

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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COUNTIES (MD/PA) WASHINGTON/FRANKLIN
M&D milestone no. 108 (112)
MHT-HSI no. WA-I-489

PROTECTED/ENDANGERED/MISSING

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

LOCATION: USGS 7.5' quadrangle Mason-Dixon 1953, UTM 18.25796.440046
original site/xxxxx/date 1767 photorev 1971 bench mark/date none observed

Off N/S Wishard Road, Fairview, MD vicinity. About 1/4 miles NE of the sparse settlement of Fairview, at a point about 1500' NW of the David Lowry farm & Wishard Rd; W/S of small stream that empties into Conococheague Creek a short distance S of Rd; on grassy hillside bordered by grove of cedar trees. Cannot be seen from DIRECTIONS TO SITE: any rd, but easily from nearby, all seasons.

From M&D 107 (111): return (SE) to junction of Wishard Rd; turn right (S & W) & follow about 1 mile to David Lowry farmhouse (S/S) & barns (N/S). Park here & ask permission to cross his land to inspect milestone. Leave car by barns, out of (over) DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: original/replica/replacement/date 1767; squared oolitic limestone post, standing about 1 1/2' above ground; P on N/S, M on S/S
N face (PA): 12" wide x 18" high; P & circle panel clear & intact; most fluting & margins remain; only small nicks along edges & corners; weatherworn surface/
E face: 11 3/4" wide x 21 1/2" high; fluting & margins clear; only small nicks along edges & corners
S face (MD): 12" wide x 18" high; M & circle panel clear & intact; most fluting & margins remain, only small nicks along edges & corners
W face: 11 3/4" wide x 17" high; most fluting & margins remain, but weatherworn, only small nicks along edges & corners
top: fluting & planes barely discernible; surface quite weatherworn; only small nicks along edges & corners
bench mark: none indicated on maps; none observed

CONDITION OF MARKER/FOUNDATION: excellent/good/fair/deteriorated/ruins/unexposed
1900-03 Resurvey notes (order no. 112), as in MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 91
112. Milestone No. 108, M. & D., 1767. In a valley a mile west of the road mentioned.

1950 Inspection notes (present order no. 110, photo no. 108) as in Bayliff, 1959, Appendix C, p. 105

112. Original monument in solid foundation; in good condition. Foundation eroded on eastern and northern sides. Lettering fair.

1979-81 Inspection notes: order no. 108 (112); photos/negatives/slides no. 108 (112) 108 (112). Original M&D milestone of 1767 in place, in excellent condition, firmly set. Letters and all embellishments clear. Protected by site.

SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS (MD/PA): names, addresses, phones
MD: tax map 89, block , P. 10, deed 322 / 655, acres 148.20
170 Charles Shank

PA: tax map , block , P. , deed / , acres

RECORDED BY: names, addresses, phones, dates Alice Martin 2/28/81
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Assisted by Clyde E. Martin; pointed in right direction by David Lowry

Also see: reverse side X, B&W photos X, negatives X, color slides X, maps X, MHT-HSI form , other

DIRECTIONS TO SITE, continued

way of farm machinery & work; hike in northwesterly direction back through fenced farm fields to stream; cross, opposite hillside where milestone is located (see quad), just short of fork, upstream; walk uphill through fringe of deciduous woods & cedars to open grassy hillside. Milestone can be seen from here, ^{about 100' away, at} E edge of field. Return same way, or simply follow W/S stream S to Rd & up to car. There is a gravel pullout at bend in Rd by stream, if it seems preferable to approach milestone this way. In any case: make sure Lowry family knows why you're in the area.

NOTES

Although the milestone is located on Charles Shank's land, the David Lowry family lives within sight of approaches to it and owns the property one needs to cross. They were very hospitable and helpful, heading us in the right direction, and should be contacted as a courtesy as well as help in locating the stone, if needed.

This is one of those rare, original milestones in excellent shape. This is an area of large ^{adjoining} farms, mostly dairy or cattle. The Shanks should be commended for whatever they've done to help preserve this milestone, and contacted ^{time of the} at the next inspection, although it didn't seem necessary to do this when we were there.

B&W PHOTOS/NEGATIVES

5x7 NW corner (1981.2.22), Alice Martin 2/28/81
5x7 SE corner (1981.6.24), " "
3/4x5 View NNW toward stone & setting (1981.6.18), Alice Martin 2/28/81

COLOR SLIDES

2x2 NW corner (1981.5.11), Alice Martin 2/28/81
2x2 SE corner (1981.5.9), " "
2x2 View SSE (1981.5.12), " "

MAPS

USGS 7 1/2' topographic quadrangle section
1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map (Plates XL & XLI), updated
MD tax map section

OTHER

STANDARDIZATION TABLE - 1954

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MASCI CORP WEST LIME, ALBERTA CO (10)
SE CORNER 10

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 2/28/81



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MED WEST LINE: MARLSTONE 108 (112)

LOOKING NNW TOWARD STONE 2 SETTING

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1981.6.18) 2/28/81



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 108 (112)
NW CORNER (P/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1981.6.22) 2/28/81