

ABSTRACT

HA- 1015A

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 40(42)

Wiley, Maryland/Pennsylvania

Public/private

1766 (top missing by 1900; unexposed
base believed still in place)

Milestone No. 40(42), an original crownstone of 1766, marked Mason and Dixon's 40th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland until sometime prior to the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, by which time the above-ground portion was apparently broken off and removed. It was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and originally measured about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. The shield of the Penn coat of arms faced Pennsylvania to the north, that of the Calverts faced Maryland to the south. If the rough-cut base remains in place, it probably would measure about 14" square by about 1' or more high, and would mark an original survey point. At present, it is unexposed, was not located at the time of the 1950 or 1979-82 field inspections, nor was the above-ground portion traced. Until this is followed up, ^{the} condition of the two portions is not known, and their ^{present} significance cannot be determined.

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, 40th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 40 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 42)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off east side of MD 23/PA A1998

CITY, TOWN

Wiley

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland/Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Harford / PA: York

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (unexposed)		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument base 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 N/A(see 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 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania Boundary

DATE

1900-03

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Archives, Department of State

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

District of Columbia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (top missing)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 40(42)/^{an original crownstone, of 1766.} marked Mason and Dixon's 40th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. According to the 1900-03 Resurvey (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 85):

Milestone No. 40, M. & D., 1766, in open field just east of road leading from Norrisville, Md., to Draco, Pa., and where a section of "line road" starts westward. Only the base of this old "crown stone" remains in the ground, the upper portion of the monument having been broken off and removed. The position was located by the survey and the base was found in place, but owing to the adverse attitude of the owner of the ground, it was not thought expedient to replace the monument in the same position. The base was left in place and the monument next to be mentioned was established to take its place as a visible mark.

Wiley is a little crossroads cluster ^{land here is quite flat and the} of farmhouses and a store. ^{the} The/farms and other houses are scattered. This original site is within the John H. Wiley/^{unfenced} farmed field, about 100' east of the road junction by the 1902 site in the northwest corner, No. 40(43), HA-1015 (which see); a short distance north of the Wiley red barns. The site ^{is unexposed and} cannot be seen; but the base is believed still in place, and its demise will be followed up in Phase II of this Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker project.

The monument was original, an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. The shield of the Penns was carved on the north side, facing Pennsylvania; that of the Calverts on the south side, facing Maryland. The portion for setting into the ground was rough-cut, probably measuring about 14" square by about 1 1/2' high (or less). If so, there may be only this rough-cut portion left (if any) in place. It was not searched for during the course of the 1950 or 1979-82 field inspections, nor was any attempt made to trace the above-ground portion.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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 1766 (top missing by 1900) ~~ENGINEER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of an unexposed base of this original crownstone of 1766, if still in place, would be primarily as one of a series of original Mason and Dixon monument sites still in ^{place along} their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This crownstone marked their 40th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland until sometime prior to the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania Line, at which point the upper (above-ground) portion had been broken off and removed.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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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: Norrisville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,
 scale 1:24000 (not shown, site approximated from 1900-03
 Resurvey engineer's map, Plate XVIII)

UTM reference: zone 18, easting , northing

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

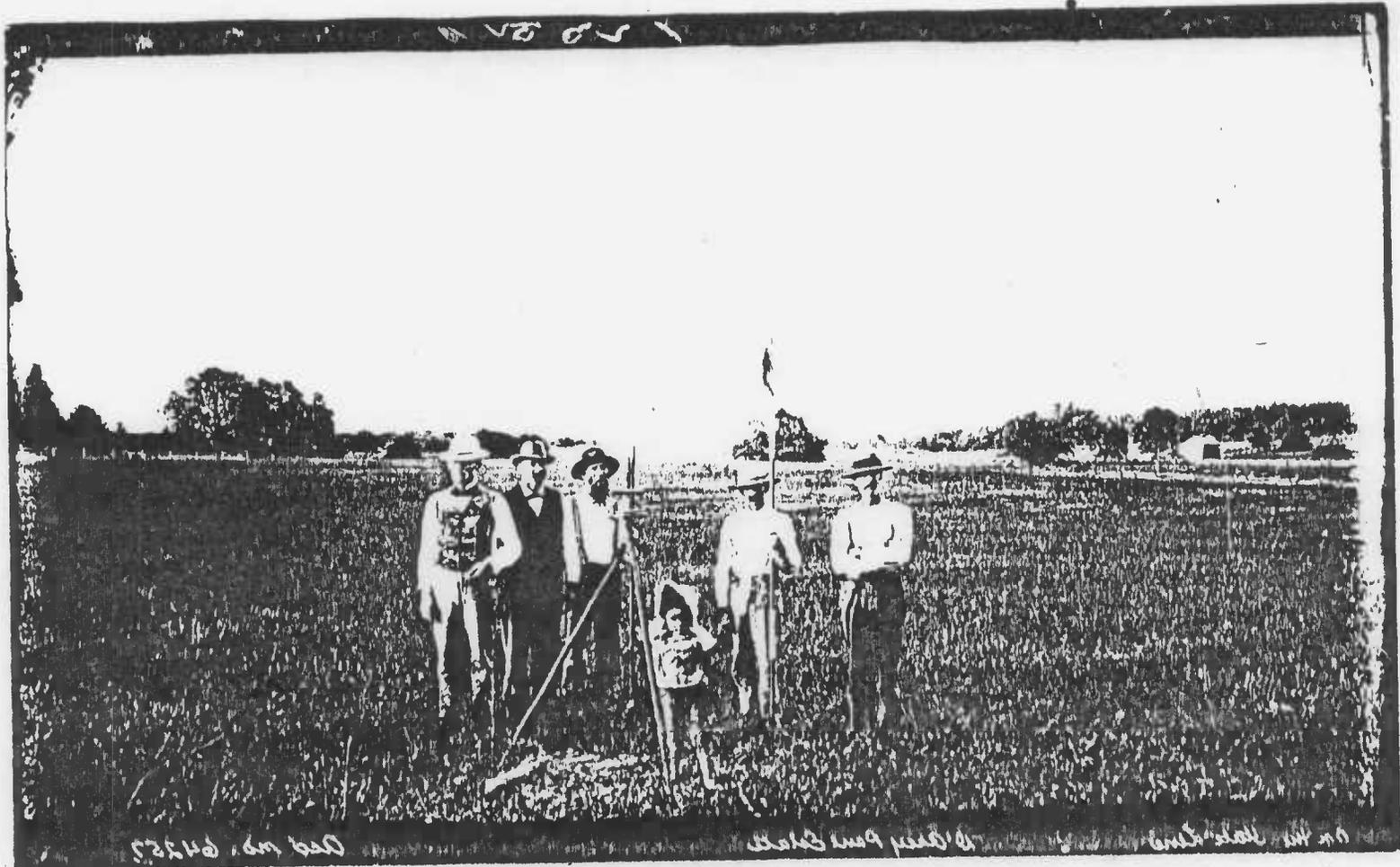
NAME/TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey	2/21/80 site surveyed
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
14308 Mount Avenue	301/472-2128
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Phoenix	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.

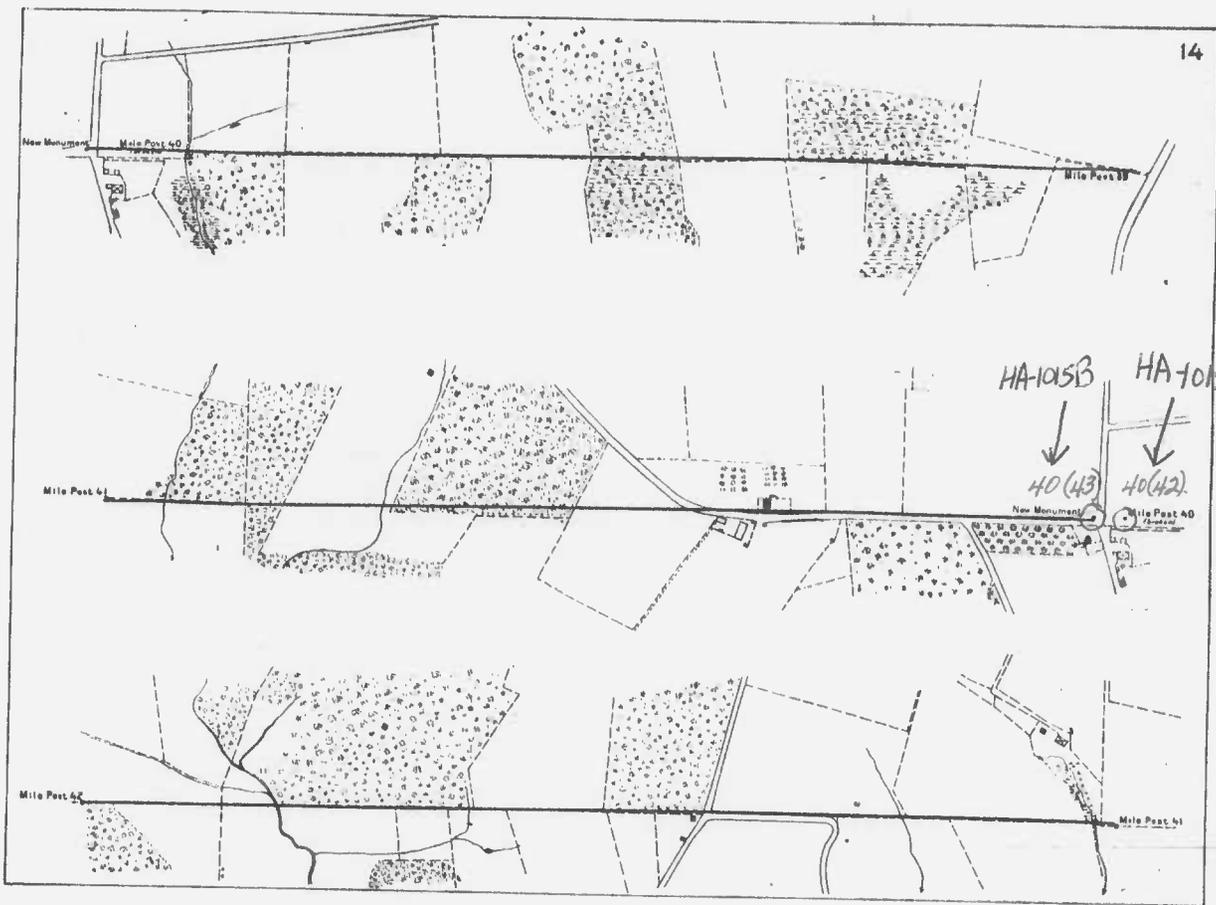
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438



HHS-PP 136.14 MP (29.1533.156) from the D'Arcy Paul estate

PHOTO: AKCHEX 14 AUG 1896
(glass plate neg.)

NO. 1054
FIELD
ORIGINAL LOCATION IN FIELD



RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE. (HA, VOL. III, 1908)

PLATE XVIII

HA-1015A + HA-1015B
 MASON-DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTAGE NOS. 40(42)
 + 40(43)

STATES
OF THE ARMY
ENGINEERS
1 SE
TSTOWN

367

JE + AM 2/21/80 AM 2/10/80
HA-1015
UTM: 18.36770.439768
NOTE: ORIG. STONE MISSING (ABOVE GROUND) - ORIG. SITE
MAY STILL BE MARKED BY BASE BELOW GROUND (?)

32°30'368

SHREWSBURY 0.2 MI
STEWARTSTOWN 3.8 MI

NORRISVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1957 PHOTO REV. 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

370

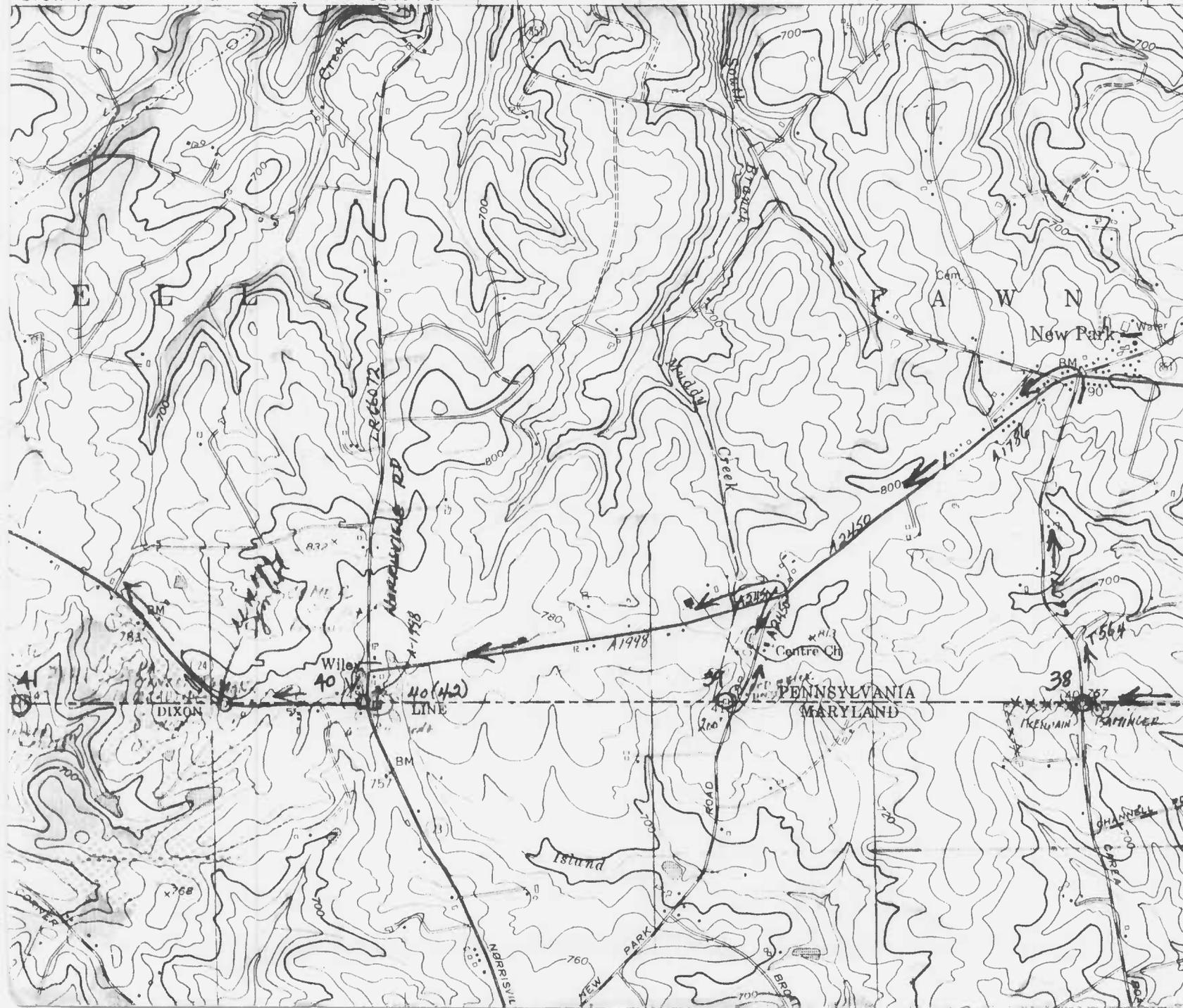
940 000 FEET (MD.)

76°30'
39°45'

3763 IV SW
MURKINVILLE
AAK D CO. +
CALTO. CO. (7)

HA-1015 A

MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE:
MILESTONE NO. 40(42)



4400

FAWN GROVE 2.9 MI
DELTA 1.1 MI

4399

MD 31 (41) ORIG-1766

JE + AM 2/21/80

HA-1024

UTM: 18.36940.439732

640 000 FEET
(MD.)

4398

SE corner of junction

MD 24 (40) OR 10-1166

JE + AM 2/21/80

AM + CM 7/19/80

HA-524

UTM: 18.37102.439766

NOTE: where MD 23 becomes
PA 24 - remove
marker symbol
(it used to be a PA
3-sided concrete
pyramid see by PA-207)
no longer there

42°30'