

ABSTRACT

WA-IV-094

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 94(97)

1767 (reset 1902)

Ringgold, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 94(97) marks Mason and Dixon's 94th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is an original milestone of 1767, quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, and remains in good condition, unaltered, at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, set two years later, then reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It now stands about 13 inches above its concrete foundation, measures about 12 inches on the east and west sides, about 10½ inches on the north and south sides. Except for chipping along all edges, ^{margins} and the top corners and apex, the distinguishing embellishments remain quite clear: 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 the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. On the national and state levels, No. 94(97) is significant primarily as one of 135 original monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 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, 94th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 94(97)**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off north side of Midvale Road (MD 418)

CITY, TOWN

Ringgold

 VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
MD: Washington/PA: Franklin**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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

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 (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

Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

WA-IV-094 entered 2/24/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY 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. 94(97) marks Mason and Dixon's 94th 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 good condition, unaltered, firmly set at its original site where it was reset in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is ^{hilly, rural,} sparsely settled, mostly open ^{fields of} large farms, and many orchards. The site is within Election District 14 of Washington County, MD, and Washington Township of Franklin County, PA; about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile north north-east of the small settlement of Ringgold, MD; about 2 miles southeast of the town of Waynesboro, PA; at a point about 2200 feet due east of MD 64 (Smithsburg Pike)/PA 997 and ^{about 2500 feet north northwest of} the junction of the Lee B. Worthington farm lane at Midvale Road (MD 418); and about 1800 feet northwest of the Worthington farm house, in the middle of a level "island" of deciduous woods surrounded by the Worthington farmed fields. It cannot be seen from any road or farm service lane; but is visible ^{when in the middle} at the west edge of a path through this woods, and ^{seems to be} protected by this obscurity.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, said to have originally measured about 12 inches square by about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet long with a low pyramidal top, cut to stand as a post about 3 feet above ground, with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments 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 the center of a shallow plain circle panel near the top. At the time of the Resurvey, this monument was presumably set to stand at its present height above ground (about 13 inches), since the concrete foundation constructed around it now shows; and though the east and west sides measure about 12 inches, the north and south sides are narrower (about $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches). Both letters are clear but the M has been chipped; all edges are quite chipped, as are the top corners; most fluting remains, but no margins; the center of the top is a shallow depression rather than a convergence of planes at an apex, and the surface very weather

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 method of resetting them)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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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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) ~~SUNDRIEVAHENDRIX~~ CHARLES MASON AND JEREMIAH DIXON
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 94(97) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original ^{in the thematic group series} 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 milestone set in 1767, where it remains in place, although reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), No. 94(97) 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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Smithsburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 28060, northing 439962

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Franklin

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 11/22/80 site surveyed

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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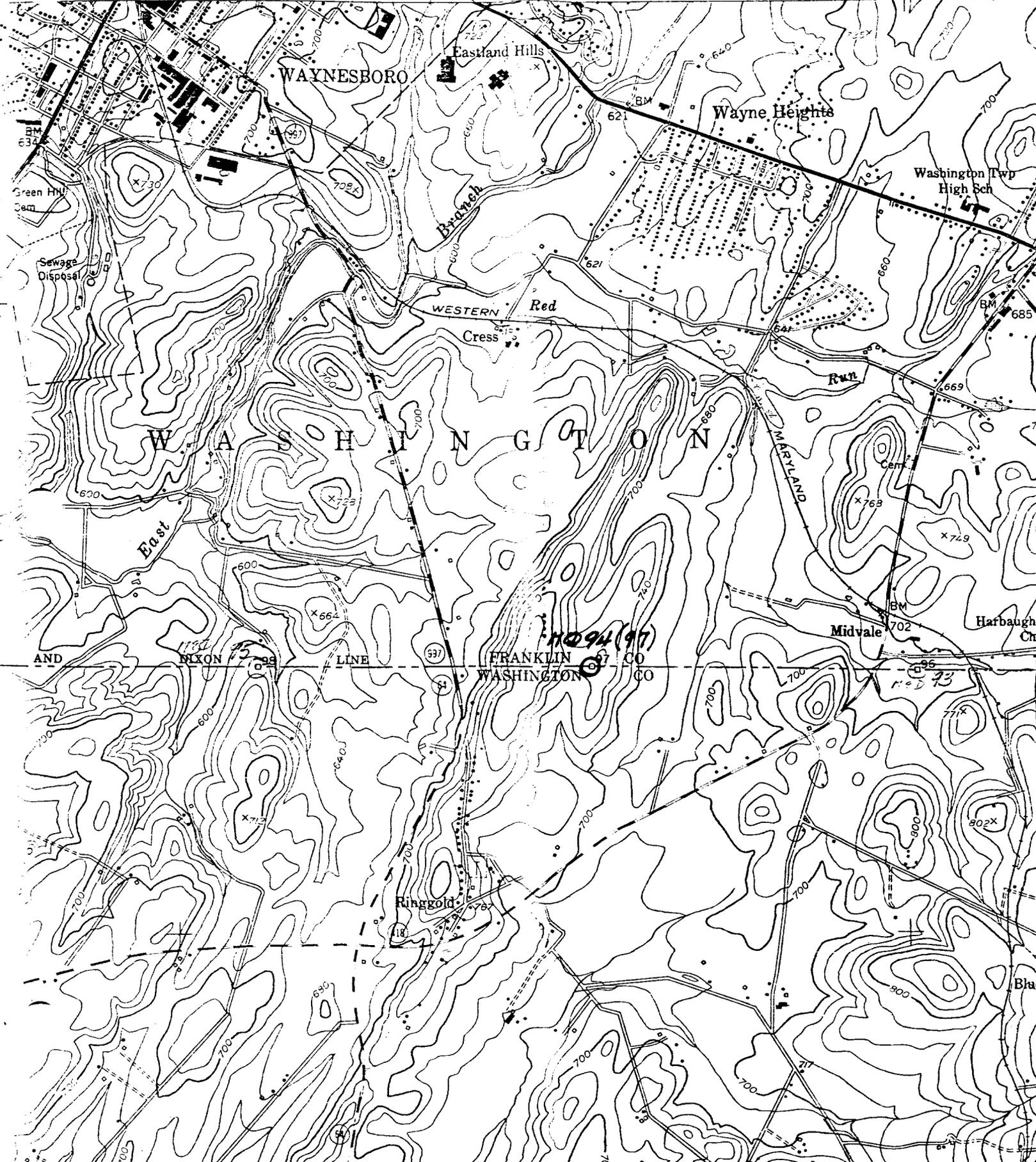
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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(WAYNESBORO) 5463 1 SE

SHITSBURG QUADRANGLE
HARDLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

0.5 MI. TO PA. 16

316 35 997 279

282 32'30"



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FRANKLIN CO
WASHINGTON CO

EDIXON WEST LINE

11094 (97)

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MASON = 2700 W 55th - NE HILSTON 9th (41)

SE SKIER (M-)

ORIGINAL (1767)

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1767

MARY EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 24 (45)
NW CORNER (D/-) ORIGINAL (1767)

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