

ABSTRACT

AL-IIA-138

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(159)  
Flintstone, Maryland vicinity  
Public/private

1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked)  
1902 (new monument set at  
additional site)

Milestone No. ---(159) marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 6200 feet from the preceding monument/mound, No. ---(158) on Tussey Mountain ridge, close to 149 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line. It is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top; quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam Quarry in Cockeysville, Maryland; measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, cut to stand about 1½ feet above ground with the remainder for setting into the ground. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set, and is embellished only with the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, the year of the preliminary Mason and Dixon survey in this area (1766) on the east side, the capital letter M on the south side facing Maryland, and on the west side the year it was added to the Line (1902) during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. On the national and state levels, this monument is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(159) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 159)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Street Road/T-303

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone  VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IIA-138 entered 6/2/81

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

Survey No. AL-IIA-138

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		X additional site (1 2)

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. ---(159) was a new, dressed Cockeyville marble post in 1902 when set at an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It measures 10 inches square by about 1½ feet above ground with a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side, M on the south side, and the year 1766 on the east side, 1902 on the west side.

The area here is the high eastern slope of Martin Mountain (elevation about 1336 feet at the site), with cleared lands along the east foothills, sparse settlement (mostly <sup>new houses</sup> strung along Street Road/T-303) and the steep densely forested mountain side west of the road. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Bedford County, PA; about 2½ miles northwest of the village of Flintstone, MD; about 6200 feet from the preceding monument/mound, No. ---(158) on Tussey Mountain ridge; at a point about 500 feet east of Street Road/T-303 at the Line and about 28 feet south of the old pipeline; <sup>and remnants of an old east-west barbed wire fence and split rail fence</sup> on a gentle ridge in a deciduous woods; about 75 feet west of a remnant of an old split rail fence corner. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, any season.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam Quarries in Cockeyville, MD, originally cut about 4½ feet long, to stand about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk, without serifs, and are horizontally-aligned as a band near the top, <sup>when set straddling the Line</sup> with the P to face Pennsylvania. The year 1766 is when this area was preliminarily surveyed by Mason and Dixon; and the M to face Maryland. <sup>and the 1902 when this new monument was added.</sup> These modest embellishments and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact. There are very small nicks along most edges, and a chip out of the northeast vertical edge.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new monuments set in 1902 by the 1900-03 Resurvey, and the method of setting them)

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                          | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>boundary surveying |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                         |   |   |

**SPECIFIC DATES** 1766/1767 (area survey) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. ---(159) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the <sup>thematic group series of</sup> some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, cairns and additional wood posts erected <sup>in the vicinity</sup> the following year, and the present Cockeyville marble monument <sup>to the Line</sup> added in 1902 to mark a survey point between Tussey Mountain and Martin Mountain during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(159) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

**HISTORY AND SUPPORT** (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Flintstone (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series  
(topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 70496, northing 439950

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

10/4/81 (site surveyed)

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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(159) MOUND OF LANTHA  
(STONE MKN. SET 1902)

(159) MASON & DIXON WEST LINE. MILESTONE - (159)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



FLINTSTONE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1950 PHOTOREV. 1974 SCALE: 1"=2000'

78°37'30" 704 000m.E BEANS COVE 3.7 MI. 1 760 000 FEET (PA.)

706

35'

39°45'

4402000m.N

150 000 FEET  
(PA.)



UNIONTOWN, PA. 7.3 MI.  
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE — (159)

STATE MONUMENT (1902)

SW CORNER (1902/H)

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MASON EDWIN'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (159)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

NE CORNER (1766/P)

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