

ABSTRACT

WA-V-212

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 111(115)

1767 (reset 1902, new site)

Dry Run, Maryland

Public/private

Milestone No. 111(115) approximately marks Mason and Dixon's 111th 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 milestone of 1767, quarried and carved in England of oolitic limestone; is in good condition, unaltered, firmly in place as reset in 1902 at a more suitable site a short distance west of the original site during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is significant on the national and state levels 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, 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, 111th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 111 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 115)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west side of Strite Road/T-318

CITY, TOWN

Dry Run

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Washington/PA: Franklin

3 CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY, OWNERSHIP, STATUS N/A, PRESENT USE. Includes options like DISTRICT, BUILDING(S), STRUCTURE, SITE, OBJECT, PUBLIC, PRIVATE, BOTH, PUBLIC ACQUISITION, OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, WORK IN PROGRESS, YES/NO RESTRICTED/UNRESTRICTED, AGRICULTURE, MUSEUM, COMMERCIAL, PARK, EDUCATIONAL, PRIVATE RESIDENCE, ENTERTAINMENT, RELIGIOUS, GOVERNMENT, SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL, TRANSPORTATION, MILITARY, OTHER, 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-V-212 entered 2/24/81

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. WA-V-212

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 111(115) ^{approximately} marks Mason and Dixon's 111th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered, and reset in 1902 at a new site ^{on the line} slightly west of the retrieval site during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is sparsely settled farmland, comparatively level, with the heavily forested Bear Pond Mountains within sight about a mile to the west. The site is within Election District 4 of Washington County, MD, and Montgomery Township of Franklin County, PA; a little over a half mile north of the cross-roads called Dry Run; about 1300 feet due west of Strite Road at the Line by the William O. Ditto house; in a north-south hedgerow and gentle rise separating a grassy field on the east side from a cultivated field on the west side; about 5 inches west of an old wire fence. It cannot be seen from any road, but is visible from nearby, and is protected by the site.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, 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 shallow plain circle panel near the top. The monument now stands about as reset in 1902: about 21 inches high above the concrete foundation by about 12 inches square; the letters are clear and intact though the circle panels are barely discernible; most fluting and margins remain; the top is ^{nearly flat and almost entirely covered by cement} apparently done at the time of setting a U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey triangulation station metal disk (DITTO ^{stamped} 1935) into the apex. All surfaces are weathered; and all edges and top corners are chipped.

(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 them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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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 at new site ¹⁹⁰² ~~1902~~ **BULLDEN ARCHITECT SURVEYORS** Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 111(115) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers 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 original site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and milestone set two years ^{found out of the line} later. When ~~it was retrieved~~ during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and reset in ^{at a more suitable} 1902/new site a short distance west, where it remains in good condition. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), No. 111(115) 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)

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: Clear Spring (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1955 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 25340, northing 440065

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

2/28/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE No. 111 (115)
CLEAR SPRING QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

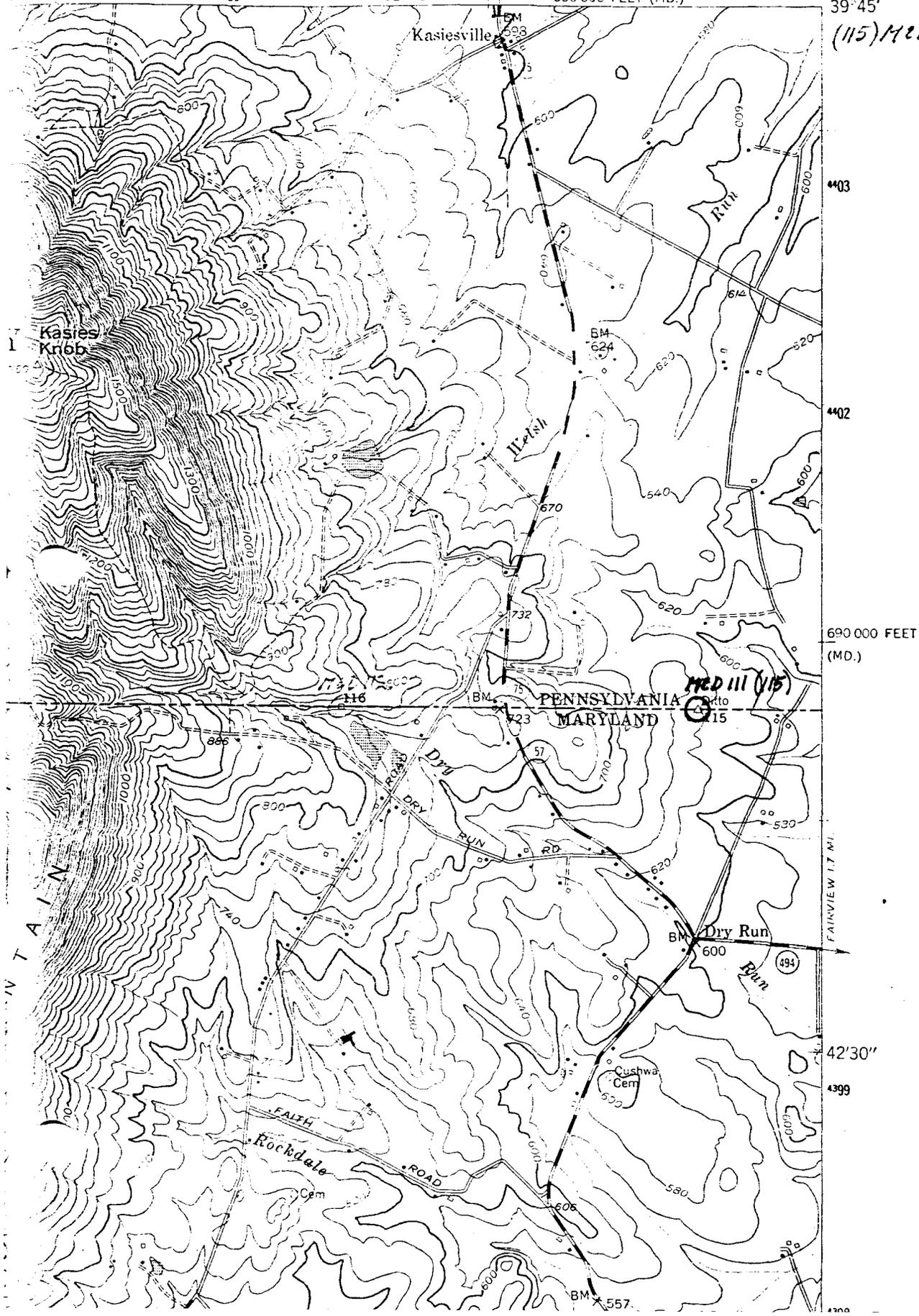
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5463 IV SE
WILLIAMSON
WASHINGTON CO. (18)

NW/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971
550 000 FEET (MD.)

77°52'30"
39°45'

(115) MED III CRIT, relocated



690 000 FEET
(MD.)

FAIRVIEW 17 MI.

42'30"

4399

4300



MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 111 (115)
(SE CORNER (M-), ORIGINAL (1767), RELOCATED (1902))

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN [1911.6.25] 2/28/81



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MASON EDINOR WEST LINE: MILL STONE III (115)
N.W. CORNER (P/-), ORIGINAL (1767)
RELOCATED (1902)

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