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M&D MILESTONE NO. --- (227)
WV-ESI NO. _____
PA-ESI NO. _____
COUNTIES (WV/PA) Preston / Fayette
TOWNSHIPS (WV/PA) Grant / Wharton

~~PROTECTED~~/ENDANGERED/~~UNEXPOSED~~/~~MISSING~~

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

LOCATION: USGS 7.5' quadrangle Brandonville 1959 UTM: 17. 62471.439756
? original site/additions/deletions/date believed original
M&D site of 1767; stone monument addition of 1885. S/S PA T-921, Five Forks, WV-PA.
In scattered settlement of Five Forks; at point about 900' E of intersection of
PA LR-26113; about 3' S of road in shoulder R/W; about 1' N of E-W wire fence; amongst
a few stones (possibly remains of original M&D stone mound?). Can too easily be seen
from road (as well as bumped into), all seasons.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From M&D --- (226) at parking pullout: retrace unmarked road S about 0.5 mile to
intersection of WV 26; turn right (SW) & follow about 3.1 miles to first intersecting
road (solid gravel/dirt); turn sharp right & follow (N) about 2.2 miles to intersection
of Five Forks at the Line; turn sharp right (E) on paved PA T-921 & follow to top of
hill about 0.15 mile. Monument is on S/S in road shoulder ditching. Park on shoulder.
No need to ask anyone's permission to inspect monument.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: ~~original/replacement/addition~~/date ^{grayish} squared/stone
monument addition 1885 similar to (226); out of plumb; skewed clockwise about 180°
N face (PA): 12" wide x 16" above ground (now facing S); P illegible; chips all
edges & corners; no base showing
E face: 12" wide x 14" high; 1885 clear & intact; chips all edges & corners;
about 8" of rough-cut base now out of ground
S face (WV): 11" wide x 15" high; W.V. clear & intact; chips all edges & corners;
about 9" of rough-cut base now out of ground
W face: 12" wide x 18" high; 51 6/10 near top clear & intact; about half of
rough-cut base now out of ground; chips all edges & corners
top: 4 planes visible, rising to low apex; chips all corners; cross (+) cut
into apex
foundation: none observed; rough-cut base of monument about half out of ground;
small scattering of stones around base suggests possible M&D mound
site, but no mound as such noticeable & survey point may be lost (?)

CONDITION: ~~excellent/good/fair/deteriorated/rubble/unexposed/missing~~
1883-85 Sinclair Resurvey notes

1982 Inspection notes: order no. --- (227); photos/negatives/slides no. --- (227)
--- (227). Stone monument addition (1885), shown on Sinclair map as set in "old
mark" (presumably Mason and Dixon's cairn), out of plumb, skewed about
180° clockwise; in good condition; no longer firmly set. P illegible, but
other letters and numbers clear and intact. Big chips all corners. Greatly
endangered by site.

OWNERS OF SURROUNDING PROPERTY (WV/PA): names, addresses, phones

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

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

RECORDED BY: names, addresses, phones, dates Alice Martin 4/23/82
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Assisted by Clyde E. Martin

ALSO SEE: reverse side X , B&W photos X , negatives X , color slides , maps X ,
other

NOTES

This monument has apparently been badly neglected for quite some time. It is way out of plumb, skewed about 180° clockwise, and so close to the road it is very vulnerable to theft, vandalism and damage by road maintenance machinery. It may not even be in its original survey point.

Recommendations. Attention should be given to this monument as soon as possible, if it is to be saved: original survey point should be reestablished; M&D mound (if found) could be slightly reconstructed; monument reset securely; witness post and/or some kind of protective pipes set; and road maintenance people notified of need to protect and preserve.

B&W PHOTOS/NEGATIVES

5x7 NE corner (1982.4.5A), Alice Martin 4/23/82
5x7 SW corner (1982.4.2A), " "
3½x5 View W along road (1982.4.0A), " "

COLOR SLIDES (none taken - second camera on blink)

MAPS

USGS 7½' topographic quadrangle; scale 1" = 2000'
PA-DOT general highway map of Fayette County (1971); scale 1" = 1 mile
1886 Sinclair map; scale approx. 1 9/16" = 1 mile

OTHER



NE CORNER

(1982.4.5A)



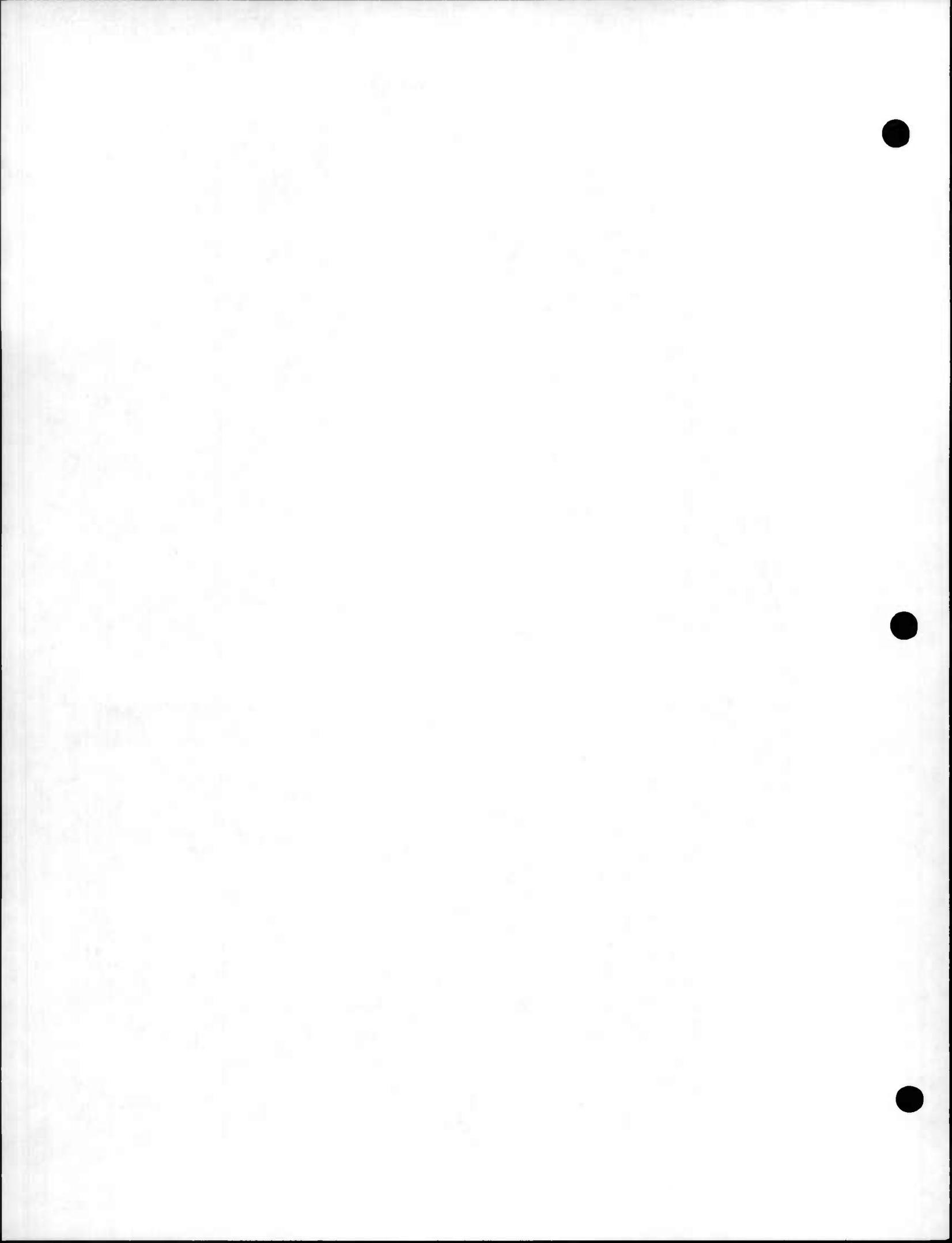
SW CORNER

(1982.4.2A)

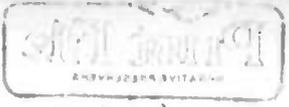
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DATE 4/23/82 ASSIGNMENT PRESTON-FARETTE COLLECTIES FILE NO _____
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INSERT EMULSION SIDE DOWN

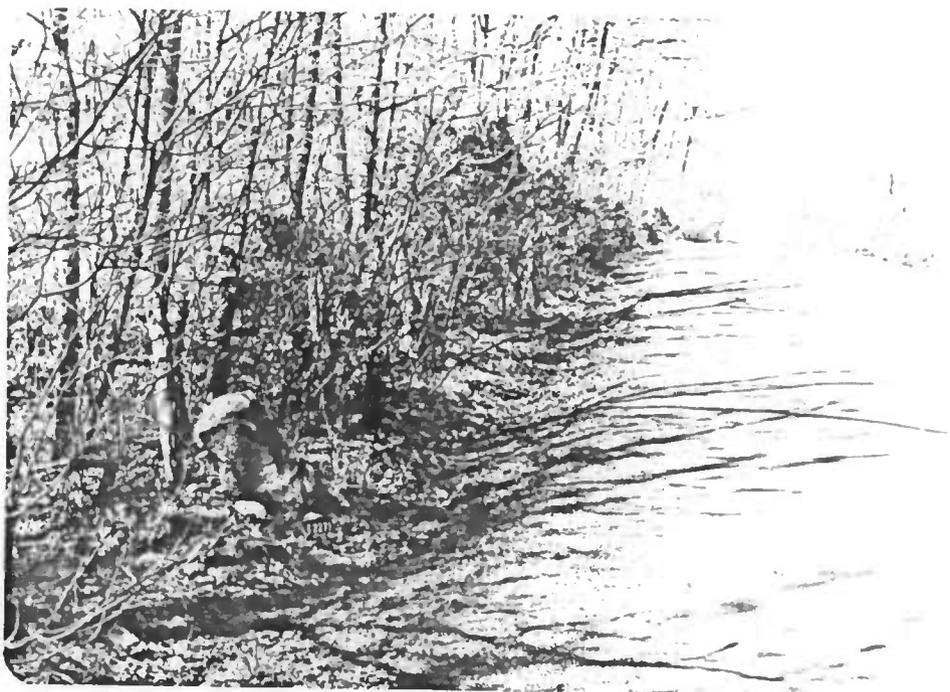


STATE NO. 1237 MARCH SIXTH WEST LINE (WVA-PA) BOUNDARY MARKS.
DATE 4/23/82 ASSIGNMENT PRETON-FAYETTE COUNTY
MILESTONE — (227)



PHOTOGRAPHER: ALICE MARTIN 4/23/82

MED WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (227)



VIEW W

(1982.4.0A)

