

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI No.

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, 13th Mile Stone.

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 13 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 14)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west side of US 1

CITY, TOWN

Sylmar

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 5

STATE

Pennsylvania

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <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 Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CE-1020 entered 3/80

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

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. 13(14) marks Mason and Dixon's 13th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of 17 original/¹⁷⁶⁶ milestones still standing along the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, and remains at its original site, surveyed preliminarily in 1765.

The area here is predominantly rural, rolling farmlands with scattered housing mostly along the main roads. The site is located within Election District VI of Cecil County, West Nottingham Township of Chester County; about ¼ mile due west of the small settlement of Sylmar, Pennsylvania; about 0.2 mile west of new US 1; in the middle of a deciduous woods, about 1500' southwest of the Gates' stuccoed-stone house. It cannot be seen from any road, any season, nor easily from closeby because of the obscuring underbrush.

The monument, originally standing some 3' above ground, was found broken off below the surface of the ground and its position lost at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The original site was redetermined, original base found, and stone repaired and reset in 1902 to stand about 1½' above ground. It is in place, firmly set and in good condition, now standing about 10" above ground. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments: it is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England. It still measures about 12" square; the letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania has been badly reworked; the letter M on the south side facing Maryland is clear and intact; the circle panels, fluting, margins, and top planes all remain for the most part, and are quite clear. All edges and top corners are chipped, and there is a pit in the apex.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for a full description of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~BOUNDARY ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
~~SURVEYORS~~

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are 24 original crownstones and 111 milestones of 1766-67 still standing along Mason and Dixon's West Line, set at mile intervals through mile No. 132, and including 12 added in 1902 beyond that point (3 crownstones, 9 milestones) at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 13(14) is primarily significant as one of this original series, which represents a boundary of national and state importance, not only for its symbolism at the time of the Civil War but also for its settlement of longstanding provincial boundary disputes and innovative survey methods a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 17 original milestones within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is also significant locally as one of the diminishing number of objects and structures visually identifiable with our colonial and Civil War heritage.

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

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.41125.439717

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

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Cecil

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Chester

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE (site surveyed by)
4/7/80 Jean Ewing)STREET & NUMBER
14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE
301/472-2128CITY OR TOWN
PhoenixSTATE
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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MASON DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 13 (14)

RISING SUN QUADRANGLE

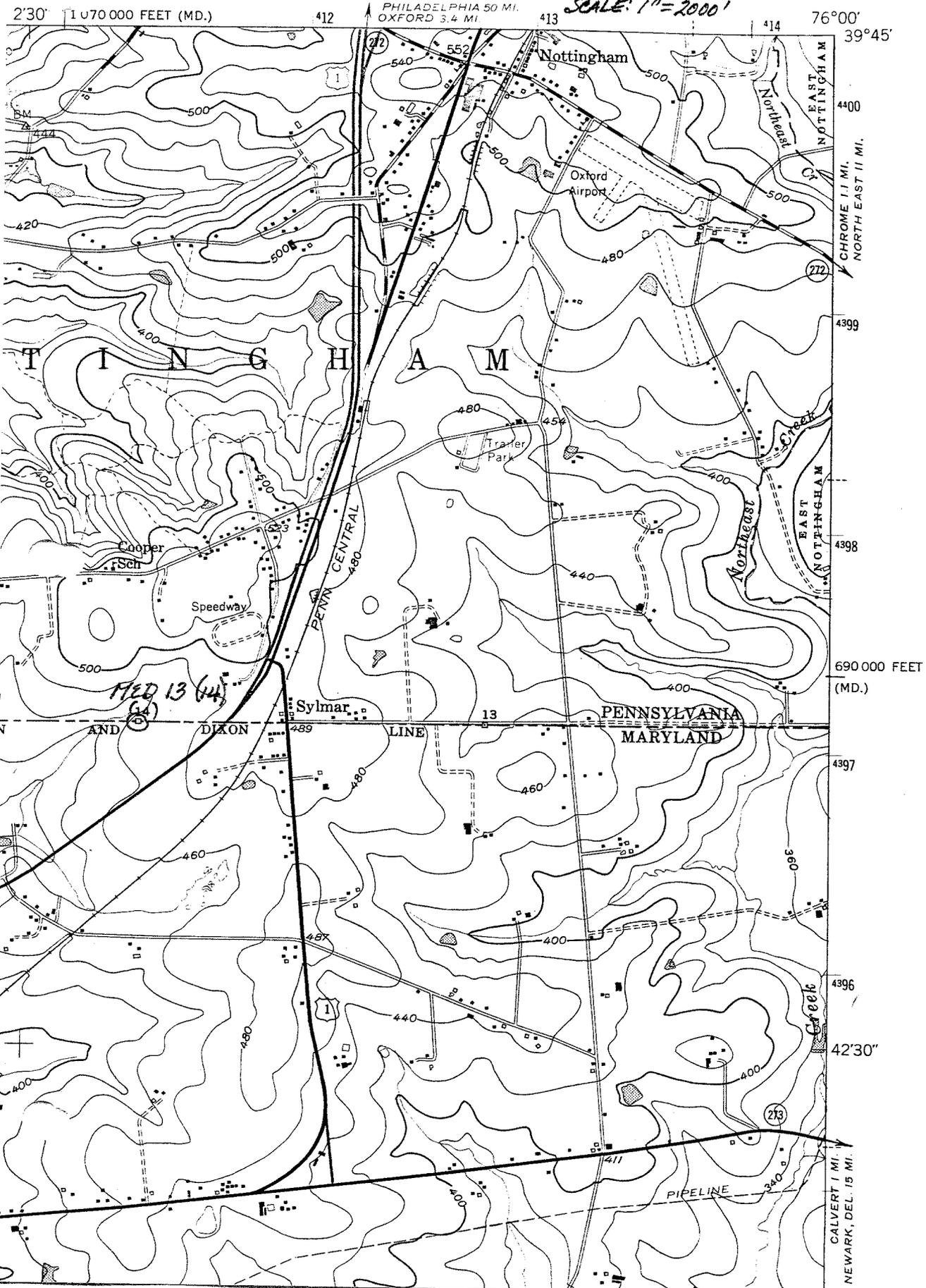
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1953 PHOTO, REVISED 1970

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5863 IV SW
(OXFORD)



CHROME 1.1 MI.
NORTH EAST 11 MI.

690 000 FEET
(MD.)

CALVERT 1 MI.
NEWARK, DEL. 15 MI.



M-D 13

CE-1020

M. P. STONE

Mason Bix on ~~west~~ west line #13

(14)

SW CORNER (-14)

from SW

(SEE NEG. OF SIMILAR VIEW #10)

PHOTO. TAKEN

A. Ewing, April 80 (No Neg)

Gates / Lenz owners in Chester Co / Cecil Co.

A black and white photograph showing a cylindrical object, possibly a piece of wood or a core sample, lying on the ground in a wooded area. The object is surrounded by leaves and twigs. A small, dark rectangular label with white text is placed in front of the object. The text on the label reads "M-D 13".

M-D 13

CE-1022

Mason & Dixon ^{MILESTONE} WEST line: #13 (14)

NE CORNER (-IP)

from NE

Gates / Lenz owners of land in Chester, Cecil Counties

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1 Ewing 7 April 80 (10:45)