

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker Survey Number: WO-480

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker stands approximately 800 feet east of US 113 and directly adjacent to the right-of-way for the former Worcester Railroad. The marker is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the Worcester Railroad.

According to the available information, The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker dates from the first decades of the twentieth century, and was placed alongside the tracks of the Worcester Railroad to alert the train engineers of the boundary between the two states. By the 1870s, Worcester Railroad ran from Snow Hill south to Franklin City, Virginia and Snow Hill north to Selbyville, Delaware. With the line established, farmers and other industries within the county could ship their goods to more distant markets. The rail line was especially significant in the growth of Worcester County as one of the leading exporters of produce, orchard fruits, cash crops, and timber, during the late 19th and early early 20th centuries.

The marker, a cast concrete obelisk-shaped pier, is imprinted with "Maryland" and "Worcester Co" on the south face, and "Delaware" and "Sussex Co" on the north face. The marker is directly associated with the Worcester Railroad and is one of the few remaining resource-types associated with the rail line. As many of the passenger and freight depots have been demolished, markers such as this are the only remaining tangible reminders of the importance of the railroad line and the impact it had in the local economy and history. As such, the Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Olga Padovani April 1, 1996.  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Object

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Other/Boundary Marker

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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Historic Context

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870 - 1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Transportation

Resource Type:

Category: Object

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Functions: Boundary Marker

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-480

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Maryland / Delaware State Line Marker

**2. Location**

street & number West Side Conrail Tracks  not for publication

city, town Selbyville  vicinity of congressional district First

state Delaware county Worcester, MD

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other: Boundary Marker

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Unknown

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WO-480

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WO-480

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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      Unknown                      **Builder/Architect**      Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A    B    C    D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A    B    C    D    E    F    G

Level of Significance:  national    state    local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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**CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1**

The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker stands approximately 800 feet east of US 113 and directly adjacent to the right-of-way for the former Worcester Railroad. A paved road, which provides access to an industrial park north of the area, leads to the marker. Heavy tree growth bounds the eastern edge of the tracks and a corn field is located along the western edge of the railroad.

The concrete marker, approximately five and one-half feet tall, is cast in a triangular/arrow shape, with two canted sides, each approximately ten inches wide, and a single flat side, about fourteen inches across. The south face is imprinted with "Maryland" and "Worcester Co"; the north face is inscribed "Delaware" and "Sussex Co". The east side is hollowed out. The southeastern edge is beginning to erode and chunks of the concrete in the upper half are missing. No date is visible on the marker.

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The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker is important for its association with the Worcester Railroad, which, by the late 1870s, ran from Snow Hill south to Franklin City, Virginia, and Snow Hill north to Selbyville Delaware. With the line thus established, farmers and other industries within Worcester County could ship their goods to more distant markets. The rail line was especially significant in the growth of Worcester County as one of the leading exporters of produce, orchard fruits, cash crops, and timber, during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (Touart 1994:126-128). The Worcester Railroad also served as a passenger line connecting with the Wicomico and Pocomoke Railroad in Berlin to convey vacationers to Ocean City.

The marker itself most likely dates from the first decades of the twentieth century and was probably placed along the tracks to alert engineers of the boundary between the two states. The Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker is recommended for inclusion into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, for its association with the impact of the railroad in the county.

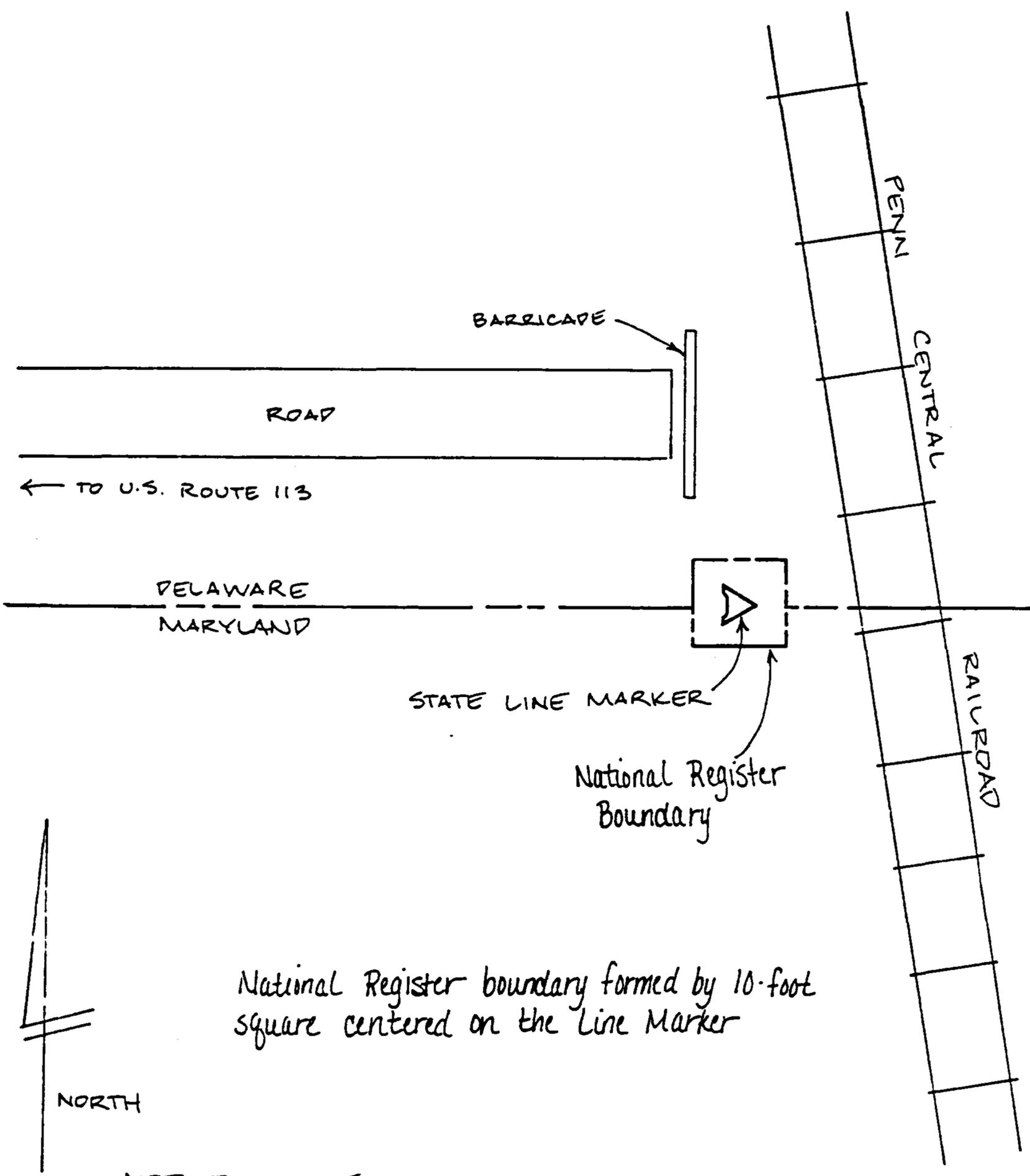
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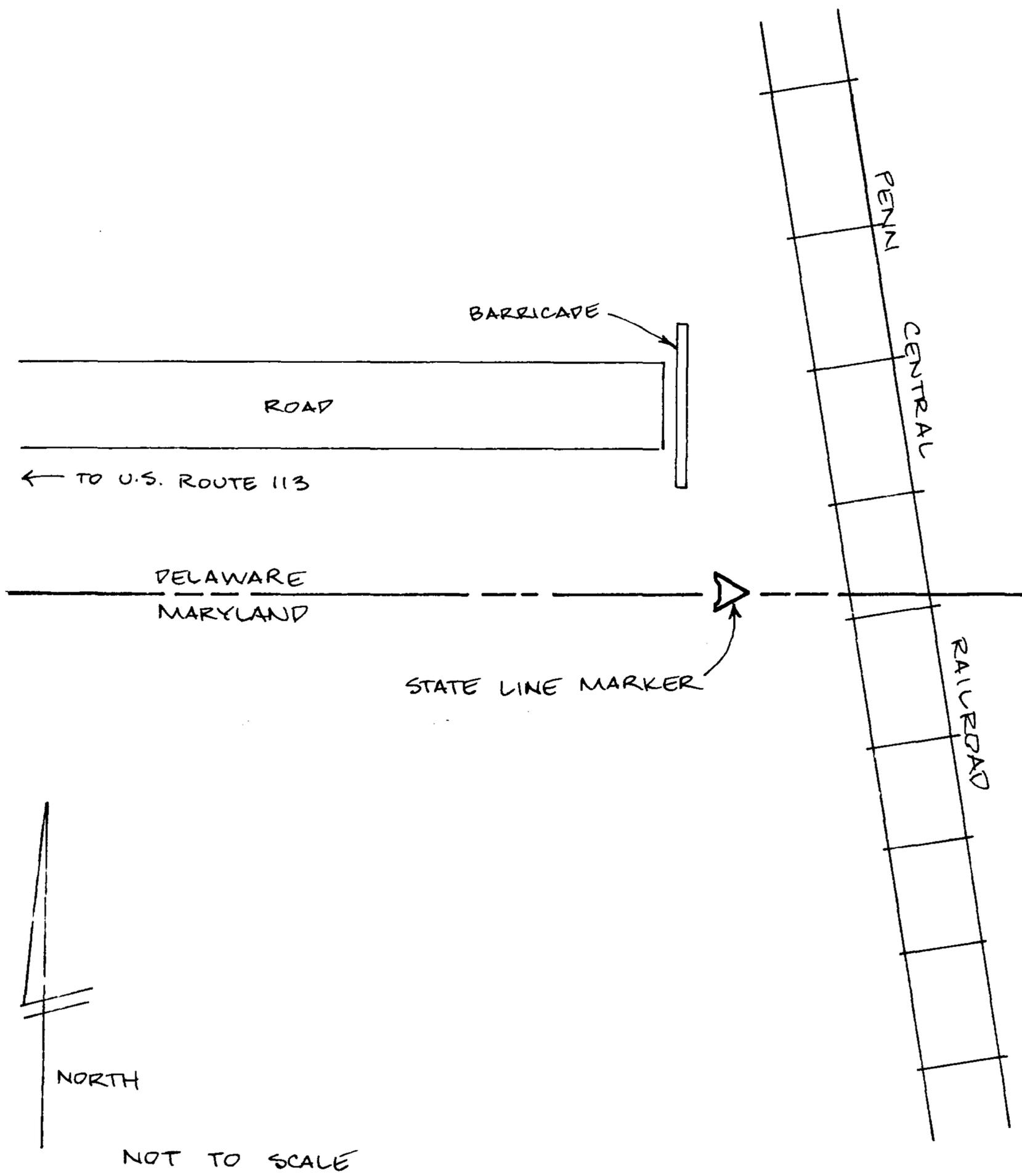
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National Register boundary formed by 10-foot square centered on the Line Marker

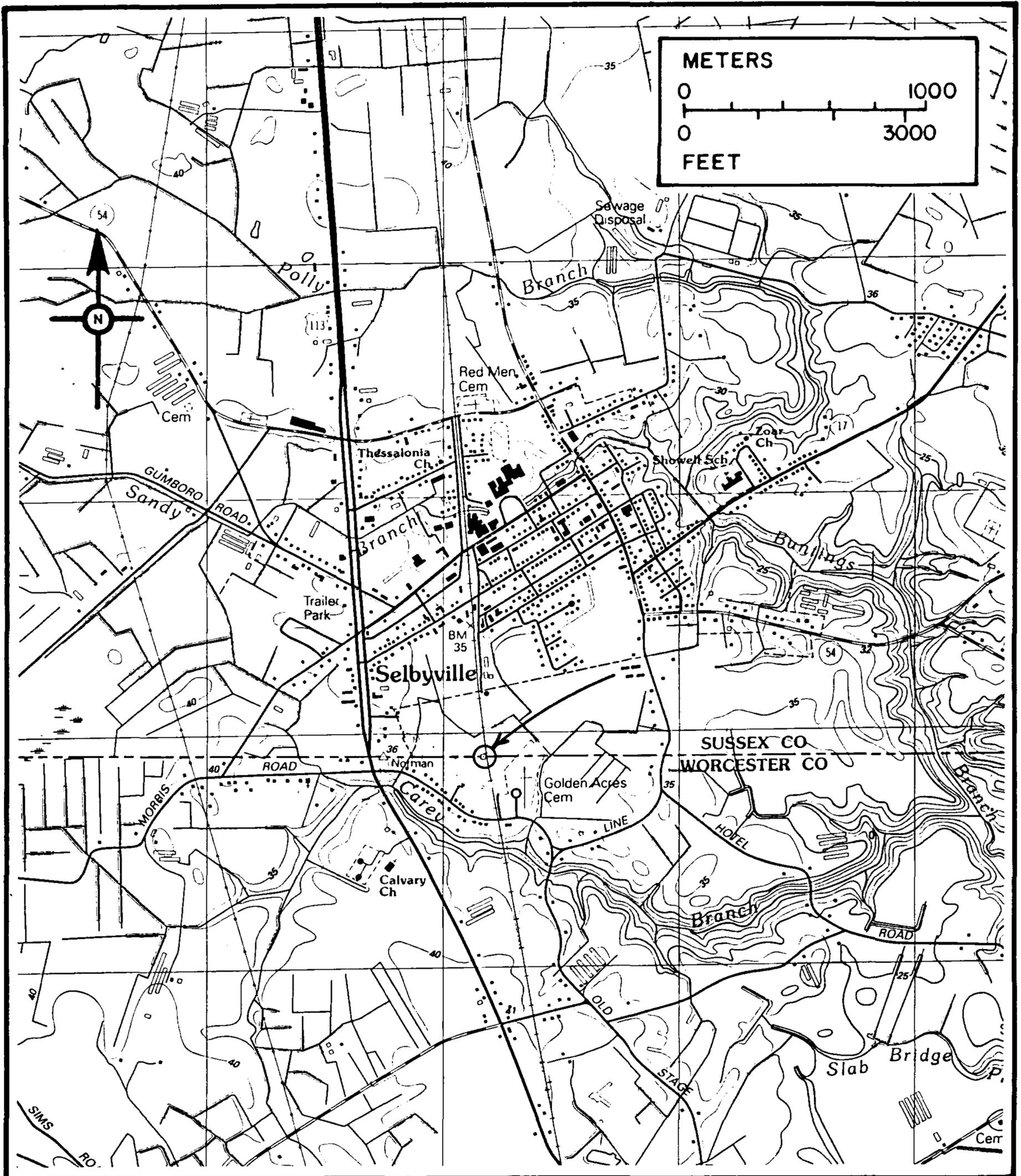


**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
 Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker (WO-480)  
 South of Selbyville, Sussex County, DE, & Worcester County, MD  
 Selbyville, DE-MD, Quad Map



**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
 Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker (KCI-20)  
 South of Selbyville, DE, Worcester County, MD  
 Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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**LOCATIONAL MAP**

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)  
 Showing the Maryland/Delaware State Line Marker (KCI-20),  
 South of Selbyville, DE, Worcester County, MD.



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MD/DE STATE LINE MARKER

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

ENVIRONMENTAL VIEW - SOUTH

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MARTIN  
MORRIS

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MO/DE STATE LINE MARKER

WORCESTER CO., MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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