

ABSTRACT

WA-I- 482

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 103(106)

1767 (moved/reset 1902)

State Line, Pennsylvania/Maryland

Public/private

Milestone No. 103(106) is an original milestone of 1767, in fairly good condition, unaltered, reset slightly east of its original site in 1902 at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and possibly again since then, when I-81 was constructed ^{or State Line Road reworked}. It approximately marks Mason and Dixon's 103rd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of the survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Although ^{probably} still close to its original length of about 4 feet, it now only stands about 1 foot above ground; measures close to 12 inches square; and is so weatherworn and nicked, very little of its original embellishments remain except for the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, and some fluting on the east side. And an inscription of unknown source has been added to the west side: 5 + 1
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On the national and state levels, No. 103(106) is significant primarily as one of 135 original monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually 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, 103rd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 103 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 106)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER south side of State Line Road (MD/PA 163 & LR-28030)

CITY, TOWN

State Line VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania / Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Washington/PA: Franklin

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 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 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 (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 Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE WA-I-482 entered 2/24/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE Maryland

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1902</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> " again, recently

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 103(106)/^{approximately}marks Mason and Dixon's 103rd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is the original milestone set a few yards further west by Mason and Dixon in 1767, is in fairly good condition, unaltered, but moved in 1902 at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and is believed by the surveyor as having been moved ^{eastward} slightly/again, ^{probably} at the time of the construction of I-81 and the exit/entrance across the road. (The recent shift, if made, is to be traced in the follow-up Phase II of the present Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker project.)

The area here is predominantly rural, sparsely settled, open farmland, north beyond the suburban development proliferating around Hagerstown and the municipal airport. The site is within Election District 13 of Washington County, MD, and Antrim Township of Franklin County, PA; at the west edge of the village of State Line, PA/MD; about 1/4 mile west of US 11 at the Line; ^{in a bank} about 2 feet above grade level and about 2 feet off the south edge of State Line Road (MD/PA 163 & LR-28030), opposite the eastern of two entrance/exit access points for I-81, and east of the Breeze Hill Farm entrance lane leading off to the south. It can be easily seen and bumped into from the road, all seasons, and is not protected from vehicles or people.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone ^{quarried and carved in England} post with a low pyramidal top, and originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. According to the Resurvey notes (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 90):

This monument was found lying on the ground on the south side of the road leading from Middleburg to Mason and Dixon state on the Cumberland Valley R.R. The road runs along the boundary and there was a slight cut at the point where the stone was found, which probably caused it to be washed out. For its better preservation in the future, the monument was placed on the line at a point a few yards to the eastward of its former position. It now stands on a solid ledge in the entrance to a farm lane, on the south side

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (continue on p. 2)

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 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 (^{moved and} reset 1902) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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 acre

Quadrangle name: Hagerstown (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1953 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 266___, northing 4400___ (monument location
incorrectly shown on all maps for present location)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Franklin

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust & Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/12/80 (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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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CONTINUATION SHEET, Item 7 Description

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of the line road.

In relation to the present alignment of the I-81 access roads and the farm lane, this milestone seems to have been moved again slightly further east, for its location is not that as shown on any maps. It now stands about 1 foot high, measures about 12 inches square; and all surfaces are scratched, chipped and weatherworn. The letter P is visible but chipped; the M is clear and intact; both circle panels are discernible; very little fluting remains (only on the east side) and no margins; all edges and top corners are chipped, and the top planes and fluting are gone. The following inscription has been crudely cut into the west side: 5 + 1 (though no explanation for this has yet been found).
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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

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(WILLIAMSON)

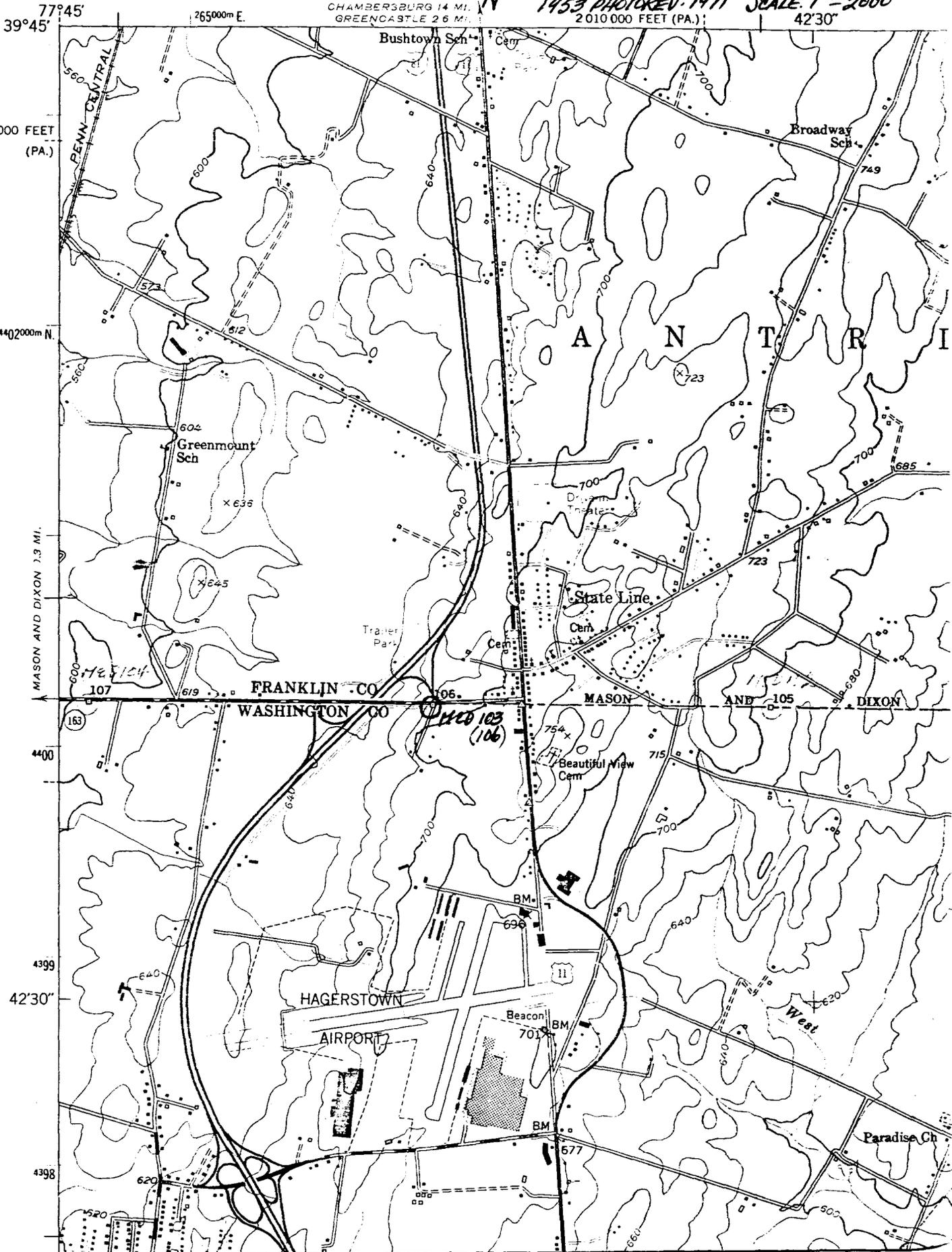
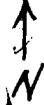
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(relocated 1932)

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 103 (106)

HAGERSTOWN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREV. 1971 SCALE: 1" = 2000'
2 010 000 FEET (PA.); 42'30"



150 000 FEET
(PA.)

440 2000m N.

MASON AND DIXON 3.3 MI.

4400

4399

42'30"

4398

265 000m E.

CHAMBERSBURG 14 MI.
GREENCASTLE 26 MI.

42'30"



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Mason Dixon Marker #106
From west

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- 2 - 482

part of ... Mason Dixon ...
2001





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Mason Dixon Marker #106

From north

- 4182

at

to

by

using a transit & level and a barometer - 1000 ft



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 10.7 (106) ORIGINAL (1767) IN
RELOCATED SITE (1902) + POSSIBLY LATER AS WELL

SE CORNER (M/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1930.23.22) 10/12/89



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MAISON S'INDIQUERAIT A L'EMPLACEMENT DE LA MAISON (1767), ORIGINAL (1767), IN RELOCATED
SITE (1902) + POSSIBLY AGAIN

MAISON S'INDIQUERAIT

MAISON (1902) + POSSIBLY AGAIN (1902-23.50) 1902-10