

ABSTRACT

WA-VI-033

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 132(136)

1767 (reset 1902)

Harvey, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

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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, 132nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 132(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 136)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Rice Road/T-301 (Hill Road)

CITY, TOWN

Harvey

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / P: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Washington / PA: Fulton

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-VI-033 entered 2/24/81

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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. 132(136) marks Mason and Dixon's 132nd 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 fairly good condition, unaltered, and is the westernmost of those set by Mason and Dixon. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, milestone set the following year and reset more securely in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is the densely forested eastern slope of Sideling Hill, with only a few houses/^{and small farms} scattered along Rice Road. The site is within Election District 5 of Washington County, MD, and Bethel Township of Fulton County, PA; about 1 mile north of the scattered settlement of Harvey, MD, and US 40; at a point about 1250 feet west of Rice Road/T-301 (Hill Road) at the Line and about 10 feet south of the old Columbia Gas pipeline/^(no longer maintained) at the edge of a deciduous forest. It ^{is unmarked in any way,} cannot be seen from any road or from the pipeline, and though protected by its obscurity, is also in danger of vanishing from neglect.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon monuments along the West Line, is an oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more in length, cut to stand about 3 feet high 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 plain shallow circle panel near the top. Reset in 1902 to stand presumably about 1½ feet high, it now stands about 1 foot above ground,^{and} measures about 12½ inches on the north and south sides and about 12 inches on the east and west sides. The letters and circle panels are still clear and intact; some fluting and bits of margins remain; the top planes and/^{their} fluting are quite clear,^{though weathered} but there are chips along all edges (with a large chunk out of the top east side) and top corners.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (reset 1902) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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 acre

Quadrangle name: Bellegrove (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 73365, northing 440031

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Fulton

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

5/30/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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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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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE;
MILESTONE NO. 132 (136)

BELLE GROVE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



5363 1 SW
(NEED MORE)

WASHINGTON CO. +
ALLEGANY CO. (21)

WARFORDSBURG 5.6 MI.
BUCK VALLEY 1.3 MI.
NE/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE
1951 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'
2 350 000 FEET (W. VA.) 78°15'

733 440 000 FEET (MD.) 734 39°45'

700 000 FEET
(MD.)
(135) MED 131: ORIG

(136) MED 132: ORIG

(137) MOUND OF STONES +
(REPL - ORIG MCD GREENSTONE
from clearing)

450 000 FEET
(W. VA.)
4401

4400

4399
42'30"

COCK (JUNC. U.S. 522) 4 MI.
SERSTOWN 32 MI.



MED 132 (136)

M&D 131

FULTON CO
WASHINGTON CO

PIPELINE

St Pauls Ch

Mt Olivet Ch



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 132 (136)
SE CORNER (M/-), ORIGINAL (1767)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 5/30/81 (1981.18.31)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE 132 (136)
NW CORNER (P/-), ORIGINAL (1767)

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