

ABSTRACT

G-IA-193

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(195) 1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)  
Springs, Pennsylvania vicinity  
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(195) and its loose mound of stones, mark Mason and Dixon's 177th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English 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. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 12 inches high above the mound; 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 this site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was added to the mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, substituting for the original wood centerpost, by then no longer in evidence. The mound, also in excellent condition, measures about 10 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center. On the national and state levels, No. ---(195) and the mound 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. 195)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)  
 STREET & NUMBER off the west side of River Road/T-444  
 CITY, TOWN Springs  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
	<b>X not applicable</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)  
 NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)  
 COURTHOUSE, LIBER #:  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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-193 entered 9/4/81  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust  
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>	
(monument & mound)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

<b>CHECK ONE</b>
(monument & mound)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED

<b>CHECK ONE</b>
(monument & mound)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(195) and its mound of <sup>loose</sup>stones mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary 177 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. The monument is a very plain dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top, in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place. It measures 10 inches square by about 12 inches high above the mound; 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 originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was set in the center of the mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, also in excellent condition, is presumably the remains of the original cairn, with the monument substituted for the original wood post by then no longer at the site. It measures about 10 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center.

The area here is at the edge of a wooded ravine, with most other nearby lands rolling farmlands, sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1½ miles southeast of the town of Springs, PA; about 2½ miles northeast of the town of Grantsville, MD; about 2900 feet west of the Casselman River; about 2250 feet west of River Road/T-444 at the Line; about 10 feet south of the old pipeline, at the north edge of the ravine woods and slope. It cannot be seen from any road, and not easily from closeby because of the tangle of overgrowth, which seems to serve as a protection, as well. Until the 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map location for this site and USGS topography map ravine/<sup>stream</sup>location are reconciled, the site must be considered a temporary estimate in the field (in relation to the topography and/<sup>present</sup>stream course).

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 magnesian limestone or saccharoidal dolomite; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet ling, 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 and apex are all clear and intact; though there is a chip in the top southeast corner, and all surfaces are darkened and mossy from excessive moisture.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for further descriptions of the 1902 monuments and original Mason and Dixon mounds)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**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 1:24000NOTE: monument/mound location not shown on quadrangle; see  
1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map Plates LXV and LXVI

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 66094, northing 439839

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 10/11/81 site surveyed

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

DATE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

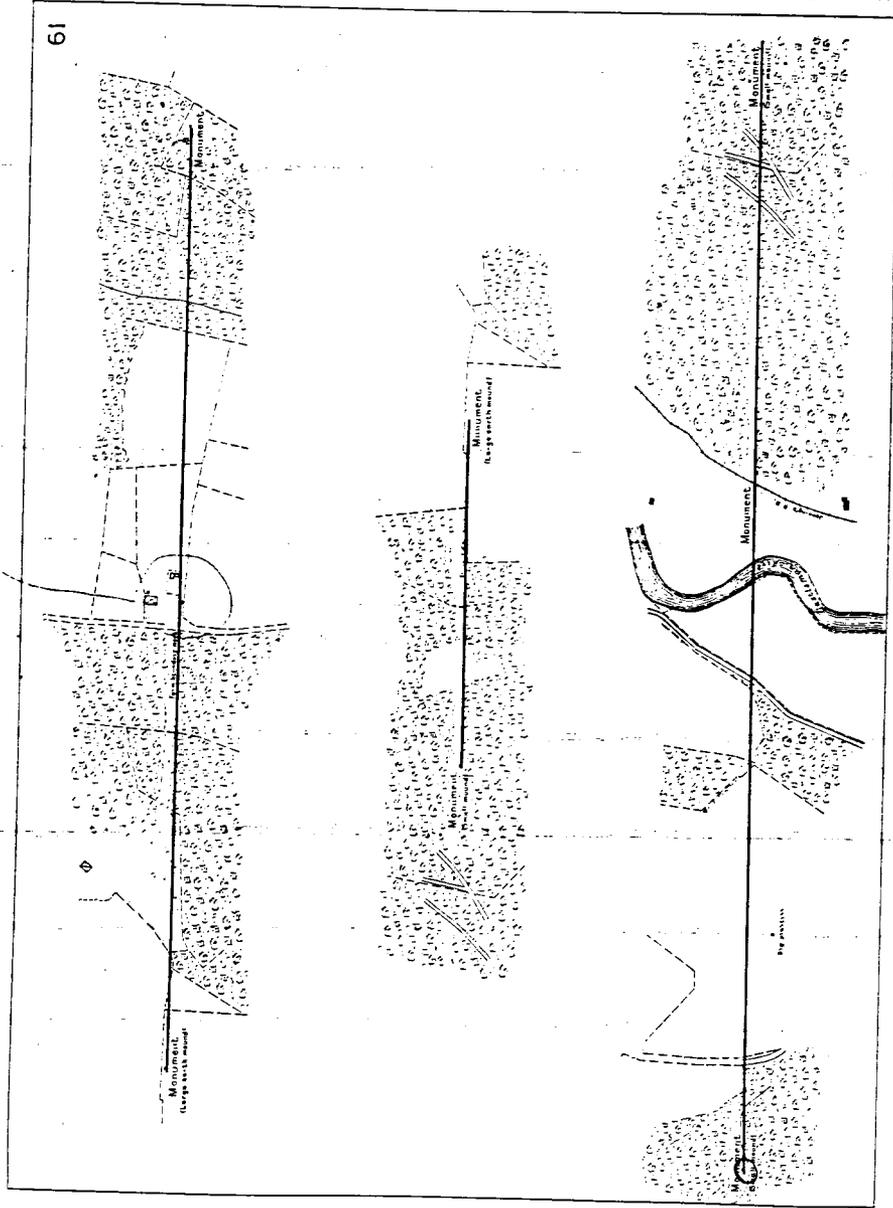
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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  
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RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXV.



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SCALE: 1" = 1000'

(194)



MASON EDIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE NO. --- 195

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AVILTON QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1947 PHOTOREV. 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



79°07'30"  
39°45'

661000m E

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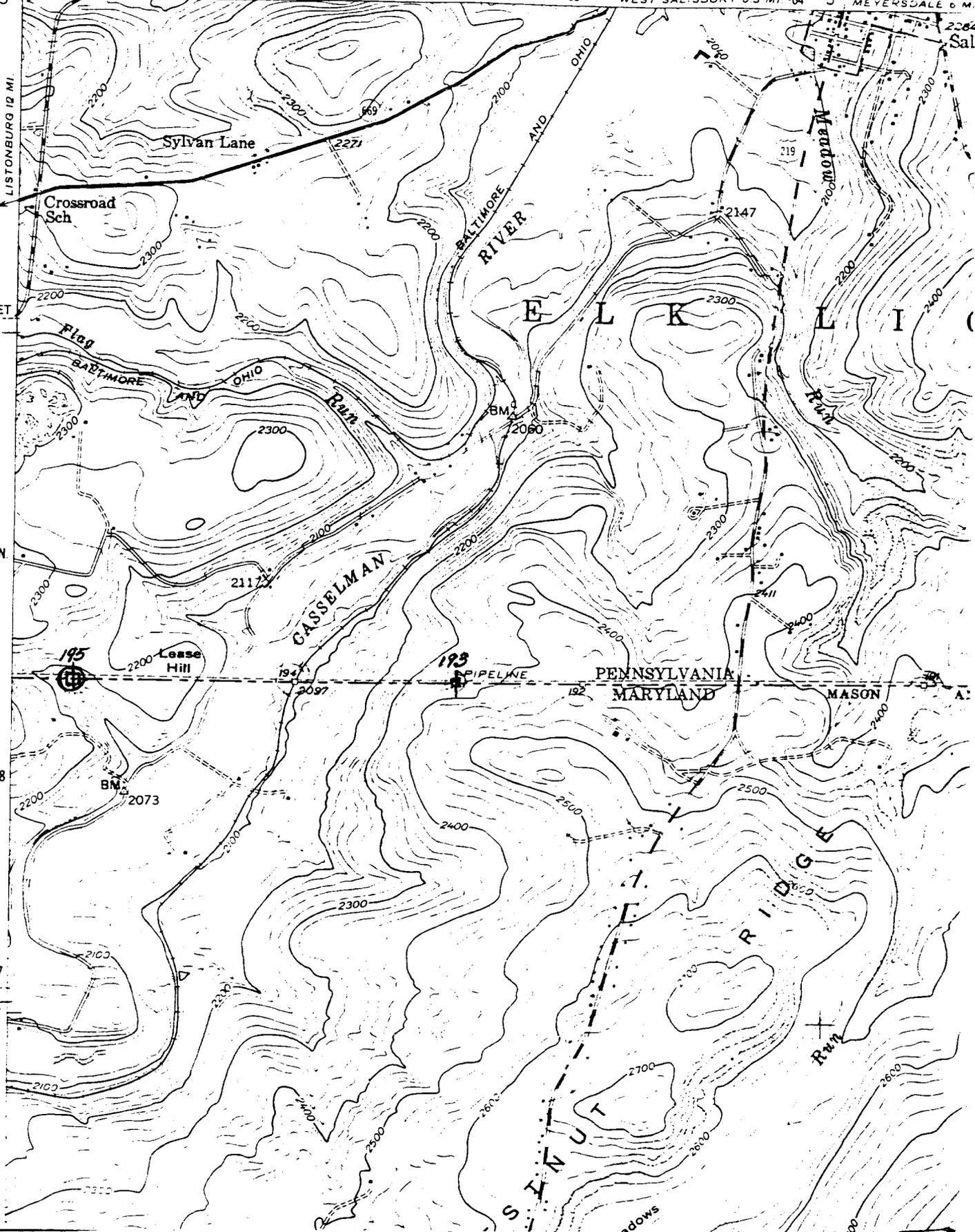
1620000 FEET (PA.)

663

WEST SALISBURY 0.3 MI 664

SOMERSET 2.7 MI  
MEYERSDALE 0.8 MI

112.1 SW  
(MARKLETON)



150000 FEET  
(PA.)

4399000m N

4398

4397

42'30"

PA 40 MI  
5.16 MI



MADE 400 YD WEST OF W. EXTREME = (approx)  
JUNE 1942 FELT 402 IN MOUNTAIN TERRAIN  
MAY 1942 - 1770 MILE WEST OF  
CORNER OF MAP 107

(2) SOURCE (1) 972

DATE: ALICE MARTIN 10/1/71 200-3-24



25702 - 21  
STATE ROAD 20" 2 1/2" 1/2" 1/2" 1/2" 1/2"  
AND THE AREA WEST OF THE CORNER OF SECTION 10  
SE 22 1/2 10 1/2  
TWO LINE MARKS (2", 2", 3" and 3")