

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(214) 1767 (survey), 1902 (monument)
Polk Hill area, Maryland/Pennsylvania
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(214), in the Polk Hill area, marks a new point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary somewhat short of 191 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 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 about 10 inches square by about 17 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 this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established on the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. On the national and state levels, No. ---(214) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

1. Name (indicate preferred name) *

historic (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

* and/or common Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 214)

2. Location

street & number east side of (no name) Road/T-300 not for publicationcity, town Polk Hill area vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 12

state Maryland 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: boundary ^{state} marker

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
name State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-259 entered 9/4/81 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1902)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. ---(214) marks a new point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary somewhat short of 191 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 marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures about 10 inches square by about 17 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 this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established on the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is part of the Polk Hill area ridges, sparsely settled, cleared along most of the hilltops and roads, but bordered by woodlands along the slopes. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1 1/4 miles northwest of the scattered settlement of Mineral Spring, MD; about 3 miles southwest of the town of Addison, PA; about 700 feet west of Collier Hollow; about 1700 feet east of the east edge of the present Youghiogheny River impoundment line; at a point about 5 feet off the east side of (no name) Road/T-300, by a property corner wood post where an old north-south/east-west wire fencing joins, and about 25 feet south of the old pipeline (138-6) about 3 feet above grade level. ^{in the road shoulder} The cleared land ends here and a dense deciduous woods loops around from the east, to ^{the} south and west. The monument seems well protected by this site, despite its proximity to the road.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting securely into the ground without 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, except for a large chip out of the top southeast corner and lichen covering almost all surfaces.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments ^{and cairns and} the 1902 additions and replacements)

8. Significance

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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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) boundary surveying

Specific dates 1767 (area survey) ~~1767-1768~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) ~~1900-03~~ SURVEYORS

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Milestone No. ----(214) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 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 this new site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble post during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ----(214) 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

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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), 1947/1974
USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic)

Quadrangle scale 1: 24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

1	7	6	3	8	4	3	9	7
Zone	Easting		Northing					

B

Zone	Easting		Northing					

C

Zone	Easting		Northing					

D

Zone	Easting		Northing					

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Zone	Easting		Northing					

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Zone	Easting		Northing					

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Zone	Easting		Northing					

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Zone	Easting		Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Garrett code

state Pennsylvania code county Somerset code

11. Form Prepared By

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

Maryland Historical Trust and

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date 7/25/81 (site surveyed)

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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 EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE #1

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FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-

WEST VIRGINIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1947 PHOTO REV. 1974 1:540,000 FEET (W.V.A.)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

79°22'30" 39°45'

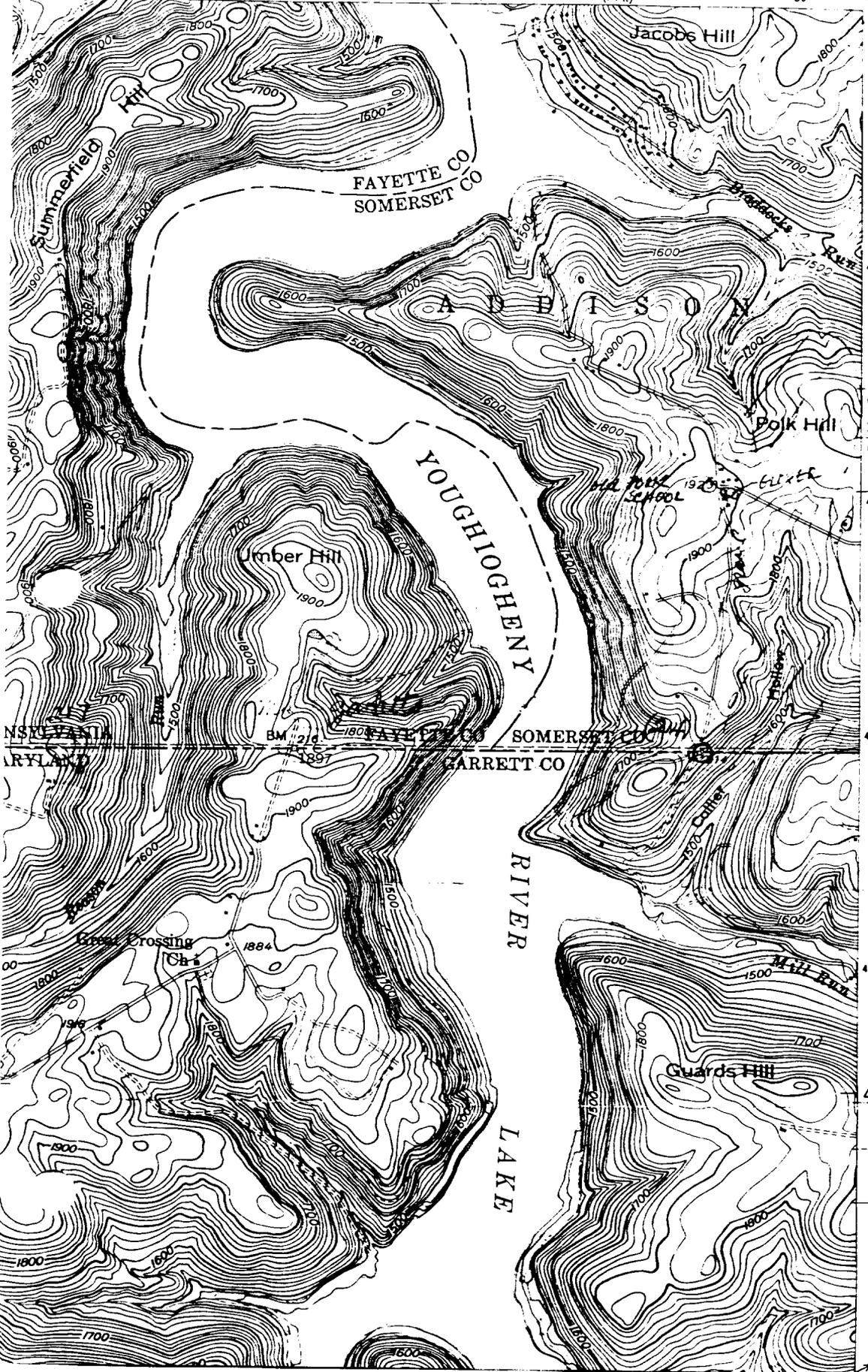
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CONFLUENCE



PENNSYLVANIA
NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION SURVEY

GRANTSVILLE 16 MI.
SOMERFIELD 1 MI.

637 2:330,000 FEET (W.V.A.)



4401
4400
450 000 FEET (W.V.A.)
150 000 FEET (PA.)
4399
4398
4397
42'30"
ADDISON (JUNC. U.S. 40) 4.4 MI.



(214)

720

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1 x 1000 *Microtus* *montanus* (100)
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