

## 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, 1st Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 1 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 2)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER south side of Elbow Lane

CITY, TOWN

Appleton

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 5

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Cecil / PA: Chester

**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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <b>state boundary marker</b>

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

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; 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 &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

TITLE

Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CE-1011 entered 3/80

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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. 1(2) marks Mason and Dixon's first mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, on their West Line. One of 24 monuments and sites now marking the Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is an original milestone set in 1766 at an original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here on the Pennsylvania (north) side is rural, sparsely settled, gently rolling farmland. On the Maryland (south) side it is part of a large (5,377.91 acre) Maryland Fair Hill Natural Resource Management area, much of which is now woodlands. The site is located about 1.7 miles north-northeast of Appléton, Maryland; about 1.3 miles southwest of Strickersville, Pennsylvania; on the south edge of Elbow Lane about 0.9 mile west of its junction with MD 896. Set in a fringe of weeds and brambles about 7' from the road, the monument is in a bank about 4' above the road grade level, and can be easily seen from the road, though inconspicuous, all seasons.

The monument, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, presently stands about 16" above ground, as compared with its original height presumed to be about 3' or more. It is firmly in place, in good condition, and protected from vehicular traffic along the road but not from souvenir chippers. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line milestones: it is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, with a P on the Pennsylvania side and an M on the Maryland side. The monument now measures about 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide on all four sides. All embellishments are clear and essentially intact except for small chips all corners and edges, several large pits in the top planes, and noticeable weathering of all surfaces.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for detailed description of original milestones and 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 1(2) is significant primarily as one of 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along their West Line, commonly known as the Mason-Dixon Line since Civil War times, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. The site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, was monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 17 original milestones within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, No. 1(2) is also significant locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial and Civil War heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.43075.439701

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

STATE MarylandCOUNTY CecilSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Chester**11 FORM PREPARED BY**NAME/TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

3/16/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

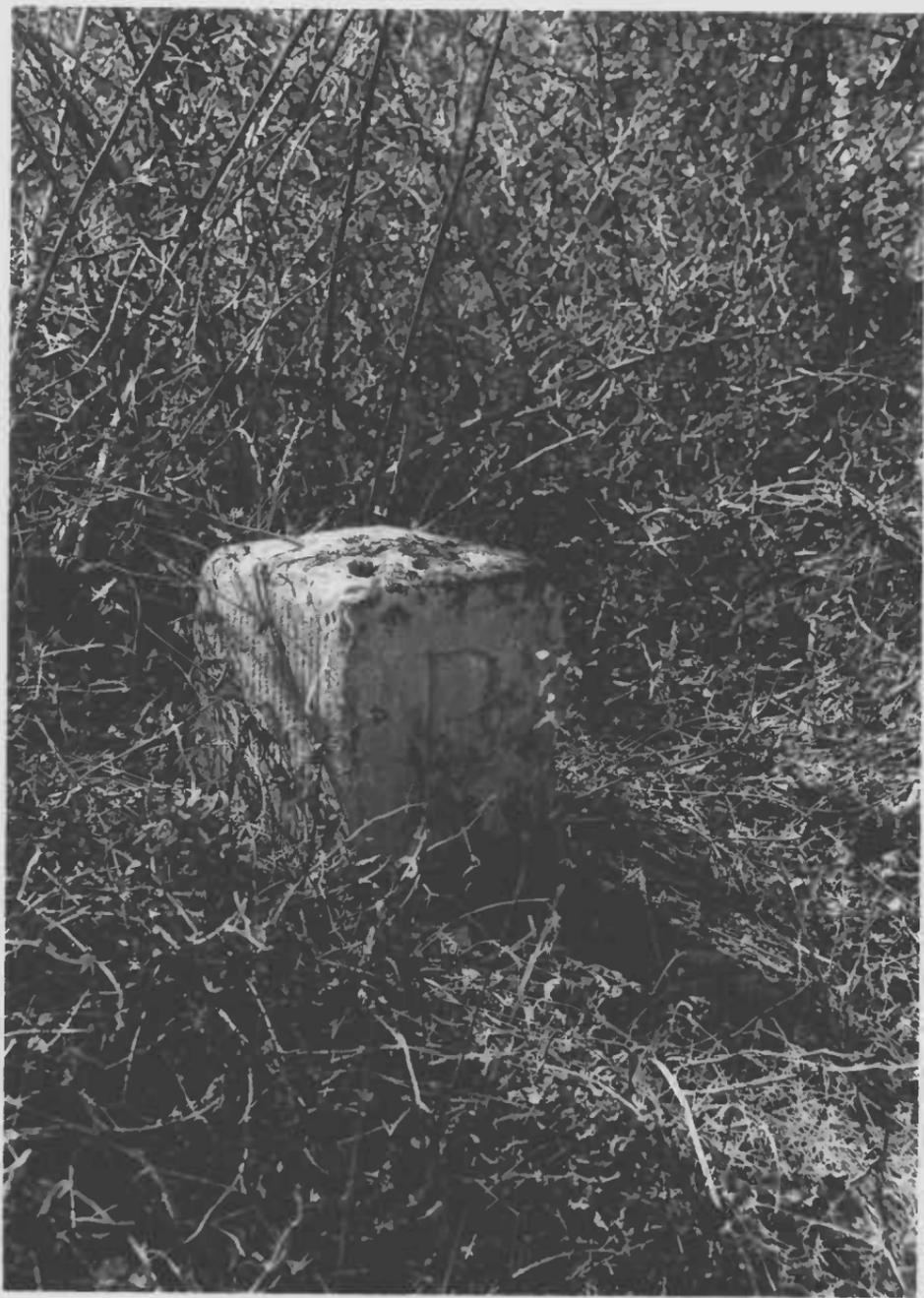
Maryland 21131

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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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 1 (2)  
NE CORNER (-/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/16/80 (1980.10.1)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 1 (2)  
SW CORNER (-/M)

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