

ABSTRACT

F-6-25

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 76(79)

1767 (reset 1902)

Harney, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 76(79) is an original monument of 1767, at its original site, marking Mason and Dixon's 76th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the 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. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel near the top. In 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, this milestone was reset to stand about 1½' high and presently stands barely 1' above ground, measures about 12" on the north and south sides, about 11" on the east and west sides, is in fairly good condition, unaltered but quite weatherworn and chipped along the edges and corners, firmly set and well protected by a tree and the surrounding property owners. On the national and state levels, No. 76(79) is significant primarily as one of the series of 135 original monuments still defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 14 original monuments marking the present Frederick/Adams-Franklin county boundary (2 crownstones; 12 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 counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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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, 76th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 76 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 79)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off south side of Mason-Dixon Road (LR-01003)

CITY, TOWN Harney VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 6 / PA: 19
 STATE Maryland COUNTY MD: Frederick / PA: Adams

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER ^{state} boundary _{marker}

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group 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 Liber #: _____
 (see surrounding property ownership list) Folio #: _____
 COURTHOUSE.
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

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

TITLE Frederick County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE F-6-25 entered 6/23/81 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. 76(79) marks Mason and Dixon's 76th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1767, in fairly good condition, unaltered, and firmly set at its original site (although reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is entirely farmland, flat, ^{bottomland} bounded on the east by Rock Creek and on the south by Marsh Creek, which join at the Line to form the Monocacy River. The site is within Election District 5 of Frederick County, MD, and Cumberland Township of Adams County, PA; about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile northwest of the town of Harney, MD; at the east end of a finger of open, unfenced field off the south side of Mason-Dixon Road ^(LR-01003) just west of Rock Creek; about 800' west of the beginning of the Monocacy River; about 75' north of Marsh Creek, at the base of the only tree in the field (a young, dying forked elm, which signals its location and serves to protect the site from farm machinery).

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, this milestone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, about 12" square by about 4½' long, ^{with a low pyramidal top, and} cut to stand as a post about 3' above ground with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. It is embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with the fluting carried up the top planes typically rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing decorative features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel near the top. In 1902, this milestone was reset to stand about 1½' high, and now stands barely 1' above ground. It measures about 12" on the north and south sides, but only about 11" on the east and west sides. The letters ^{are still plain but} have been chipped, as have all edges and the top corners. ^{especially the northwest and southeast.} The top planes and fluting are weatherworn, as are all sides.

(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 them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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 1767 (reset 1902)

~~BY MONUMENT ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 76(79) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and the monument set in 1767, where it remains unaltered to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 14 original monuments marking the present Frederick/Adams-Franklin county boundary (2 crownstones; 12 milestones), No. 76(79) 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 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: Taneytown (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 30962, northing 439880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY AdamsSTATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust & Maryland Geological Survey ^{DATE} 9/21/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & 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.

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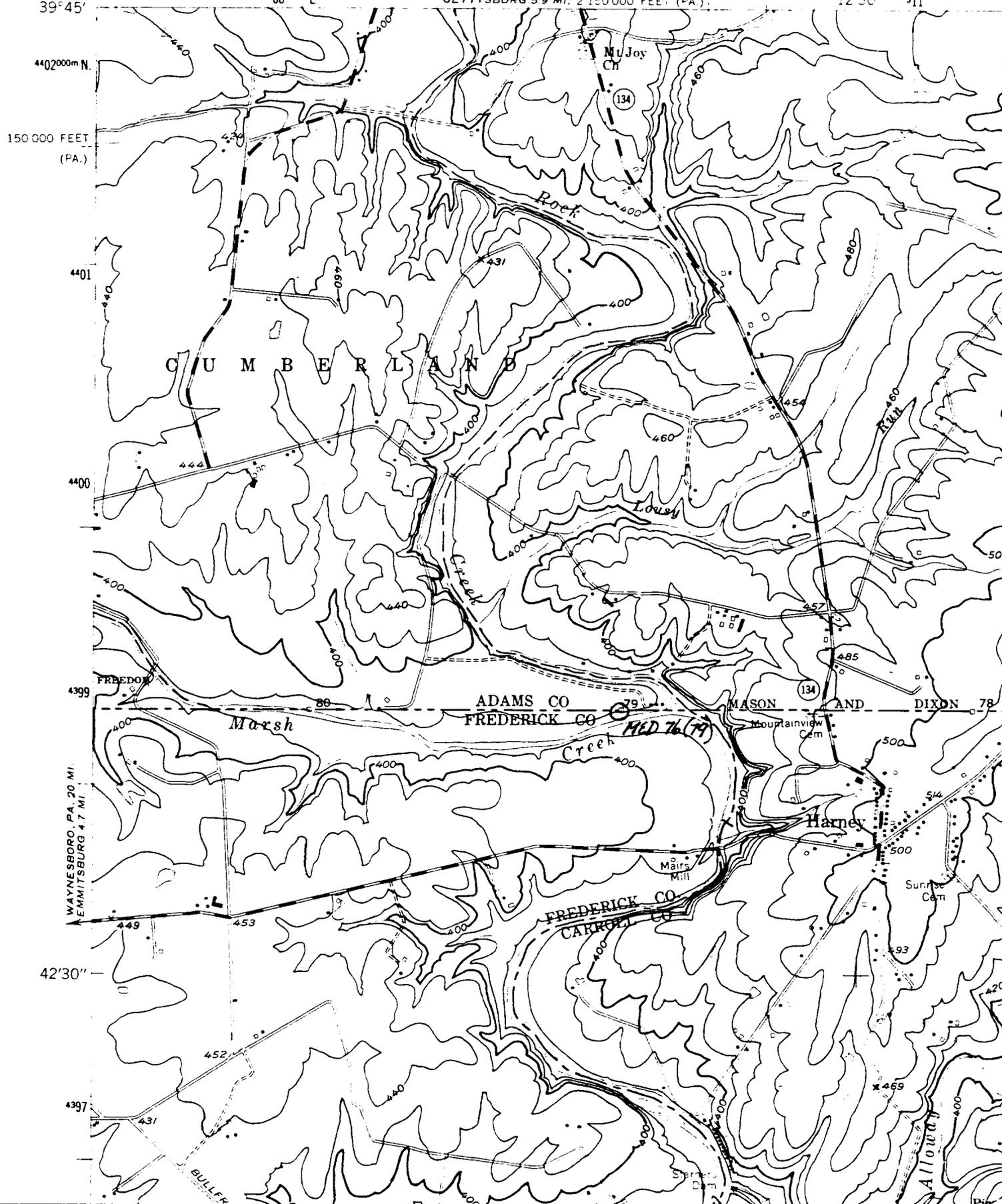
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

TANEYTOWN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-DENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REVISIED 1971
SCALE: 1" = 2000'



5563 N 5E
(FAIRFIELD)

77° 15' 39° 45' 308000m E BIGLERVILLE 13 MI. GETTYSBURG 5.9 MI. 12° 30' 311



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150 000 FEET
(PA.)

ADAMS CO FREDERICK CO MASON AND DIXON 78
FREDERICK CO CARROLL CO
Harney
Mair's Mill
Mountainview Cem.
Sunrise Cem.

WAYNESBORO, PA. 20 MI.
EMMITSBURG 4.7 MI.
42° 30'

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DATE: 21-11-2507 (1910-25 1A) 2-2-20



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AL KELLER (S)

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