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## 2. THE MIDDLE STONE.

After a hundred years' controversy between the Lords Baltimore and William Penn, the middle stone marker of the first trans-peninsular line was laid here in 1751, marking an exact point midway between the Bay and the ocean (35 miles each way). By placing this marker Maryland lost over thirty miles of territory to Delaware. On June 25, 1764, Mason and Dixon began their famous survey at this point, and confirmed the position of the earlier stone with a crown stone, marked with Lord Baltimore's seal on the south and west, and Penn's seal on the north and east. This is, therefore, the original Mason-Dixon marker. The Wicomico Historical Society has made a formal request for a commemorative stamp on the 200th anniversary of the placing of this stone.

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## ~~3. SPRING HILL CHURCH.~~

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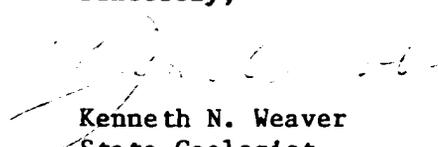
Dear Mark:

Attached for your interest is a press release concerning the replacement of the Middle Point monument on the Delaware-Maryland Mason-Dixon Line on October 24, 1984.

As indicated in the release, the monument was broken off at ground level by vandals in 1983 and will be reset exactly in its original position.

We expect to have the monument reset by noon on October 24<sup>th</sup> should you wish to see the restored stone.

Sincerely,

  
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State Geologist

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Attachment

Press Release - Middle Point Monument

Delaware's State Boundary Commission and Maryland's Department of Natural Resources will jointly replace the Middle Point monument on the Mason-Dixon Line on October 24, 1985. The monument is located on the north side of MD. Rt. 54/Del. Rt. 54, 3 miles east of Mardela Springs, MD and 6½ miles west of Delmar. 433621 047

Because it is important that boundary markers be precisely located and because Middle Point is also a triangulation point of the National Geodetic Survey, it will be reset exactly in its original position. Mr. Ralph Poust, National Geodetic Survey Advisor to the State of Md. will be responsible for making sure the monument is set within the close tolerances demanded.

Middle Point monument, originally set by Mason and Dixon in 1768, was broken off by vandals at ground level on or about May 4, 1983. Another stone, originally set by Colonial surveyors in 1760, was defaced by removal of the part of the stone containing the Calvert coat of arms. Both incidents may have occurred at the same time. Middle Point monument has been stored at the State Highway Administration garage in Salisbury awaiting replacement.

Middle Point will be rejoined to the broken base by epoxy, and gaps surrounding the joint will be filled with an epoxy grout.

Mr. Ronald Gatton of Kirby Memorials, Chestertown will be responsible for resetting the monument and performing cosmetic masonry.

In addition to replacing the monument the States will also replace protective grill-work to completely enclose a pavilion which was originally erected by the DAR.

People who wish to view the newly-restored stone may visit the site after noon on October 24th.

The following persons have represented their respective States in the negotiations to replace the monument and may be contacted for additional information.

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