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COUNTIES (MD/PA) HARFORD / YORK
M&D milestone no. 24 (26)
MHT-HSI no. HA-1542

PROTECTED/ENDANGERED/MISSING

FIELD SHEET: MASON & DIXON LINE, MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA BOUNDARY MARKER SURVEY

LOCATION: USGS 7.5'quadrangle Conowingo Dam UTM 18.39336.439734
original site/moved/date 1766 bench mark/date none observed
Off E end of junction of Tabernacle& N.Cooper Rds, Slate Hill, PA vicinity. In deciduous woods on high bluff overlooking Susquehanna River, about 2500' ENE of old abandoned Cooper farm buildings. About 1.5 miles NE of intersection of MD 623 & Tabernacle Rd. Cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from nearby.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:
From MD 623-Tabernacle Rd intersection: follow Tabernacle Rd NE about 1.0 mile to near junction with N. Cooper Rd & gate. Park S/S; walk uphill S then E along old lane to abandoned Cooper farm buildings; continue NE across two fields & up onto open(over)

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: original/replica/replacement/date 1766; squared oolitic limestone post, standing about 1½' above ground; P on N/S; M on S/S

N face (PA): 12" wide x 18" high; P clear & intact; circle panel /fluting/margins remain; huge chunks out of NE & NW top corners; chips all edges
E face: 12" wide x 19" high; most fluting & margins remain & are clear
S face (MD): 12" wide x 20" high; M clear & intact; circle panel/most fluting/ most margins remain & are clear; big chunk out of SW top corner
W face: 12" wide x 19" high; fluting & some margins remain, but weatherworn
top: planes & some fluting discernible but weatherworn; several deep pits
bench mark: none indicated on maps; none observed

CONDITION OF MARKER/FOUNDATION: excellent/good/fair/deteriorated/ruins/unexposed

1900-03 Resurvey notes (order no. 26), as in MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 84
26. Milestone No. 24, M. & D., 1766, in grass field, a little west of the edge of woods on the top of the bluff on the western side of the Susquehanna. From this monument Milestone No. 23 would be visible but for trees on edge of bluff.

1950 Inspection notes (order no. 25, photo no. 24), as in Bayliff, 1959, Appendix C, p. 96
26. Original monument in solid foundation. North side badly chipped; northwest corner chipped.

1979-80 Inspection notes: order no. 24 (26); photos/slides no. 24(26)
24 (26). Original M&D monument of 1766 in place, in good condition, firmly set; letters & fluting clear; huge chips NE & NW top corners. Protected by remoteness of site.

SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS (MD/PA) & LOCAL REFERENCES (names, addresses, phones):
MD: Jason A. Cooper, et al., RD 1, Delta, PA 17314
Tax map 6; P. 26; Deed 273/136
PA: Levi Cooper est., c/o Mrs. Hugh E. Neeper, RD 2, Delta, PA 17314
Tax map AR; P. 1; Deed 29-Z/94; 556.876 A.

RECORDED BY (names, addresses, phones, dates): Jean Ewing 4/19/80
P.O. Box 66, Darlington, MD 21034 (phone 301/457-4757)
Assisted by Lewis Mason, Aberdeen, MD 21001
Mrs. Charles Walter, Darlington, MD 21034
Also see: additional notes X , sketches , MHT-HSI form , photos X & negatives , slides X , maps X , other

DIRECTIONS TO SITE, continued

plateau & within sight of Susquehanna River; about 250' downhill on S/S inside edge of woods, search for stone (no landmarks to guide you).

NOTES:

As a courtesy, owner (Jason Cooper, at M&D 25) should be contacted before entering property, even though no houses are in sight of stone or parking area.

B&W PHOTOS/NEGATIVES

5x7 NE corner (neg # 18A), Jean Ewing 4/19/80
5x7 SW corner (neg # 21A), " "
5x7 View NW corner of stone & setting, (neg # 29), Jean Ewing 4/19/80
5x7 View SSE along old farm lane (neg # 36A), " "
5x7 View WSW toward abandoned Cooper farm buildings (neg # 30A), "

COLOR SLIDES

2x2 NW corner (14), Jean Ewing 4/19/80
2x2 SE corner (16), " "
2x2 View S, of stone/Jean Ewing/2 others (19), _____ 4/19/80

MAPS

USGS 7½' topographic quadrangle section
1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map (Plate XIII), updated
MD tax map section

OTHER

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 24(26)

CONOWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREV. 1970 SCALE: 1"=2000'

5763 IV SE
(HOLTWOOD)

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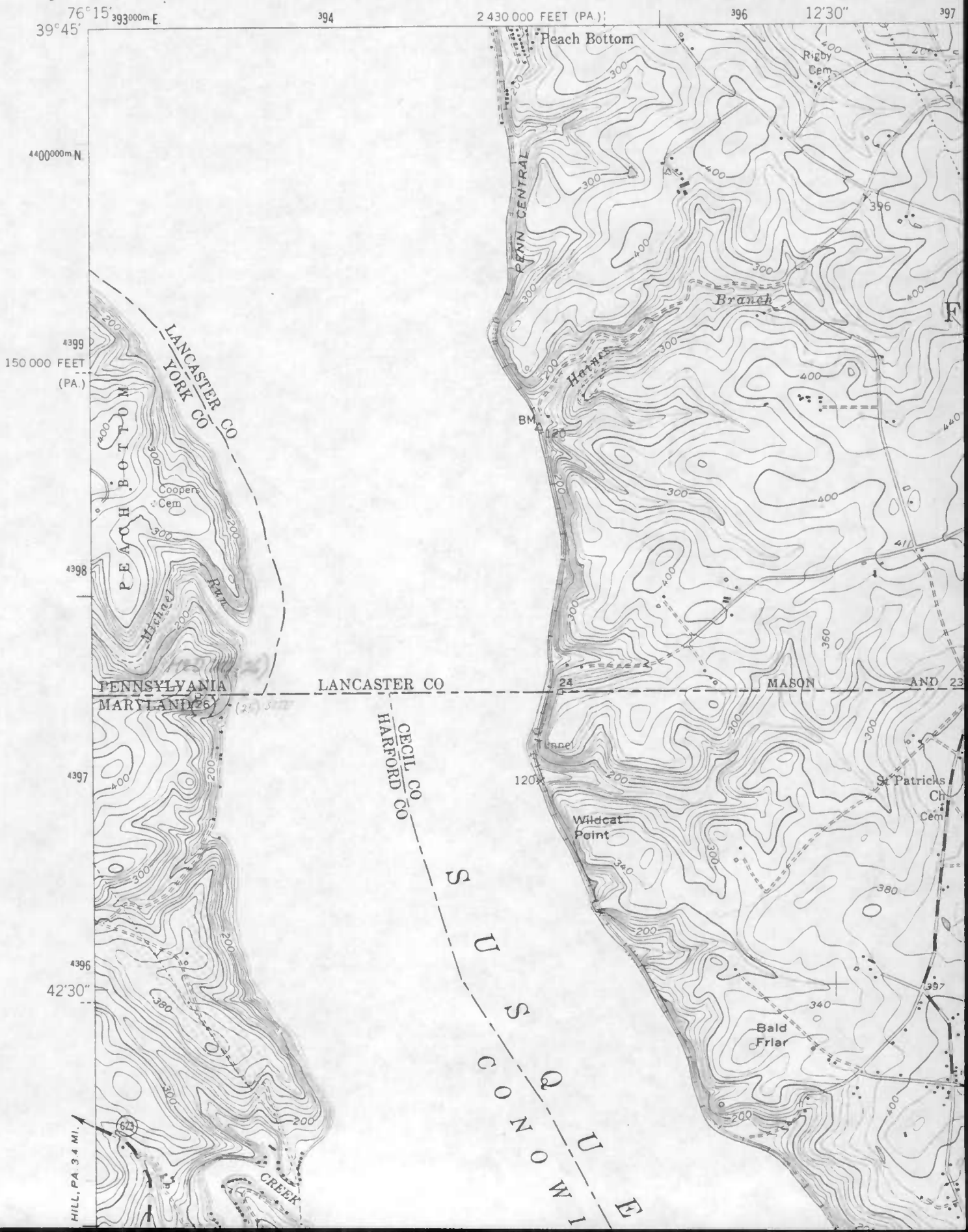

Mason Dixon west line stone 24

looking WSW coming back from stone 24.

Ewing 19 April 80

View of abandonned Cooper farm from east northeast

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Mason & Dixon west line MILE stone 24

looking SSE

From Tabernacle Road
View of entrance to abandonned Cooper farmyard

PHOTO: JEAN

Ewing 19 April 80 (REF. # 36A)

MD 24

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Mason Dixon west line stone 24

South & West faces

(H)

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Ewing 19 April '80 (USC #21A)

M-D 24

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Mason Dixon west line: stone #24

North-East corner

(P)

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JEAN Ewing #119/80 (NEE #194)

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Mason & Dixon west line stone 24

looking ESE

View of NW corner of Stone 24 with Susquehanna River to east

PHOTO: JEAN Ewing 19 April 80 (NEG #29)