

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, 20th Mile Stone  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 20 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 21)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)  
 STREET & NUMBER off northeast side of Rock Springs Road  
 CITY, TOWN Rock Springs  VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 1 / PA: 16  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY MD: Cecil / PA: Lancaster

**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 <b>N/A</b>	<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 \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A  
 (see surrounding property ownership list) Liber #:  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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-1027 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. 20(21), an original crownstone of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 20th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is in good condition, unaltered, and was at the original site when inspected 2/3/80; but was found to be pulled out of alignment by 4/18/81, and is now believed set upright again (in its original hole) but not correctly by the compass.

The area here is rural, rolling, sparsely settled, part farmland, part woodlands. The site is located within Election District VIII of Cecil County and Fulton Township of Lancaster County; about a half-mile northwest of the small crossroads settlement of Rock Springs, Maryland; about 1 mile southwest of the junction of PA-172 with US 222 called Jenkins Corner, Pennsylvania; about 1000' north of the road at the Cecil Moore drive; about 700' north-northwest of the Moore house; and about 200' west of the Moore's fenced pasture, in a cleared path through a deciduous woods. It cannot be seen from any road, and not easily when closeby.

The monument, originally set to stand about 3' above ground was apparently not reset in 1902, at the <sup>time of the</sup> 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It was standing about 2½' above ground around 1948 and about 2' high at the time of the 1979-82 inspection (2/3/80). 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. The stone now measures closer to 11½" square; the shields of the Penn and Calvert families are distinct and intact, on the north and south sides respectively; most fluting and margins remain, despite considerable chipping along all edges, particularly the northeast; the top planes are no longer defined because of chipping and weathering, and there is a large pit in the center of the apex. With this land now platted for residential development, the crownstone seems in eminent danger without official attention, resetting and additional protection.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of the original Mas and Dixon monuments)

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 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are 24 original crownstones and 111 milestone 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. 20(21) is primarily significant as one of this original series, which represents a boundary of national and state importance not only for its symbolism since Civil War times, but also for its innovative survey methods and the settlement of longstanding provincial boundary disputes a century earlier. Individually, as one of 20 (of the original 24) monuments remaining within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, and one of only three crownstones, 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 DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.39996.439728

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

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Cecil

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Lancaster

**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  
2/3/80 Jean Ewing)STREET & NUMBER  
14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE  
301/472-2128CITY OR TOWN  
PhoenixSTATE  
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

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# MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 20(21)

CONOWINGO DAM QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTOREV. 1970  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'



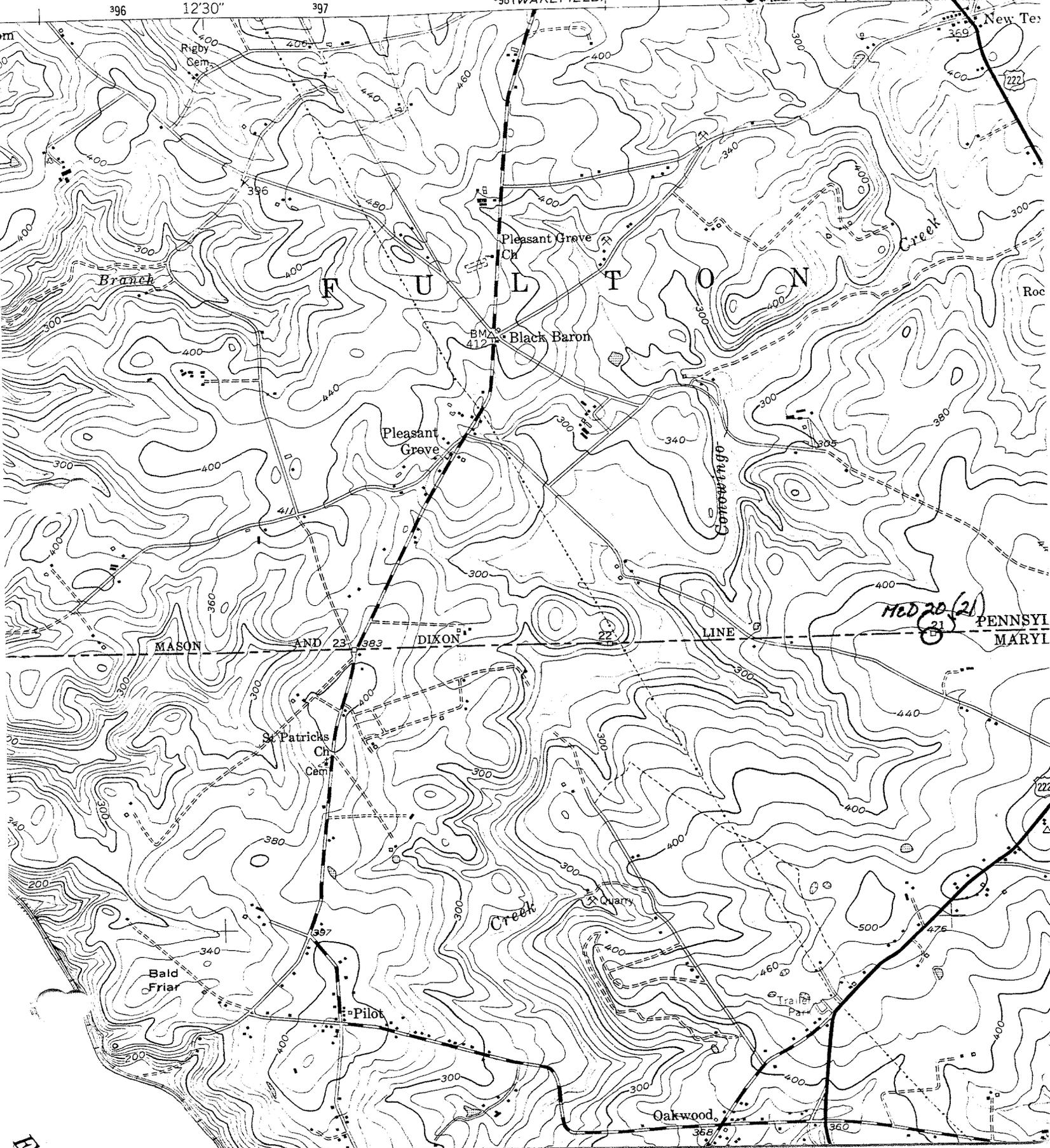
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 20 (CROWNSTONE) (21)  
SE CORNER (CALCULATED COORDINATES) — )

PHOTO: JEAN EWING 2/3/80 (NEG # 2A)



M-D 20

~~Mason Dixon~~

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Mason & Dixon west line; <sup>MILE</sup> stone #20 (21)  
(crownstone)

north & west faces: (Penn coat of arms)

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