

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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, 48th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No 48 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 51)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER

off west side of Keeney Road

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Baltimore/PA: York

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

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 Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1567 entered 3/8/79

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 48(51) marks Mason and Dixon's 48th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of 111/^{original}milestones still standing along this Line, and one of 10/^{original}milestones now marking the Baltimore/York county boundary. Set in 1766, it is in good condition, unaltered, and remains at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is still predominantly rural, though at the edge of infilling of farmlands by new housing spreading southward from New Freedom. The site is located about 1/2 mile north of the scattered settlement of Oakland; about 1/4 miles south-southeast of the town of New Freedom, PA; about 90' west of Keeney Road at the base of a deciduous tree-cluster in a sloping, unfenced field between the two Carter houses. It is barely visible from the road.

The monument, presumably originally set to stand about 3' above ground, was reset in 1902/^{at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey}to stand about 1 1/2' above ground, and surrounded by a concrete collar below ground. It measures about 12 1/4" wide by about 9" high above ground on the north (Pennsylvania) side; the letter P and other embellishments are indistinct from weathering. The east side measures about 11 1/4" wide by about 14" high; most fluting and margins remain. The south side facing Maryland measures about 12" wide by about 14 1/4" high; the letter M and circle panel are clear; patches of fluting and margins remain. The west side measures about 11 1/2" wide by about 9" high above ground; most fluting and some margins remain. The top planes are discernible but rounded from weathering; there are large chips at the corners, particularly the southeast and southwest, and all edges are rounded.

(for additional descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting, see the Thematic Group NR nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|--|---|---|
| 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
boundary surveying |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~CHARLES MASON & JEREMIAH DIXON~~ SURVEYORS Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (for statement of significance and history of the entire survey, see the Thematic Group National Register nomination form, Item 8)

Milestone No. 48(51) is significant primarily as one of the 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monumented the following year, where it remains unaltered to this day, although reset in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 10 original milestones marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, No. 48(51) is also of local significance as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form, Item 8)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.35482.439794

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN Phoenix

STATE Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MASON ADJON ON WEST LINE MILESTONE 40(5) BA-1567 DEPART
NEW FREEDOM QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USES 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



76°45'

351000m E

1958 SCALE 1:2000

GLEN ROCK 3.4 MI TO PA. 616

GLEN ROCK 4.3 MI

354

GLEN ROCK 4.3 MI

100m N

FEET (PA.)

4400

4399

STICKS (JUNC. PA. 216) 4.2 MI. STILTZ 1 MI.

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND

4397

00'

STILTZ (STATE LINE) 1.3 MI.

ROCKDALE RD

MIDDLE

ROAD

New Freedom (BM 818)

Summit Grove Camp

Sunset View

Linden Springs

Oakland

Dan

VI VII

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MD 40(5)

50 feet net

5109

635

Ruhl

179

16

10

8

3

MORRIS

ROAD



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 48(51), SE CORNER (M/-)

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 48 (51)
NW CORNER, LOOKING SE TOWARD KEENEY RD

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