

ABSTRACT

G-IA-190

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(192) 1767 (mound site), 1902 (monument)  
Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(192) and its mound site on Chestnut Ridge mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 175½ miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the/<sup>English</sup>provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches with a USC&GS Traverse Station metal disk now cemented into the apex (MAUST 1967) square by about 20 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked, presumably with the cairn), and 1902 (when the new monument was added to the remains of the cairn during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, described as "a large mound of earth" by the Resurvey, is no longer distinguishable. On the national and state levels, No.---(192) and its mound site are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their 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)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 192)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of US 219 (Salisbury Road/T-346)

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY  
MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

**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	<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: state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument and mound site only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and 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 Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IA-190 entered 9/4/81

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

Survey No. G-IA-190

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<b>CONDITION (monument)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED (mound)	<b>CHECK ONE (monument)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	<b>CHECK ONE (mound &amp; monument)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(192), and its large mound of earth (no longer distinguishable) mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 175½ miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. The monument was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, (except for the USC&GS Traverse Station disk set into the apex), and firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 20 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is a <sup>cleared, farmed</sup> broad, high plateau (elevation at the site about 2460 feet), one of the several <sup>westerly</sup> offshoots of Chestnut Ridge, with scattered housing mostly along US 219 (Salisbury Road/T-346). The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2 miles south-southwest of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 2 miles north of the settlement of High Point, MD; about 2300 feet west of US 219 at the Line; in the middle of one of the Maust farm fields, about 20 feet south of an east-west single-wire fence. It cannot be seen from any road, but is within sight <sup>from</sup> the Maust barns, and easily from closeby. The site seems protected, despite the apparent plowing off of the mound.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally-aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes are all clear and intact; although the apex has been slightly altered by the cementing in of a USC&GS Traverse Station <sup>metal</sup> disk (MAUST 1967); and there are small chips at the top corners and along the vertical edges.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for <sup>further</sup> descriptions of the replacement and additional monuments set during the Resurvey, and the original Mason and Dixon mounds)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	
400-1499	<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	
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<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 (mound site) ~~1700-1800~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(192) and its mound site are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of a <sup>presumably original</sup> large mound of earth in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(192) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

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 acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series  
(topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66322, northing 439844

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Garrett**STATE **Pennsylvania** COUNTY **Somerset****11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

**Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey** DATE **10/11/81 site surveyed**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**14308 Mount Avenue**

TELEPHONE

**(301) 472-2128**

CITY OR TOWN

**Phoenix**

STATE

**Maryland 21131**

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

STYLE NO. 57-2B MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:  
DATE 1979-81 ASSIGNMENT GARRETT COUNTY - (192) FILE NO. 1465

PHOTOS: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 MHT-HSI NO. G-IA-190

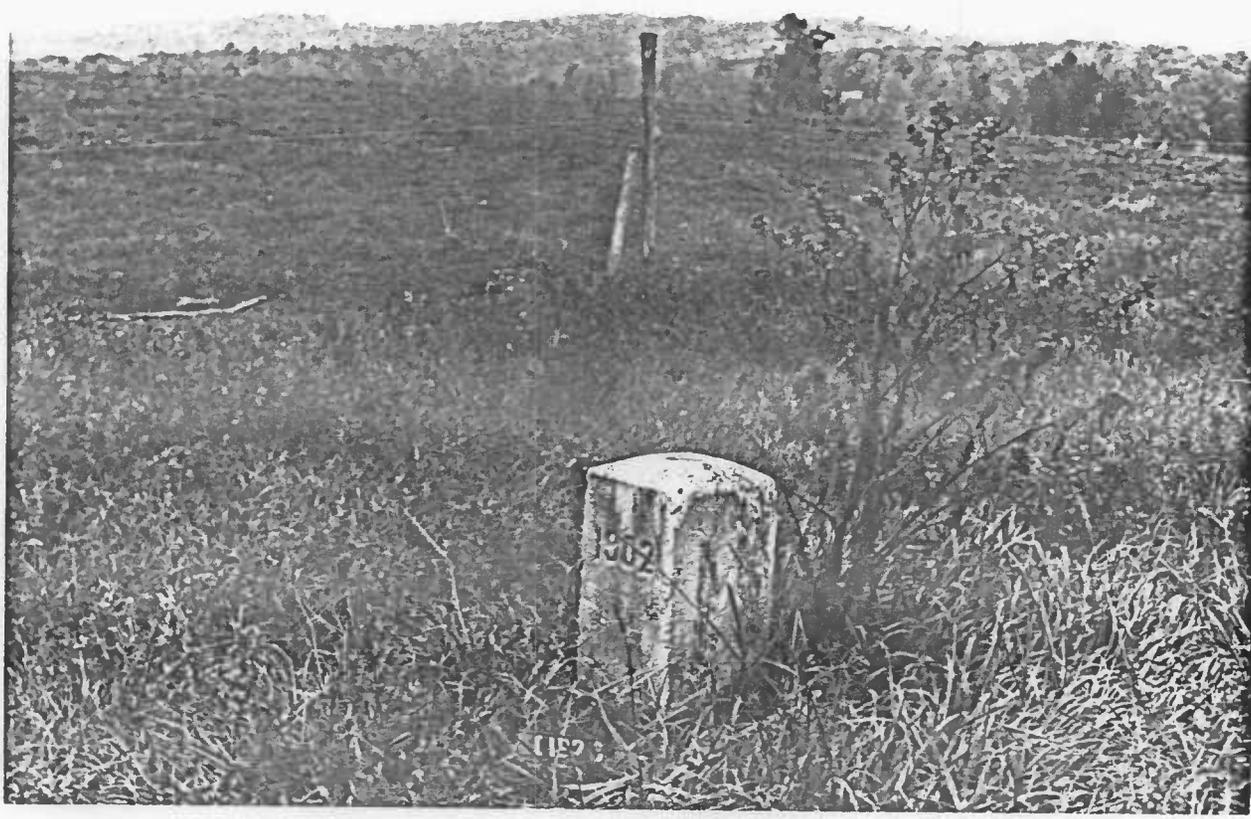


NE CORNER (1767/P)

(1981.45.19A)

SW CORNER (1902/M)

(1981.45.21A)



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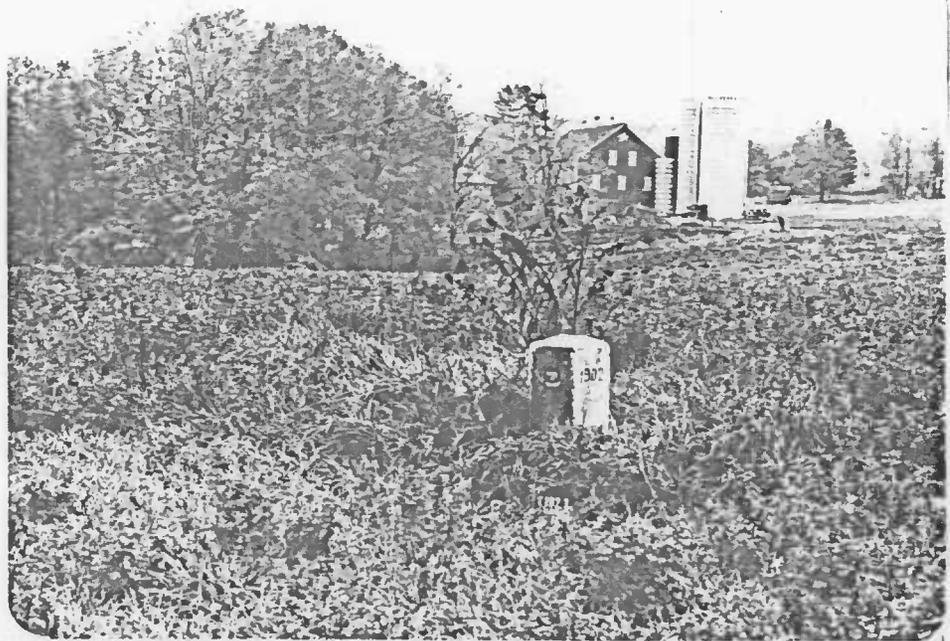
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PHOTOS: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. - (192)

~~MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (192)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF EARTH + DISCS  
HAUST 1967 TRAVERSE STATION  
NE CORNER (1767/P)~~

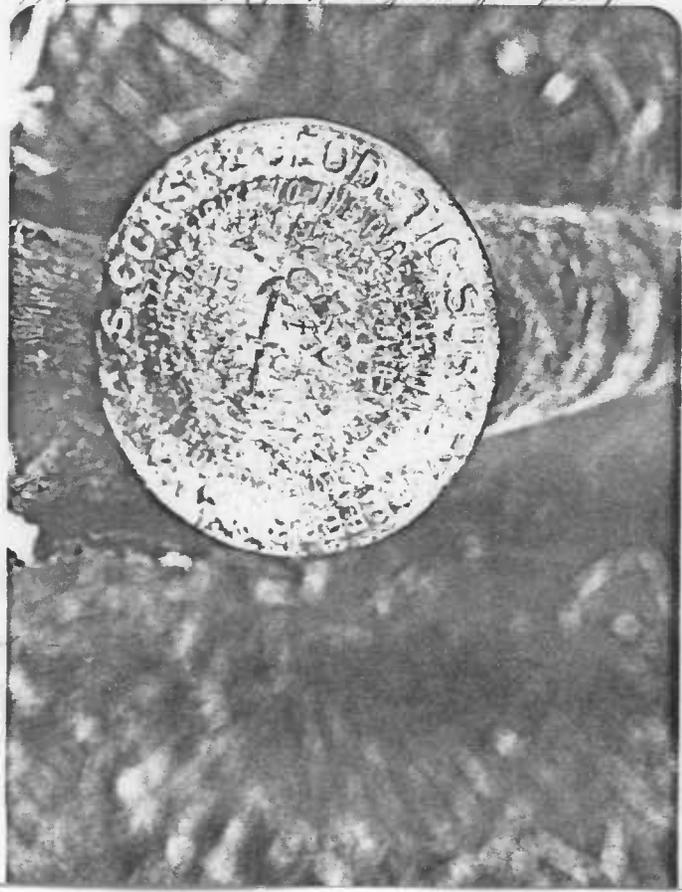
~~PHOTOS: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45.19A)~~

VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST;  
OF MONUMENT IN RELATION  
TO HAUST BARN & SILOS  
(1981.45.25A)



(1981.45.24A)  
CLOSEUP: USCEGS TRAVERSE STATION REF. MARK  
NO. 1, HAUST 1967 (propped against fencepost)

CLOSEUP: USCEGS TRAVERSE STATION DISK AT APEX OF  
MONUMENT; HAUST 1967 (1981.45.23A)

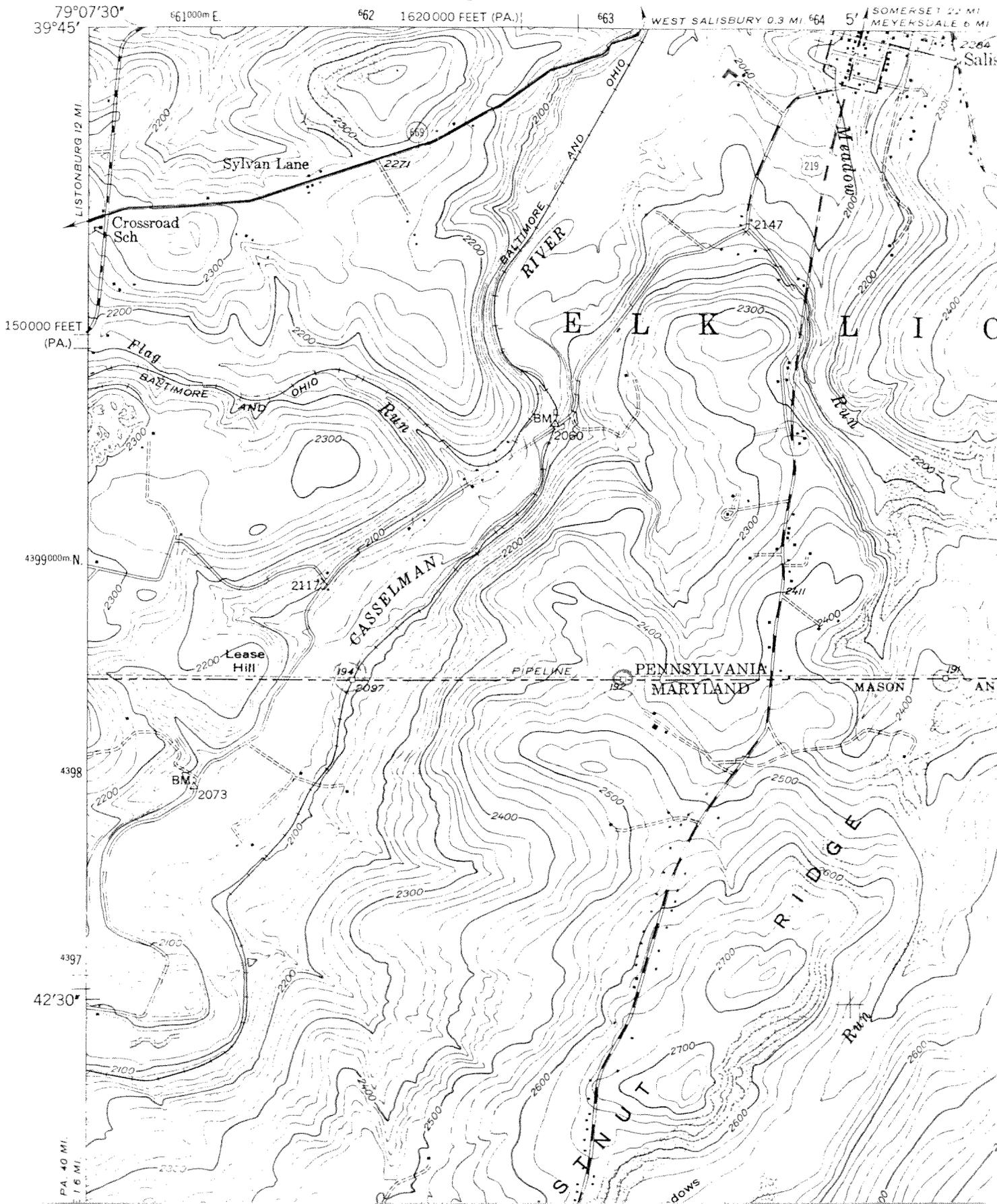


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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:  
TOWNSHIP NO. — (192)

AVILTON QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1947 PHOTO REV. 1974  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
51631 SW  
(MARKLETON)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





1. 1952 EDWARDS MOUNTAIN -  
 "THE MOUNTAIN" 200' x 100' -  
 100' x 100' -  
 NO SCALE - 100'

PHOTO: ALICE MARY 11.3 11.20.1952



