

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 54(57)

1766 (reset 1902)

Sticks, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 54(57), an original milestone of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 54th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. This milestone, as with all original West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and originally measured about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground, with a rough-cut base about 14" square by about 1½' for setting into the ground, ^{and with} the capital letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) side as the distinguishing ^{decorative} features. Reset in 1902 to stand about 1½' above ground, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, it now stands a little ^{over} 12" high, in excellent condition and at its original survey point. All embellishments remain unusually distinct, with only minor chips at the top corners, and with a US Coast and Geodetic Survey triangulation station disk cemented into the apex. On the federal and state levels, this milestone is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments remaining along the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties. Because of its unusually fine condition, special care should be taken to protect and preserve it.

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, 54th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 54 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 42)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off north side of Lineboro Road

CITY, TOWN Sticks VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY MD: Carroll / 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS <i>N/A</i>	<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 <i>state boundary marker</i>

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

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

TITLE Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE CARR-290 entered 1/80 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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. 54(57) marks Mason and Dixon's 54th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1766, at its original site where it was reset in 1902 at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and is in excellent condition.

The area here is rural, gently rolling farmland interspersed with woods, and sparsely settled, although the site is within a large acreage now called Mason Dixon Estates, platted for subdivision., ^{by its inconspicuousness} well-protected now/within a deciduous patch of woods, it could quickly ^{when development takes place} become endangered in the future/. It is about 1.85 miles due south of the scattered settlement of Sticks, PA; about 2 miles due east of ^{the village of} Lineboro, MD/PA; about 2 1/2 miles west of the scattered settlement of Stiltz, MD/PA; about 30' north of Lineboro Road at its bend to the west paralleling the Line, and about 400' east of its intersection by Grave Run Road/T-354. The monument can be seen from the road all seasons.

As with all original Mason and Dixon milestones along the West Line, this monument is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, measured about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. Reset more firmly ^{to stand about 1 1/4' above ground.} in 1902, it now stands about 13" high, measures about 12" on the north side and about 11 1/4" on the other three sides. The capital letters P (facing Pennsylvania on the north side) and M (facing Maryland on the south side), their circle panels, fluting, margins, and pyramidal top are all clearly defined, with only minor chips at the top corners. Unfortunately, the apex of the top was chipped enough to allow the cementing in of a USCGS Triangulation Station metal disk (No. 54) in 1959.

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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 54(57) is significant ^{on the national and state levels} as one of the 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments ^{of 1766 and 1767} still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Marking the 54th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, this milestone is one of 18 original monuments ^{still visually} delineating the present Carroll/York county boundary (one of 13 milestones) and in exceptionally good condition, thus of considerable local significance, as a reminder of the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acrequadrangle name: Lineboro (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 34513, northing 439809

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

1/20/80 site surveyed

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

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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.

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 54 (SE CORNER) (M/-)
(57)

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1947

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 54 (NW CORNER) (P/-)
(51)

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