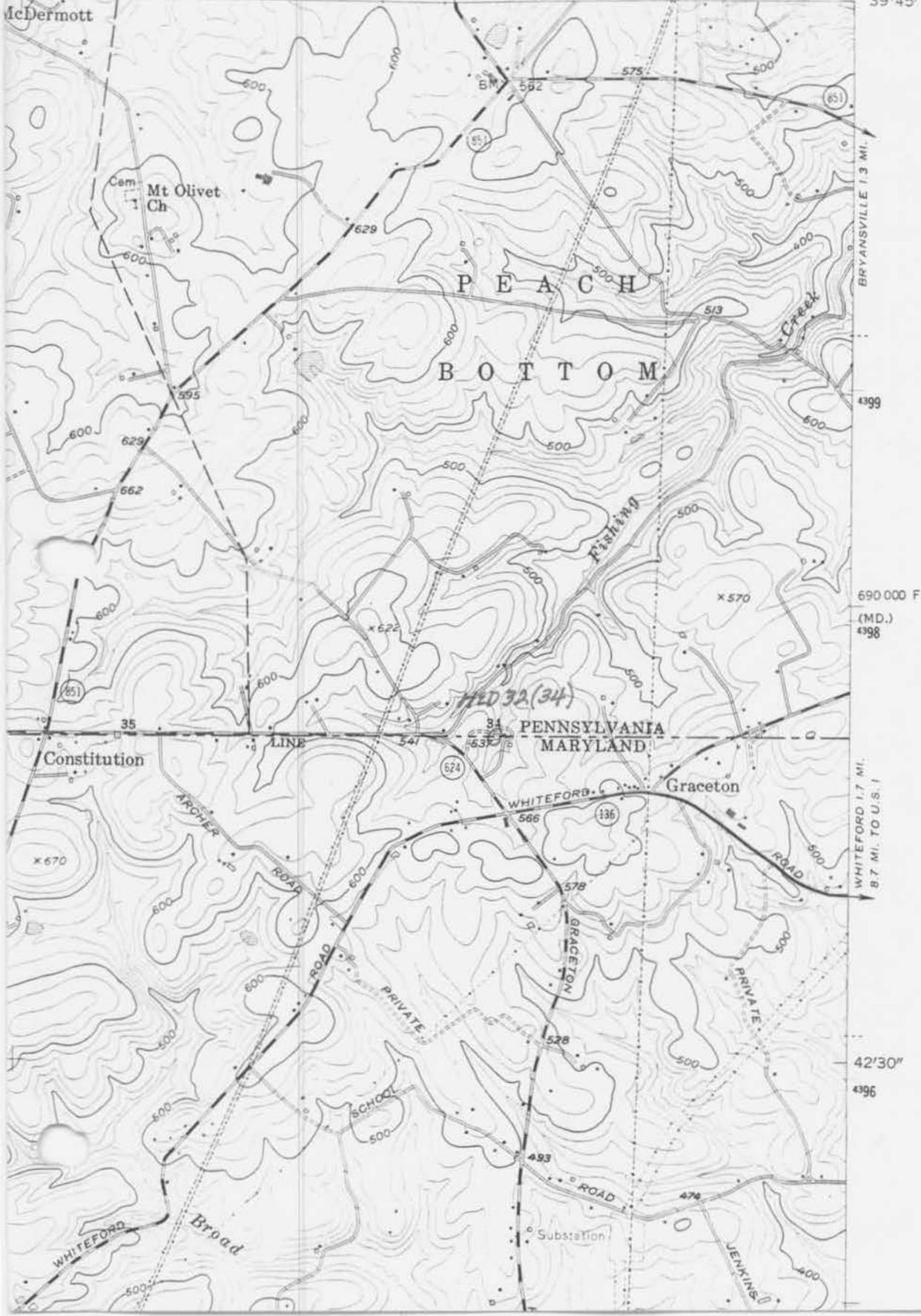
MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 32(34)

FAWN GROVE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1956 PHOTOREVISED 1974

5763 IV SE
(HOLTWOOD)



25' 379 BELLEVUE 0.7 MI. 970 000 FEET (MD.) SCALE: 1"=2000' 382 76°22'30" 39°45'

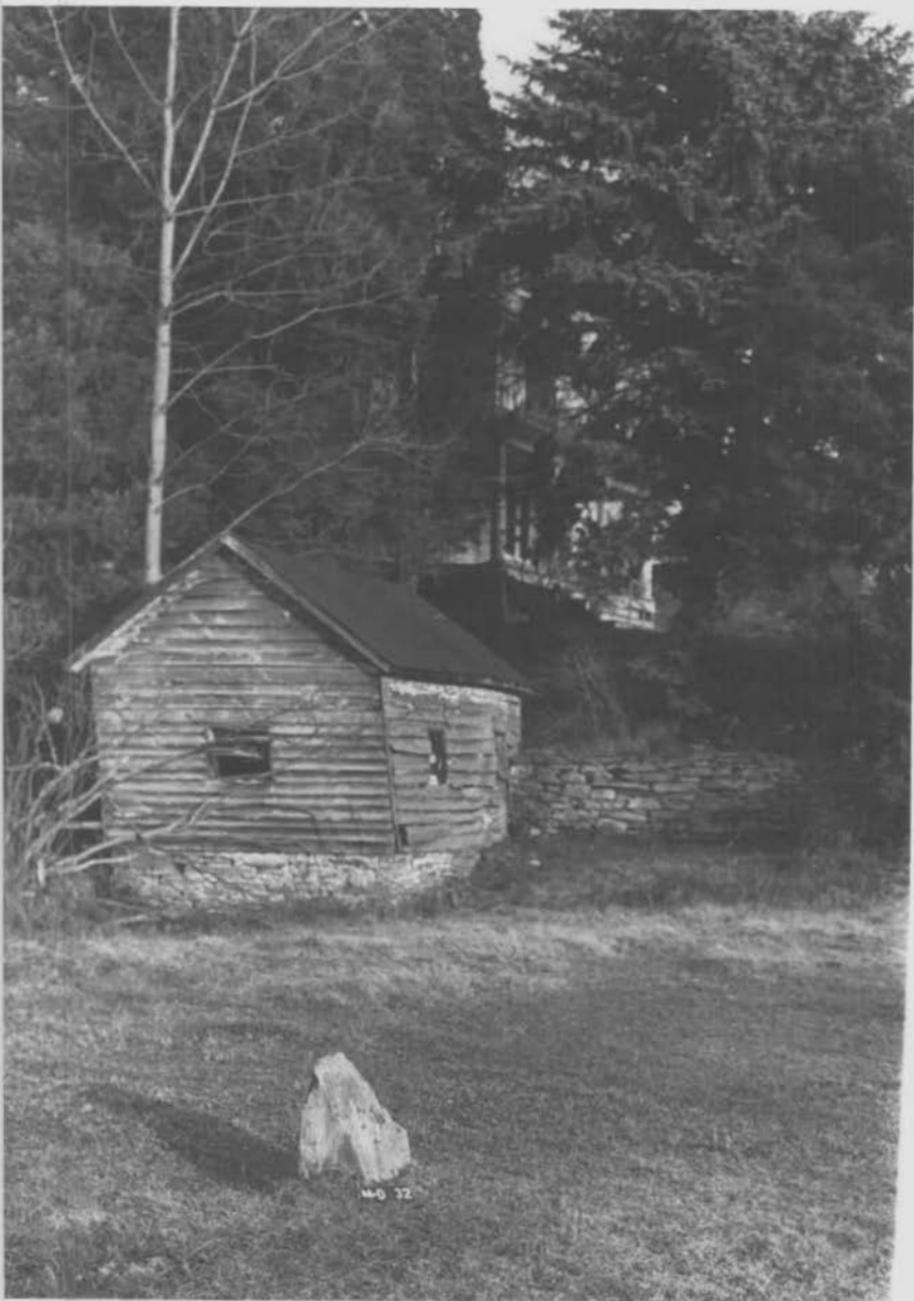


BRYANSVILLE 1.3 MI.

690 000 FEET
(MD.)
4398

WHITEFORD 1.7 MI.
8.7 MI. TO U.S. 1

42'30"
4396



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Mason Dixon #32
WEST LINE; MILESTONE ↑

looking ENE from stone to Bullette house

PHOTO:

JEAN EWING 12/12/79 (NO NETS)

Severe breaks shown.

February 1980



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MASON & DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 32 (34)
SOUTH (M 9000) & EAST FACES

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 12/2/79 (1979. 13.15A)



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Nixon #32⁽³⁴⁾
WEST LINE MILESTONE 5

PHOTO: JEAN EWING - 12/12/79 (NEG # 8)

(P) 2 WEST
North₁ faces

February 1980



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On south main side -

463E

Mason Dixon Stone #32 H&K

June 70



HA 351a

(m 1 1 mtd)

463E

Mason Dixon Stone #32 JSE

June '70