

ABSTRACT

WA-IV-095

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 95(98)

1767 (reset 1902)

Ringgold, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 95(98) marks Mason and Dixon's 95th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is an original crownstone of 1767, quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, still in good condition, unaltered, and at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, set two years later, then reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It now stands about 1½ feet above ground; measures about 12 inches on the north and south sides, about 11 inches on the east and west sides; is quite weathered on the top and north side; chipped along all edges and top corners; splotchy on all surfaces from lichen; and with two grooves in the top east plane. The distinguishing embellishments otherwise remain quite clear and essentially intact: vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides; and the stylized shield of the Penns on the north side facing Pennsylvania and that of the Calverts on the south side facing Maryland, both carved near the top. On the national and state levels, No. 95(98) is significant primarily as one of 135 original monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. 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.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Magi No.

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, 95th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 95 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 98)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off south side of Goods Dam Road (T363)

CITY, TOWN

Ringgold

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6/PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Washington/PA: Franklin

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	X STATUS not applicable	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
	X 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-IV-095 entered 2/24/81 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. 95(98) marks Mason and Dixon's 95th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original crownstone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered, and remains at its original site, although reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is rural, gently rolling, with only a very few scattered farms and several orchards, nearly all open lands except for strands of woods following the East Branch of Antietam Creek to the north. The site is within Election District 9 of Washington County, MD, and Washington Township of Franklin County, PA; about a mile northwest of the small settlement of Ringgold, MD; about 2 miles south from the center of the town of Waynesboro, PA; about 2000 feet south of Goods Dam Road, on a gentle north slope, in a scraggly multifloral fencerow (on south side of) separating the Shriver farm on the north from the Miller farm on the south; about 300 feet south of the Shriver's old brick home and stone dairy (now house). The crownstone cannot be seen from any road or the houses, and is difficult to spot from closeby even when vegetation is dormant.

The crownstone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, and initially measured about 12" square by about 4½ feet long with a low pyramidal top, cut to stand as a post about 3 feet above ground, with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the stylized shields of the Penn coat of arms on the north side facing Pennsylvania and that of the Calvert's on the south side facing Maryland, carved near the top. Reset in 1902 to presumably about its present height of 1½ feet above ground, it still measures about 12 inches on the north and south sides, but is about 11 inches on the east and west sides. Although there is considerable weathering of the top and north side, the shields are still quite distinct and intact; most fluting and some of the margins remain; there are chips along the edges and top corners (particularly the top northwest corner); fluting on the top planes has disappeared and there are 2 grooves cut into the east top plane. (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of **CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

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
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<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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (reset 1902) ~~SURVEYORS~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 95(98), a crownstone of 1767, is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and crownstone set two years later, where it remains in place, although reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), No. 95(98) 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.

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: Smithsburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 27895, northing 439967

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 and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

11/22/80 (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.

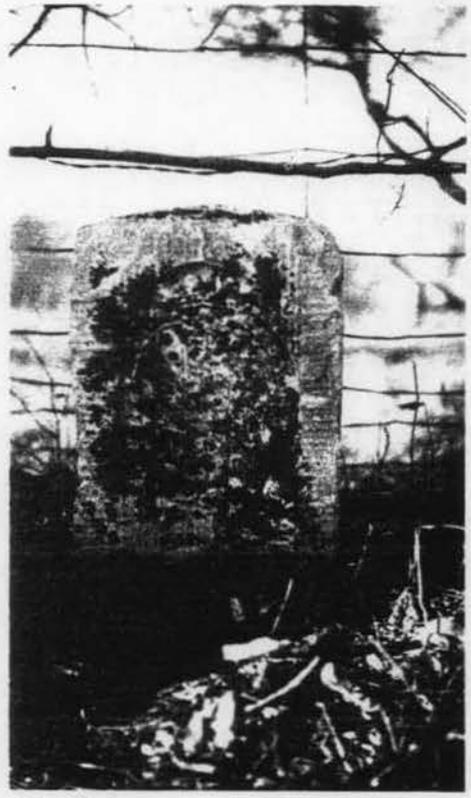
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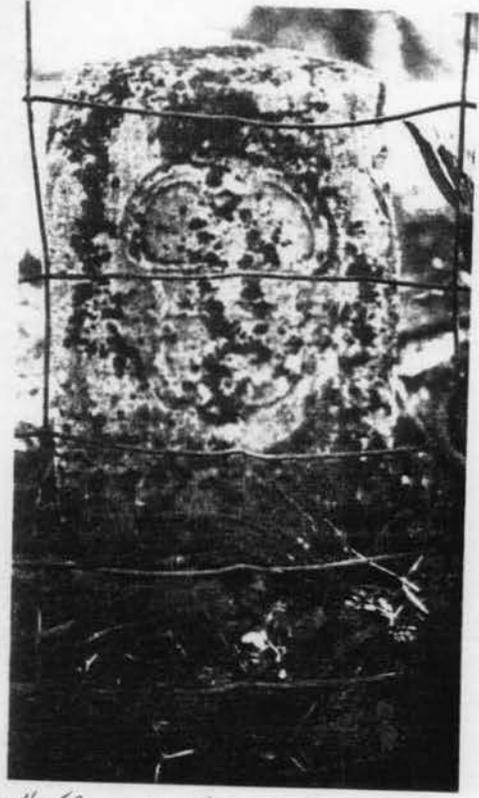
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MASON EDIXON'S WESTLINE: MILESTONE NO. 95 (98), original milestone (1767)



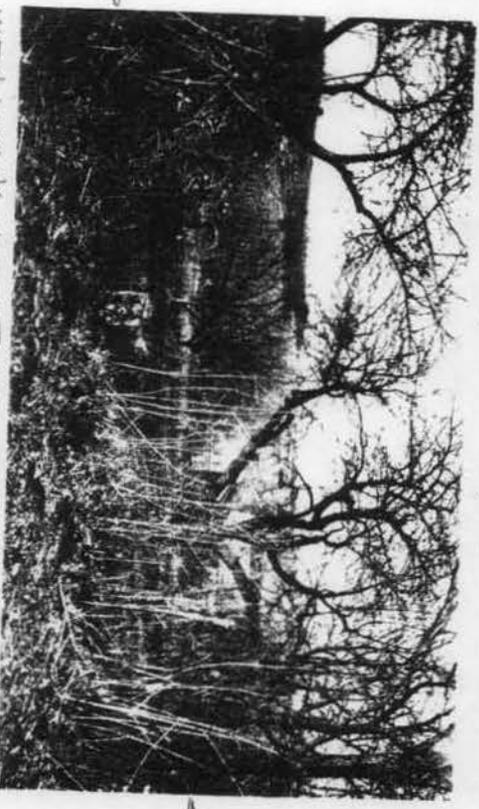
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VIEW LOOKING NORTH TOWARD STAKE & HOUSE PP2.96.17



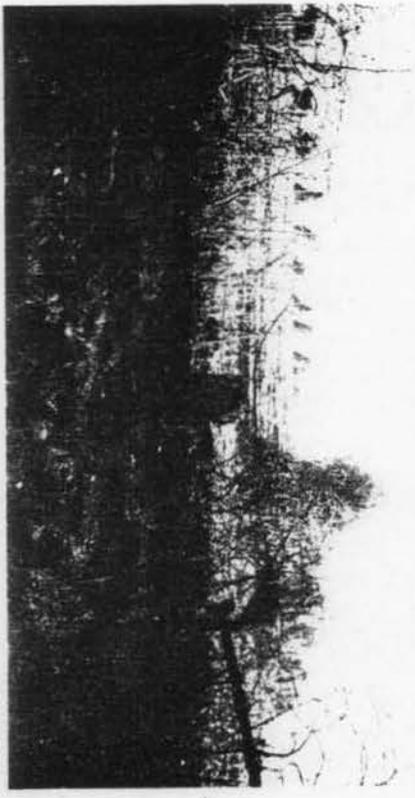
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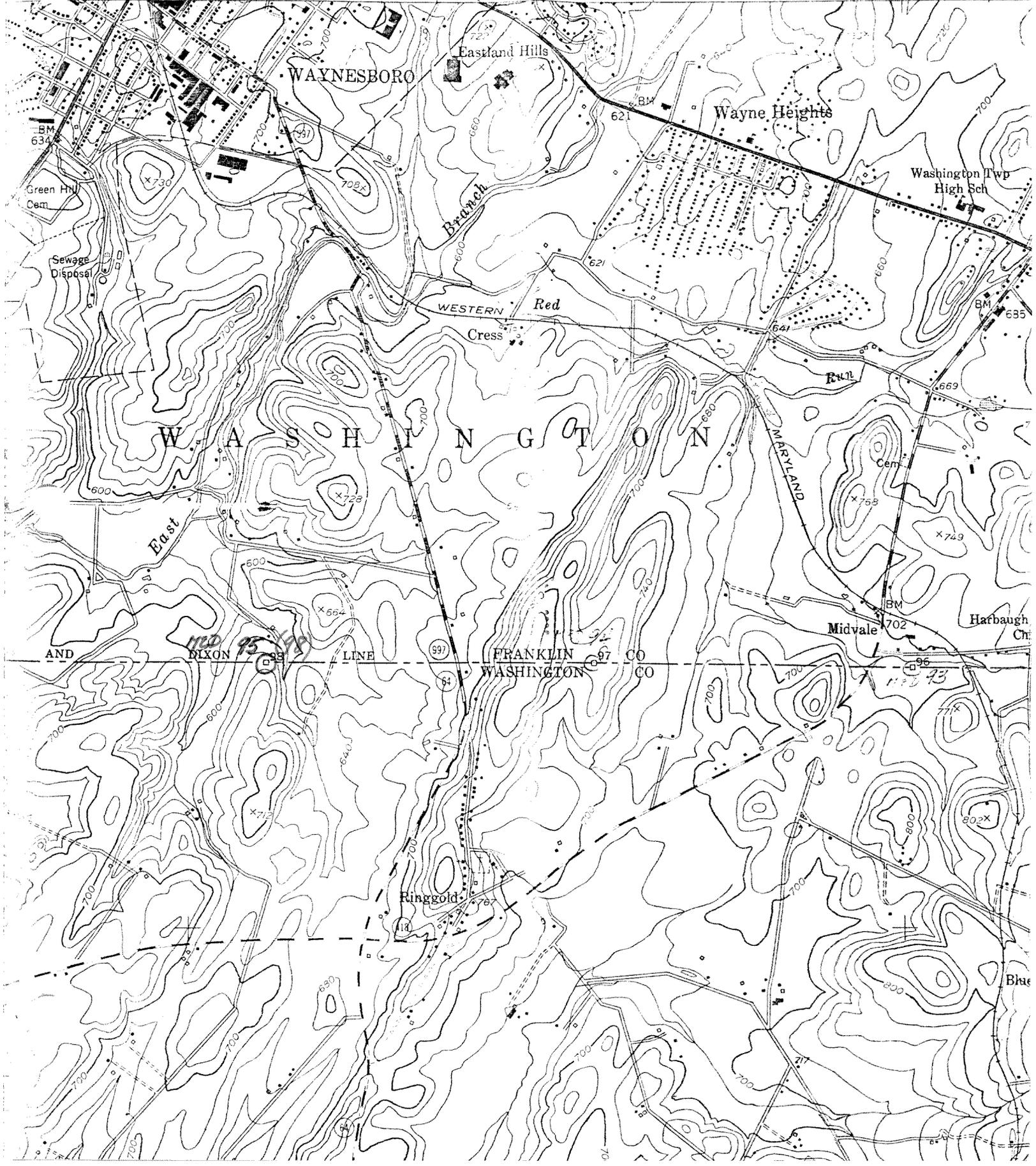
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EDIXON REST LINE MILESTONE 9 (98)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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(WAYNESBORO) 5463 1 SE

SMITHSBURG QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REVIS 1971 SCALE: 1"=2000
282 32'30"

0.5 MI. TO PA. 16

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WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON CO

East

WESTERN
Red
Cress

Wayne Heights

Washington Twp
High Sch

Midvale

Ringgold

Harbaugh Ch

AND
EDIXON 95
LINE

1150 93

Blue



1747

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 95 (98)
(WICKINSTEAD) ORIGINAL (1767)

NW CORNER (PENN CO^Y OF ARMS / —)

PLAT: ALICE MARTIN (1981-33-32) 1/22/80



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MASONRY JUNK WEST LINE: MILESTONE 95 (98)
(CROWNSTONE) ORIGINAL (1767)

SE CORNER (CALVERT COAT OF ARMS) —)

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