

ABSTRACT

WA-VI-038

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(141)
Bellegrove, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

1767 (monument), 1902 (first set,
at additional site)

Milestone No. ---(141) marks an irregular distance (rather than a mile) on the West Line, ^{the boundary} 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, is in good condition, unaltered, now stands only about 5 inches above ground, at an ^{additional} site where first set in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining their 230.228-mile West Line. Locally, as one of 48 of these 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 State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred 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.141)

2. Location

street & number off the west side of High Germany Road/LR-29001 not for publication

city, town Bellegrove vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 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

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

(monument only; see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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

title Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

date WA-VI-038 entered 2/24/81 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 <input type="checkbox"/> date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site

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

Milestone No. ---(141) marks a point on the West Line, an irregular distance from the preceding monument(now site),No. ---(140), apparently found useful for maintaining the visual integrity of this part of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary by the 1900-03 Resurvey when working in this area. It is an original milestone of 1767, in good condition, unaltered, firmly in place though only standing about 5 inches above ground; presumably was brought from the vicinity of Clear Spring, Maryland, and first set in 1902.

The area here is the flood-prone northern tip of a large, isolated farm which is almost completely encircled by the winding Sideling Hill Creek. The site added in 1902 by the 1900-03 Resurvey, is within Election District 5 of Washington County, MD, and Union Township of Fulton County, PA; about 1 mile north of the scattered settlement of Bellegrove, MD; about 4800 feet due west of High Germany Road/LR-29001 at the Line; at a point about 500 feet due north of a red frame barn and about 60 feet south of a bend in Sideling Hill Creek (about 110 feet west of a bend in the farm lane at Bodine's Ford crossing; about in the middle of an unfarmed lightly wooded marshy apron of land at a lower level than the rest of the farmed land. It cannot be seen from any road or lane, and difficult to find when closeby.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, 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 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. Probably set about 1 1/2 feet above ground, in 1902 and surrounded by a concrete collar-foundation, it is now is barely 5 inches high, though still measures about 12 inches square. The letter P and its circle panel are indistinct, and the fluting and margins are gone on the north side; the M is clear and intact, and some of the circle panel, fluting and margins remain; bits of fluting and margins remain on the east and west sides; the top planes and fluting are quite distinct. All surfaces are covered with moss and are quite weathered, especially the north and west sides; all edges and top corners are chipped (a big chip in the top southeast corner). This monument is unmarked and will soon be silted into oblivion if neglected much longer. (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of setting them)

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/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates milestone 1767 site 1902 **Builder/Architect** SURVEYORS: Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon boundary surveying

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. ---(141) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers 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. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, but the site ^{selected or} not/monumented until 1902, during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The milestone presumably was among those ^{originals of 1767} brought from the vicinity of Clear Spring, Maryland, by the Resurvey. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), No. ---(141) 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)

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 Bellegrove (MD-WV-PA), USGS 7.5 minute

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references (SITE NOT SHOWN ON QUADRANGLE; easting needs to be transposed from 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map, Plate L)

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

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

state	Maryland	code	county	Washington	code
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state	Pennsylvania	code	county	Fulton	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. — (141)

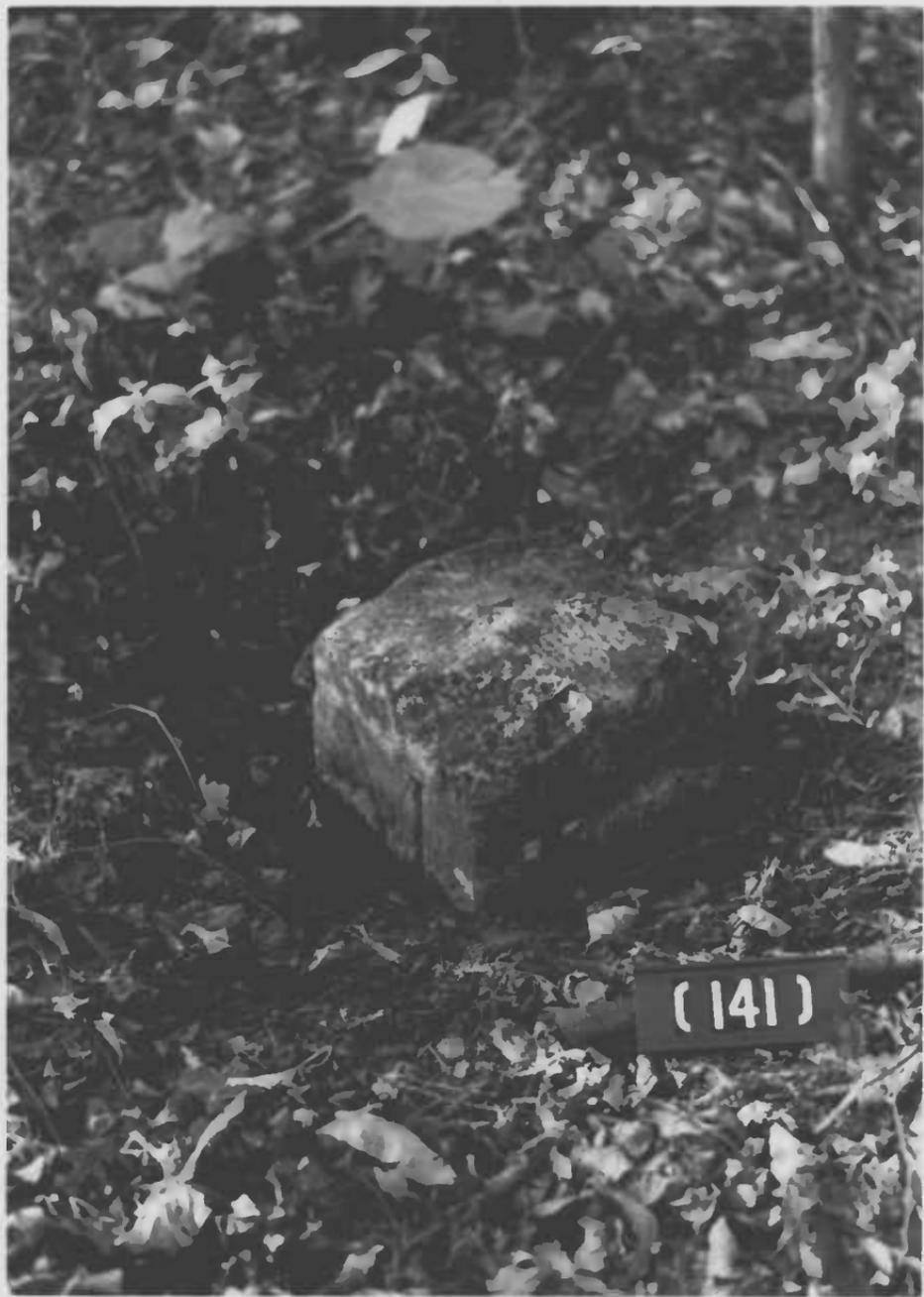
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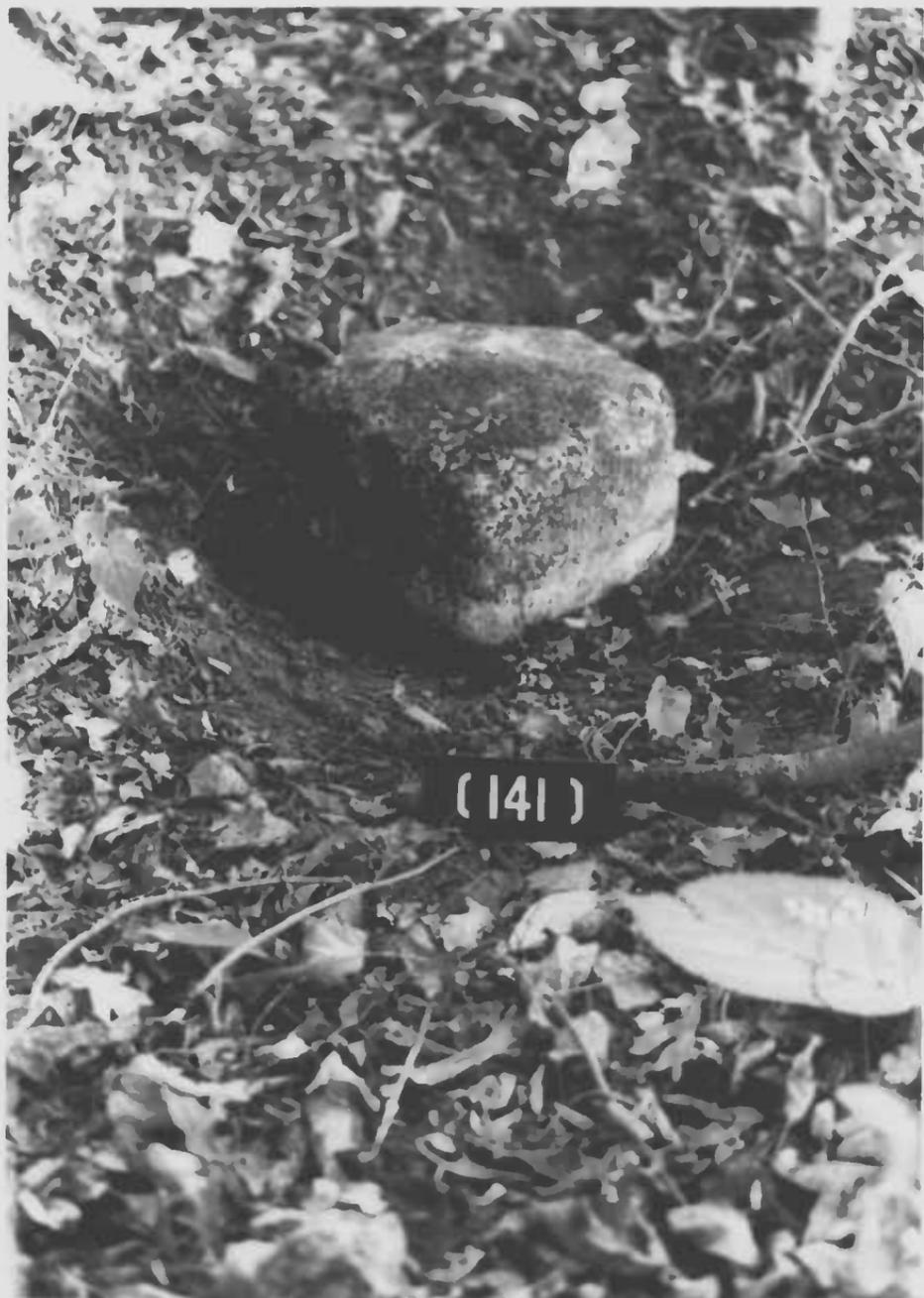
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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (141), ADDITION OF ORIGINAL (1767 FIRST SET 1902)

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (141), ADDITION OF
ORIGINAL (1767, FIRST SET 1902)

NW CORNER (P) —

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