

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, 18th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 18 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 19)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Horseshoe Road, within BSA Camp Horseshoe grounds

CITY, TOWN

Octoraro

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	<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 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-1025 entered 3/80

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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. 18(19) marks Mason and Dixon's 18th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is ^{an original milestone of 1766,} in good condition, unaltered, and at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is a wooded hill, almost completely encircled by Octoraro Creek, completely owned by the Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America, and called Camp Horseshoe. It is within Election District VIII of Cecil County, West Nottingham Township of Chester County; about 1.3 miles northwest of the scattered settlement of Octoraro, Maryland; about 250' west of the camp road, in the middle of a woodland walking path at the north edge of a playing field; and is protected not only by the scouts but a tall metal cage they erected around it. It cannot be seen from the road, but easily from the path when closeby.

The monument, originally set to stand about 3' above ground, was reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary to stand about 1½' above ground, which it still is, firmly in place. As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments: No. 18(19) 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 capital letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) side are very clear and intact, as is most of the fluting and margins, although all edges and top corners are chipped, and the east side has been grossly mended (with the fluting out of alignment and cement smeared). A great deal of credit is due the scouts for their interest in protecting the ^{with the cage} stone/and maintaining it.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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) ~~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 the 132nd mile, and including 12 added in 1902 beyond that point (3 crownstones, 9 milestones) set at irregular intervals. Milestone No. 18(19) 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 innovative survey methods leading to the settlement of longstanding provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, and as one of 20 (of 24) original monuments remaining 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)

9 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: 18.40317.439724

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 4/8/80 (site surveyed by Jean Ewing)

STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE 301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN Phoenix

STATE Maryland

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.

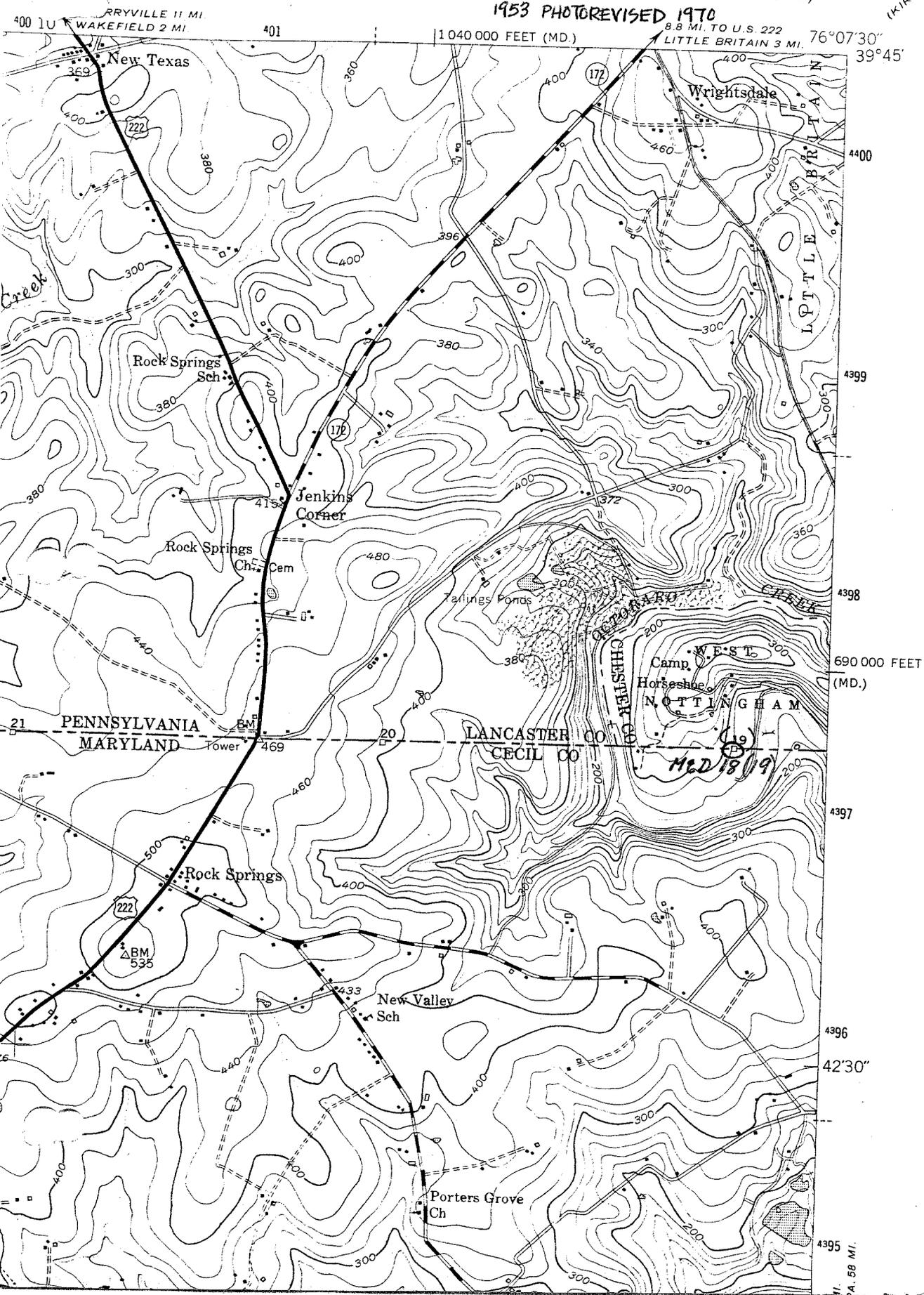
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONOWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1953 PHOTOREVISED 1970

5763 1 SE
(KIRK WOOD)





~~from~~ N.W. CORNER (P/-)

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Mason & Dixon ^{MILL} Stone #18 (19)
WEST LINE

PHOTO: JEAN

Ewing 8 April 80 (see similar view
NEG #15 & 18)



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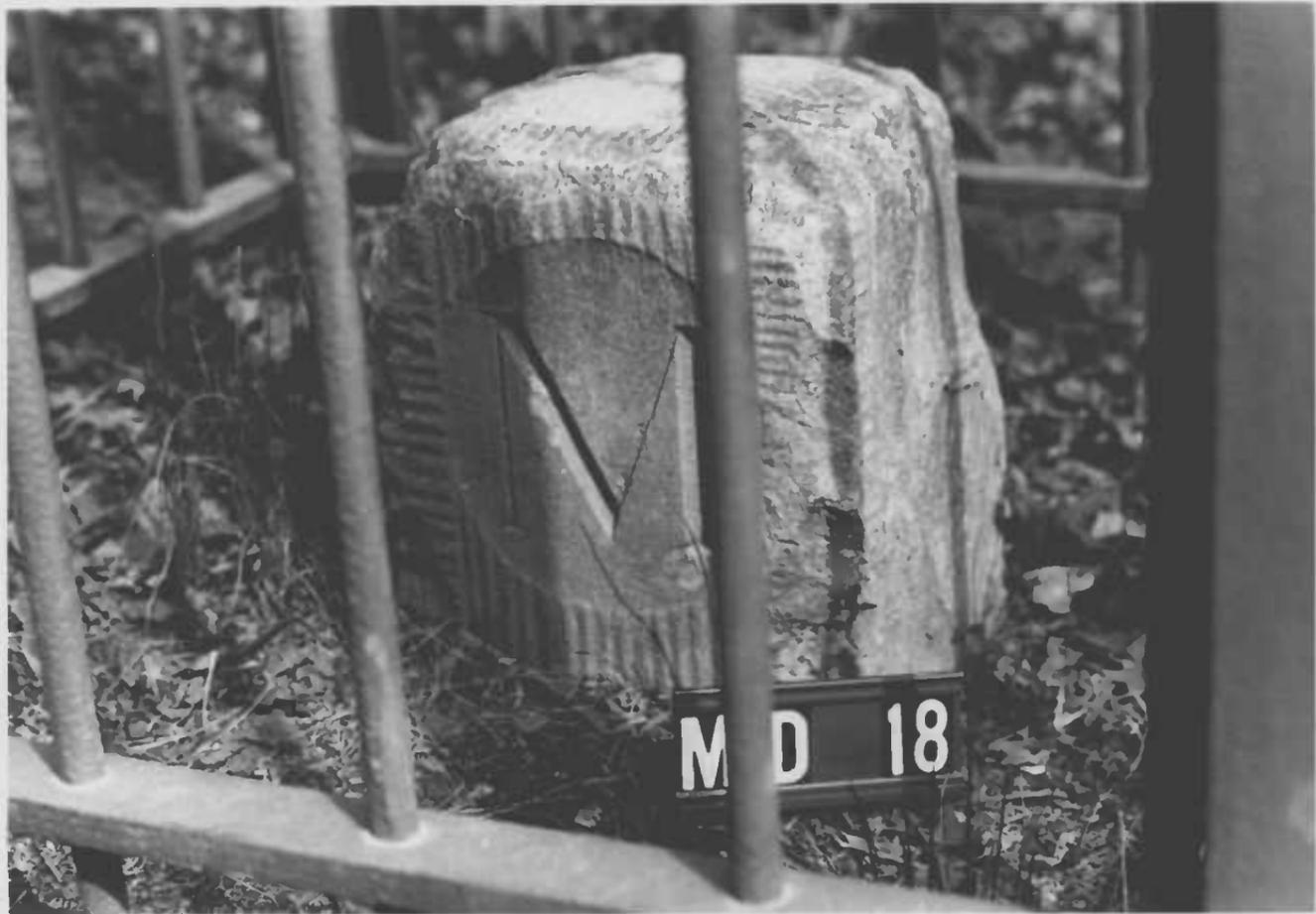
MILESTONE

Mason & Dixon ~~East-West~~ line; #18(19)

NEG # 19
JEAN EWING
Deterano Creek. 18 Apr. 80

~~from east~~

View of site, ^{east face of stone, looking west} from woods trail above ~~play~~ field about 1000' from



M D 18

from SE corner (M)

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Mason & Dixon West Line ^{MILE} Stone 18
(19)

PHOTO: JEAN

Ewing 8 April 80 (NO NE 6 -> similar view #13)