

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 82(85)

1767 (reset 1902)

Emmitsburg, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 82(85) is an original milestone of 1767 reset at its original site in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It marks Mason and Dixon's 82nd horizontal mile west of 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. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, said to have been originally about 12" square by about 4½' long, and 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 in a plain shallow circle panel carved near the top. In 1902 this milestone was round out of the ground, and reset more securely, presumably to stand about 1½' above ground. It is now barely 9" above ground, still close to 12" square, in good condition, firmly set. Most embellishments are distinct and intact, less so on the north and east sides, and there are large chips at the top southeast and southwest corners. On the national and state levels, No. 82(85) is significant primarily as one of a 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.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 82nd Mile Stone

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 82 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 85)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of Tract Road

CITY, TOWN

Emmitsburg  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>state boundary marker</b>

**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 Frederick County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

F-6-31 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. 82(85) marks Mason and Dixon's 82nd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original crownstone of 1767 set at its original site, although reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in good condition, now standing only about 9" above ground but firmly set, unaltered, and protected not only by the site but the surrounding property owners.

The area here <sup>is</sup> rolling, open farmland, with deciduous woodlands following Flat Run, a short distance east, sparsely settled except for the strands of houses strung along both sides of MD 140/PA16 to the west. The site is within Election District 5 of Frederick County, MD; Liberty Township of Adams County, PA; about 1 mile north of the town of Emmitsburg, MD; about 1500' east of Tract Road/LR-01001 at the Line; about 400' northeast of the Stultz white two-story house; in a weedy, stoney berm separating two open pastures, within sight of the wooded ravine sloping to Flat Run. It cannot be seen from the road, but is barely visible from the house.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, said to have been originally about 12" square by about 4½' long, and 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 shallow, plain circle panel near the top. In 1902, the monument was apparently found out of the ground, and was reset (presumably) at its original site to stand about 1½' above ground. It presently stands only about 9" high, and measures 12½" on the north and south sides, 11¾" on the east and west sides. Most embellishments are clear and intact, including well-defined fluting, and planes <sup>and apex</sup> of the top. There are large chips at the <sup>top</sup> southeast and southwest corners, and small chips along all edges.

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

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** the original Mason and Dixon

**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) ~~CHARLES MASON & JEREMIAH DIXON~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 82(85) 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, the boundary 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 milestone set two years later, where it remains 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. 82(85) 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 DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Emmitsburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 18, easting 29992, northing 439906VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY FrederickSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Adams**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

11/16/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 82 (25)

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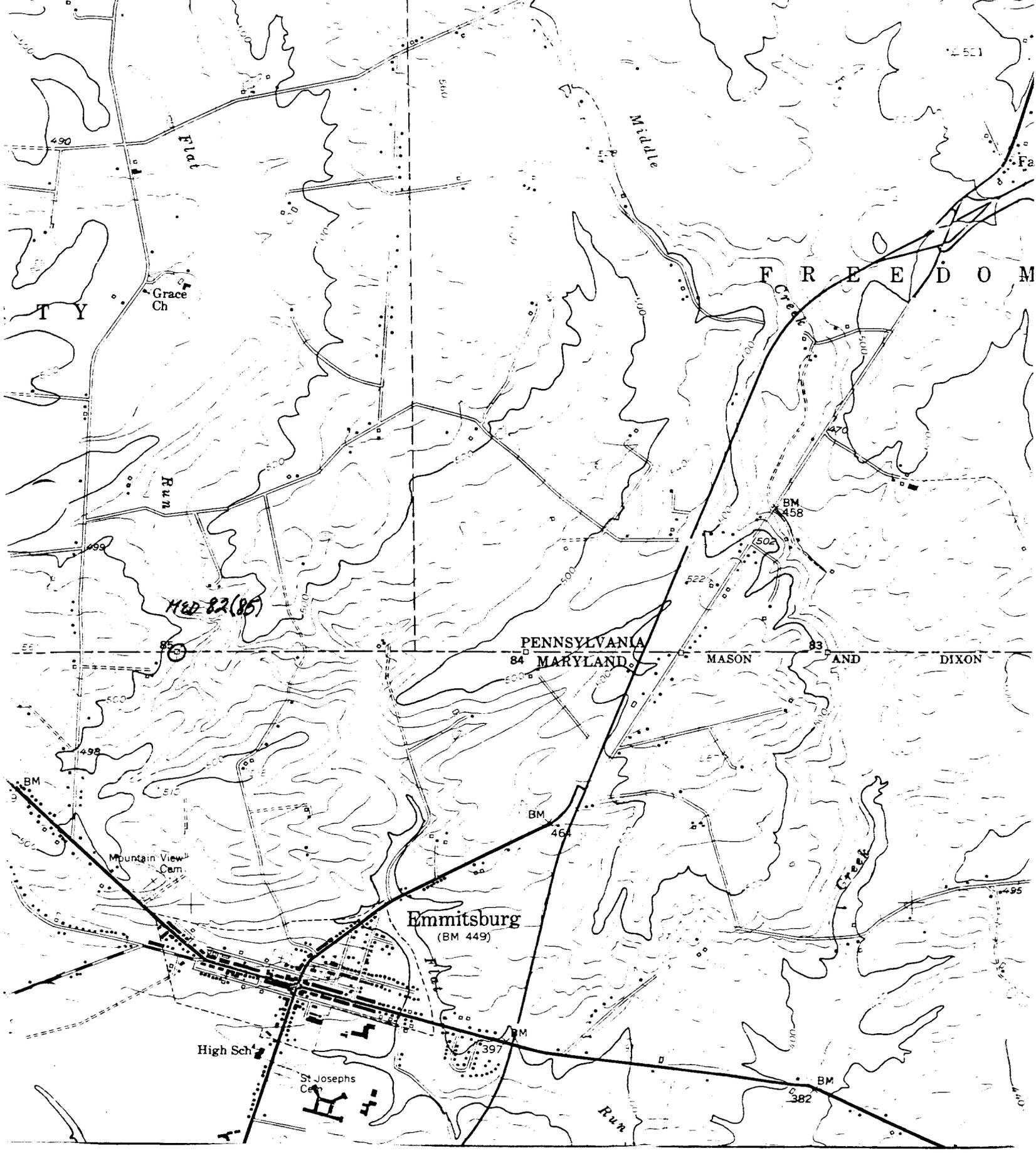


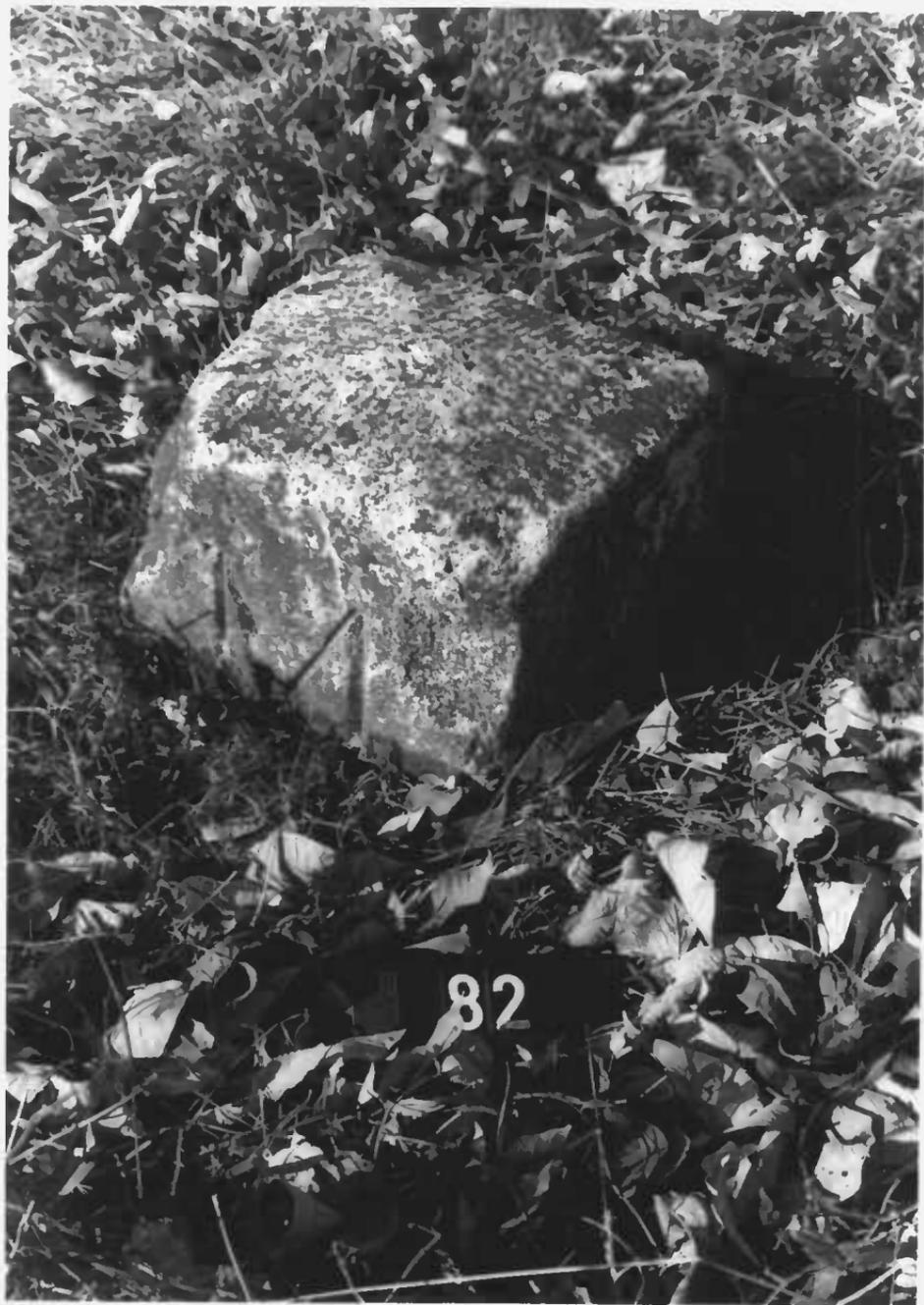
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

EMMITSBURG QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTO REVISED 1971  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5563 1/2 SE  
(FAIRFIELD)

4.5 MI. 300 20' 301 1730' 304





1-2-1967  
ENCLOSURE (M-)

ORIGINAL (1767)

Note: ...



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MADRID PINO REST LINE - MADRID (1767)  
CIRCULAR 2 - 3

ORIGINAL (1767)

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