

ABSTRACT

WA-V-218

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 118(122)
Indian Springs, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

1767 (reset 1902)

Milestone No. 118(122) marks Mason and Dixon's 118th 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. It is an original milestone of 1767, in fair condition, unaltered, and stands firmly at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1766, monumented the following year, and reset more securely in 1902 at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Originally quarried and carved in England, it ^{presumably was about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long,} ~~cut to stand about 3 feet high with its base left rough-~~ cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features were the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P to face Pennsylvania on the north side and M to face Maryland on the south side, each V-sunk in a plain shallow circle panel near the top. Reset in 1902 to stand presumably about 1½ feet high, it is now only about 9 inches above ground, badly weathered, with considerable chipping along all edges and top corners. The letters are still visible, but little ^{of the} ~~other~~ embellishments remain. On the national and state levels, No. 118(122) 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.

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, 118th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 118 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 122)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of Little Cove Road/LR-28042

CITY, TOWN

Indian Springs VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

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 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 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-V-218 entered 2/24/81

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 118(122) marks Mason and Dixon's 118th 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 fair condition, unaltered, and stands about 9 inches above ground at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1766, monumented the following year and reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is a narrow valley between Cove Mountain on the east and Coon (Kuhn) Ridge on the west, with a few farms scattered along the road and bottomland. The site is within Election District 15 of Washington County, MD, and Warren Township of Franklin County, PA; on the west slope of Cove Mountain; about 5/4 miles due north of the settlement of Indian Springs, MD; a little over 4 miles north-northeast of the settlement of Pecktonville, MD; about 4000 feet east of Little Cove Road/LR-28042 at the Line; about 2500 feet northeast of the Rowland farmhouse; in an east-west loose row of stones/separating the Rowland cultivated field and woods from the Hickory Ridge Hunt Club woods on the south. The site cannot be seen from any road or farm service lane, and is almost impossible to see when closeby because it is surrounded by other stones about the same size. This is protective, but without official marking/^{it} could easily disappear into oblivion.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post, 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, a low pyramidal top with fluted planes; 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. When reset in 1902, the monument presumably stood ^{remains firmly set but} about 1 1/2 feet high. It/now stands only 9 inches above ground; measures about 11 inches on the north and south sides, about 12 inches on the east and west sides; all surfaces are very badly weatherworn; all edges and top corners very chipped; the letters are visible but very little of the fluting and no margins remain; the top is dome-shaped and dappled with lichen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

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. (reset 1902) ~~BOUNDARY ARCHITECTURE~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 118(122) 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 defining their 230.228-miles 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 1766, monumented the following year, and reset/in ^{more securely} 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. 118(122) 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: Cherry Run (Maryland-West Virginia-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5
minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 17, easting 75615, northing 440101VERBAL 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

10/5/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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CHERRY RUN QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA-PENNSYLVANIA

15687.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NE 1/4 HANCOCK 15' QUADRANGLE

1951 PHOTO REV. 1971

2420 000 FEET (W. VA.)

SCALE 1" = 2000'

10 MI. TO PA. 16
SYLVAN 0.5 MI.

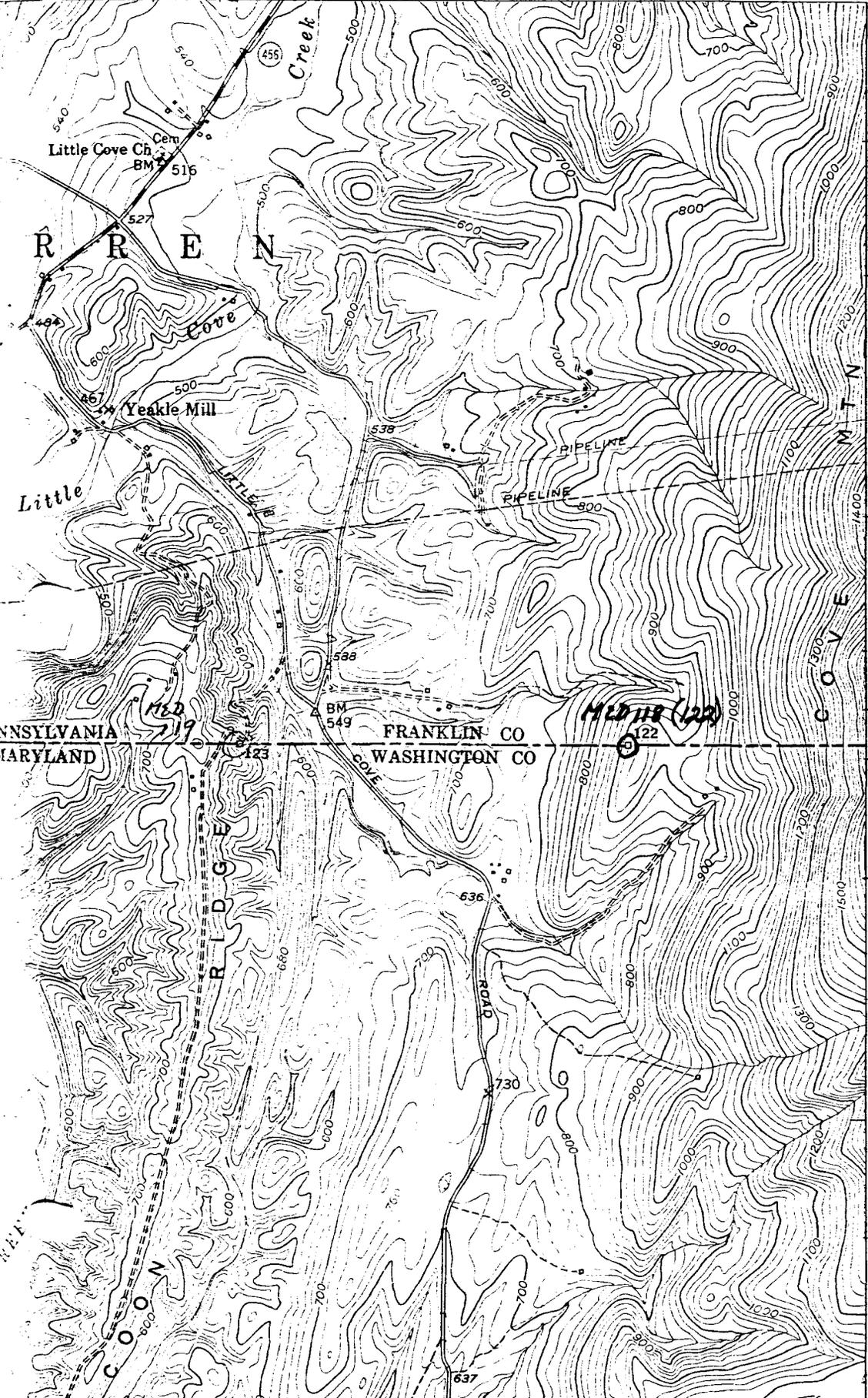
5463 IV SW
(MERCERSBURG)

WASHINGTON CO.

19

30" 000 FEET (PA.)

78°00'
39°45'



150 000 FEET (PA.)

4403

4402

450 000 FEET (W. VA.)

4401

4400

42°30'

4399

25 MEDIAN: CRUISE

PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND

FRANKLIN CO
WASHINGTON CO

CHERRY RUN



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 118 (122)
ORIGINAL (1767)
NW CORNER (P/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 13 5/11 (1981.31, 32)



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ALICE MARTIN 18 1/2" (18 1/2")
COLLECTOR
ALICE MARTIN 18 1/2"

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