

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 110(114)
Fairview, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

1767 (reset 1902;
now broken off)

Milestone No. 110(114), if in place, would mark Mason and Dixon's 110th 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 crownstone of 1767, quarried and carved in England of oolitic limestone, but now is in two pieces (an unexposed base of some 3 feet/^{presumably} in the middle of a field, ^{at its original site} and the above-ground portion of about 16 inches high temporarily placed in a hedgerow nearby). This top portion is/^{unaltered and} in fairly good condition, although all surfaces are very weathered and the Penn and Calvert shields indistinct. The base, if still in place, would be surrounded by a concrete foundation, as reset in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. When properly repaired, reset and protected from farm machinery, this crownstone will again be significant, as one of only 24 original crownstones remaining on the West Line and as one of only 10 crownstones on the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary.

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, 110th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
 MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 110 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 114)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off north side of Fairview Road

CITY, TOWN Fairview VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL 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 _____ STATE, zip code
 _____ VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)
 and surrounding property ownership list) Liber #: _____
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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-V-223 entered 2/24/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. WA-V-223

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (base only)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>between</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		(top) 1950 - 1967

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 110 (114), an original crownstone of 1767, is presently in two pieces: the below-ground base (presumably of about 3 feet in length, surrounded by a concrete foundation as reset in 1902/during the 1900-03 Resurvey in its original survey point of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary) is believed still in place in the middle of a farmed field; the top (above-ground portion) of about 16 inches high is in a hedgerow not far away, upright, but not secured or marking any particular point, believed broken off and moved by the property owner (sometime between 1950 and 1967, judging from photos on file at the Maryland Historical Society and a letter from Gerald J. Sword to Roland Shank of 9/20/67). This top/portion is unaltered and in fairly good condition.

The area here is rural, sparsely settled, comparatively level farmlands, with a number of woodlots. The site (below ground base in foundation, and top) is within Election District 23 of Washington County, MD, and Montgomery Township of Franklin County, PA; about 1 mile northwest of the scattered settlement of Fairview, MD; at a point about 2500 feet north of Fairview Road and about 1300 feet east of Ditto Road, in the middle of a cultivated field. The top of the crownstone is a short/unknown distance east, in a narrow/scraggly, brambly hedgerow separating two back fields of the Seth Schnebley dairy farm called "Crown Stone Farm." It is against the east side of a north-south wire fence, in a bower of brambles, obscure and protected, though could be easily moved, and thus endangered.

The crownstone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post (what's left of it), quarried and carved in England, and originally measuring about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, cut to stand about 3 feet high 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 stylized shields of the Penn coat of arms on the north side facing Pennsylvania and that of the Calvert's on the south side facing Maryland, carved near the top. This top portion presently measures roughly 16 inches high (the break is uneven/jagged) and about 11½ inches square; the two shields are intact but very badly weathered, as are all the surfaces; some fluting is discernible, but no margins remain; no planes or fluting of the top remain and there is a pit in the apex; and there are chips along all edges and the top corners.

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

8 SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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
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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 (reset 1902; broken between 1950 and 1967) · ~~COLYNE/BAKEMAN~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 110(114) is an original crownstone of 1767, now in two pieces: about 3 feet of unexposed base surrounded by a concrete foundation /^{believed} at some non-visible/^{original} site in the middle of the Schnebley field, and about 16 inches of the above-ground portion placed upright in a nearby hedgerow remaining in fairly good condition, unaltered. At the moment, these two portions have debatable significance, neither/^{visibly} accurately marking the West Line, nor reliably protected from theft. Once properly reset and protected from farm machinery, it will assume considerable significance at all levels, for it is one of only 24 original crownstones remaining on the Mason-Dixon Line, and one of only 10/^{crownstones} still marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary.

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 DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Mason-Dixon (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1953 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 25475, northing 440058

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

DATE

2/28/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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

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M/D 110 (114)

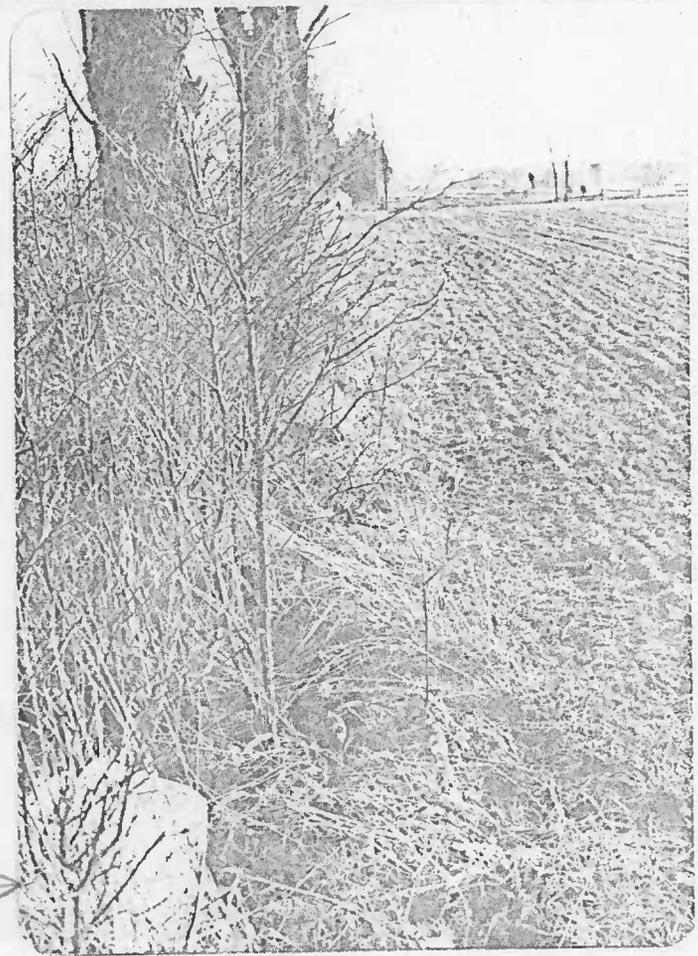
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~~MASPO (MND) WEST SIDE; HILSTED 110 (114)
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PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1981.6.33) 2/28/81

VIEWS of stone, fenced & Schnebley farm



STONE



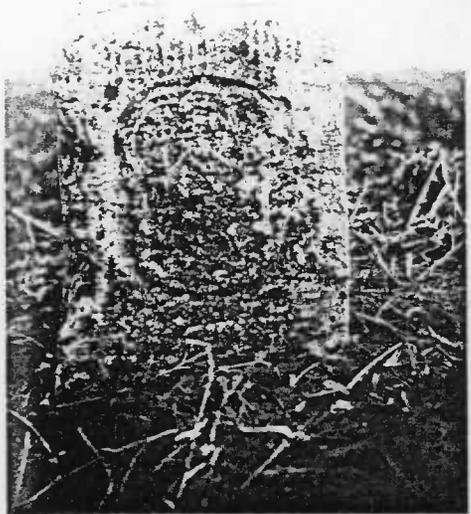
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MEADWEST LINE; MILESTONE 110
(114)



NORTH SIDE
(PENN SHIELD) 10/16/48
PP2.36.1



NORTH SIDE + MISS ELSIE MARSDEN
10/16/48 PP2.36.6a

PHOTOS: DR. A. L. TRUSSELL



SOUTH SIDE
(CALVERT SHIELD) 10/16/48
PP2.36.8a



SOUTH SIDE + DR. A. L. TRUSSELL
10/16/48 PP2.36.10

(CONTACT PHOTOS & NEGATIVES CAN BE FOUND IN MHS-PP2 TRUSSELL COLL.)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE! MILESTONE NO. 110 (114)

MASON-DIXON QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1953 PHOTO REV. 1971

SCALE: 1"=2000'

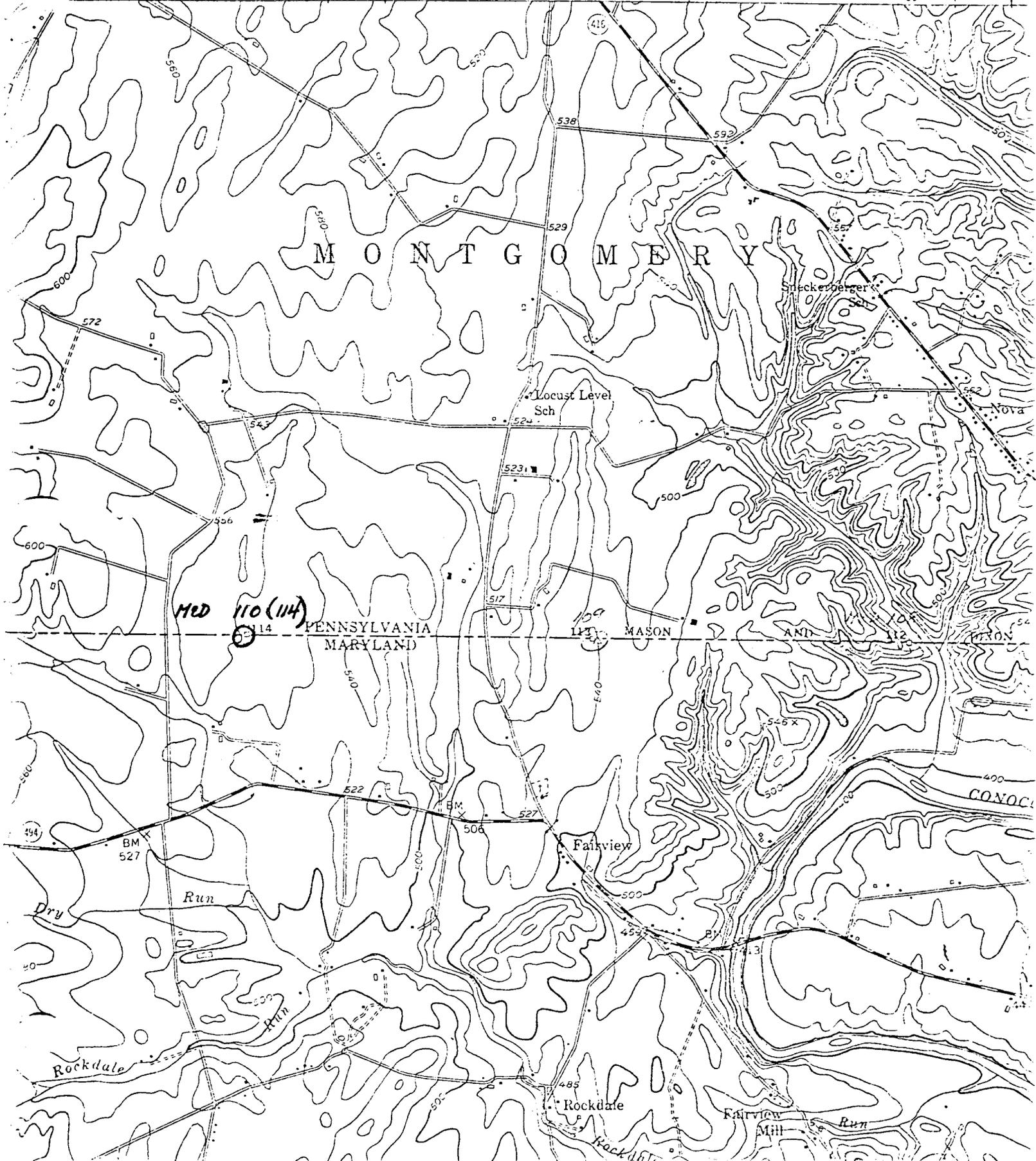
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THE INTERIOR

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1767

112-V 200

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE NO. (112) GEORGETOWN
SR CORNER - (CAMERON COAT OF ARMS)
ORIGINAL (1767)

NOTE: SEE MAP 11 (1946 U.S.) 200-101



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MASON DIXON LINE: MILESTONE 110 (114), ORIGINAL (1767)
SURVEYOR (— 1811 CLEAR CLEAR)

PHOTO: ALICE P. BROWN, 1911 G. S. 212 (101)