

ABSTRACT

WA-VI-031

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 130(134)

1767 (first set 1902)

Hancock, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 130(134) marks Mason and Dixon's 130th 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, in good condition but slightly altered by the beveling of the east and west top edges and the addition of a USC&GS triangulation station metal disk (No. 130, 1955) in the center of the top. Brought to replace the crownstone set by Mason and Dixon, by then badly broken, from the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, it was first set in 1902 at 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 Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of 48 of these 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.

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, 130th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 130 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 134)**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)STREET & NUMBER off the east side of an unmarked road connecting Resley Road
with T-301CITY, TOWN Hancock VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE Maryland

COUNTY
MD: Washington / PA: Fulton**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
	X not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<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-VI-031 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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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. 130(134) marks Mason and Dixon's 130th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original ^{replacement} crownstone of 1767, slightly altered but in good condition; brought from the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, and first set in 1902 at the original site during the the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is hilly, thickly wooded with a mixture of deciduous and evergreen trees, and sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 5 of Washington County, MD, and Bethel Township of Fulton County, PA; about 1 1/4 miles ^{the scattered settlement of} southwest of Warfordsburg, PA; about 3/4 miles northwest of the town of Hancock, MD; west of Tonoloway Ridge, near the top of a wooded hillside at a point about 1700 feet east of an unmarked road linking Resley Road (MD) with T-301 (PA), and about 11 feet south of the old Columbia Gas pipeline, in a remnant of an old east-west wire fence, just east of a 4x4 orange-painted surveyor's stake/tape. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, and is protected by this woodland camouflage.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post ^(no longer) with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and said to have originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more in length, cut to stand about 3 feet high 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 Calverts on the south side facing Maryland. According to the 1900-03 Resurvey notes (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 92): "The original monument of this place had been broken into many fragments and another was supplied from the vicinity of Clearspring." The replacement was presumably set to stand about 1 1/2 feet high in 1902, ^{by that time} and ~~was~~ presumably beveled across the top east and west sides, as was noted by the 1950 field inspection as well as in 1981. ^{The monument stands only about 7 inches high, but continues to measure about} The Penn shield is clear and intact, though no fluting or margins remain on the north side; the Calvert shield is very weatherworn and chipped at the top edge, and no fluting but some margin remains; some fluting but no margins remain on the east and west sides; the top is flat (no planes or fluting) and a USC&G triangulation station metal disk has been messily cemented near the center (1955?).

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)

7 1/2 inches square.

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 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 (first set 1902) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 130(134), a crownstone, 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 site was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, the original crownstone set the following year, and the present crownstone brought from the vicinity of Clear Spring in 1902 as a replacement, during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments/^{now} marking the Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), No. 130(134) 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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Hancock (West Virginia-Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 17, easting 73680, northing 440039VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY WashingtonSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Fulton**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 5/30/81 (site surveyed)STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount Avenue TELEPHONE (301) 472-2128CITY 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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MASON = DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 130 (134)
(A CROWNSTONE replacement of 1767, first set 1902)
NW CORNER (PENN COAT OF ARMS / -)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 5/30/81 (1981.18.22)



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MASON EDISON WEST LINE MILESTONE 130 (130)
SD UNDER (CALVERT 104" OF ASP -)
REPLACEMENT (1902) WITH ORIGINAL CROWNSTONE
OF 1767 FROM VICINITY OF CLEAR SPRING
PHOTO: ALCEMRE-1) 5/30/81 (1981-8-24)