

AL-I-B-064

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 143

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ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(143)

1767 (first set 1902)

Piney Grove, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(143) marks an irregular distance from the preceding monument on ^{Mason and Dixon's} 230.228-mile West Line, ^{the provincial boundary} later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is an original milestone of 1767, among those found ^{unused,} in the vicinity of Clear Spring, Maryland, and ^{was} first set at this new site on the Line ^{in 1902} during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is an ^{embellished} limestone post, quarried and carved in England, ^{with a P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and an M on the south side facing} measures close to 12 inches square and stands about 22 inches above ground. ^{cut off 37} 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 the West Line. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments ^{cut off 37} marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, 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.

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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
 AND/OR COMMON
 MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 143)

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER east side of Orleans Road/PA 26
 CITY, TOWN Piney Grove VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 6 / PA: 9
 STATE Maryland COUNTY MD: Allegany / 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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)
 COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: Folio #:
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)
 TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory
 DATE AL-IB-064 entered 6/2/81 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. AL-IB-064

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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		X additional site (1 .)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(143), an original milestone of 1767, marks an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line, established and first set in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in comparatively good condition, unaltered, standing about 22 inches above ground, conspicuously out of plumb, not firmly set, and greatly endangered by its proximity to the road.

The area here is ^{sparsely settled} high, ^{fairly level} stretch of farmland to the south, becoming wooded to the north, at the east edge ^{and paralleling} of Town Hill. The site is within Election District 1 of Allegany County, MD, and Union Township of Fulton County, PA; about 1 1/2 miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Piney Grove, MD; about 1 1/2 miles south-southwest of the area known as Barnes Gap, PA; about 2 feet off the east side of Orleans Road/PA 26 in the shoulder at ^{road} grade level, close to ^{but not protected by} the Fulton Co/Union Twp. sign and PA highway 3-sided concrete boundary monument. It can be easily seen and crashed into from the road, all seasons, unless it disappears through neglect.

This milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post ^{(though no longer} 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. Both letters and circle panels are clear, and most fluting and margins remain, except for the top, which has been ^{with no planes or fluting} badly chipped and is now a rumply flat, / The stone itself measures about 11 1/2 inches wide on three sides, and about 12 inches on the south side; is leaning toward the road (west), as though there had been an attempt to pull it out; has a bullet hole on the south side; has chips along all edges and top corners (especially the top southwest corner); and speckled with a liberal sprinkling of lichen.

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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 72566, northing 440060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

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

6/1/81 (site surveyed)

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Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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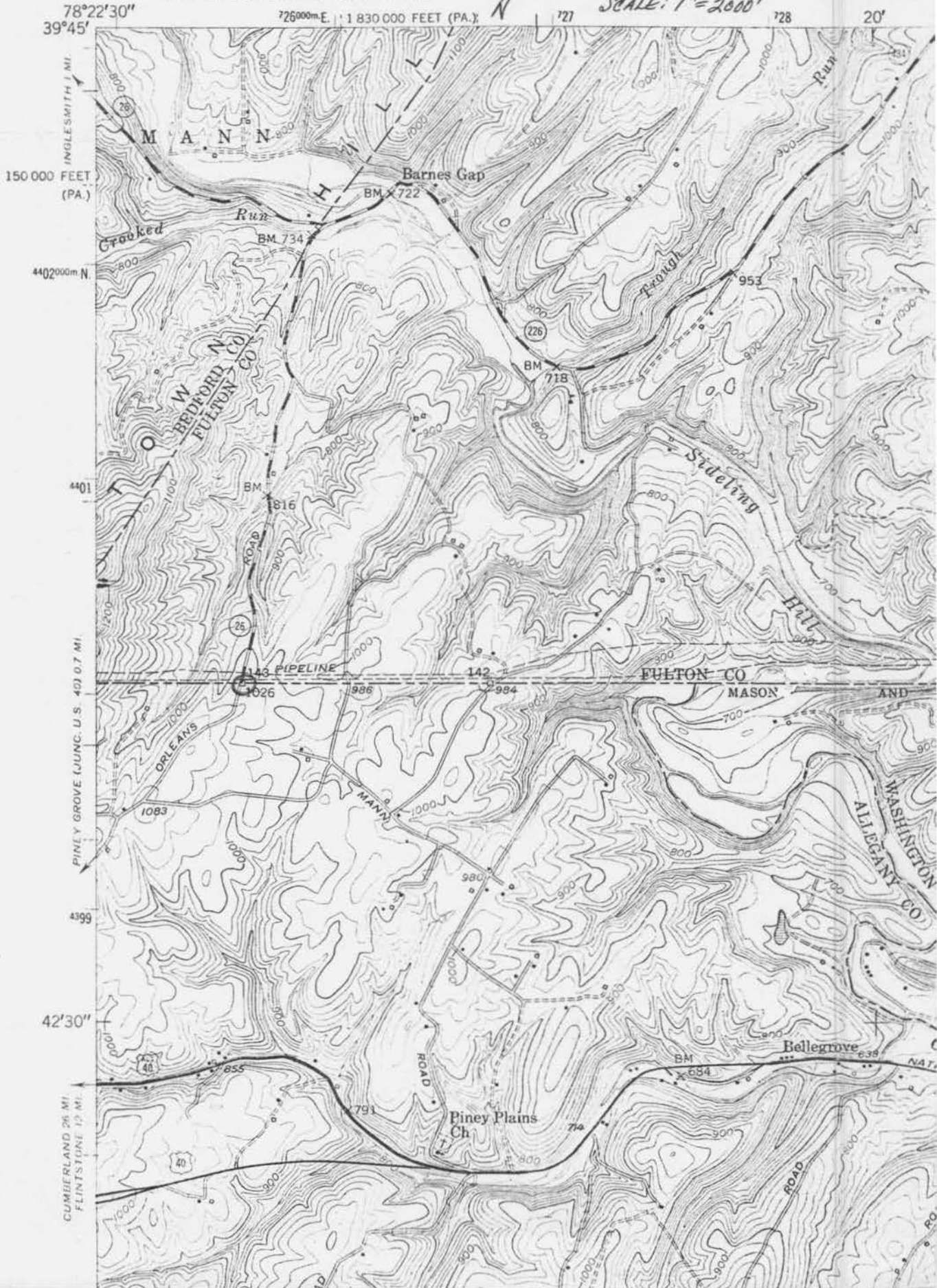
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MASON-DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE --- (143)
BELLEGGROVE QUADRANGLE 1951 (PHOTO REV. 1974)
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SCALE: 1" = 2000'



78°22'30"
39°45'

726000m E 1 830 000 FEET (PA.)

727

728

20'

150 000 FEET
(PA.)

4402000m N

4401

PINEY GROVE (JUNC. U.S. 40) 0.7 MI.

4399

42'30"

CUMBERLAND 26 MI.
FLINTSTONE 12 MI.



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MASON: DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (143)
SW CORNER (—/M) & EDGE OF ORLEANS RD.

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 6/1/81 (1981.19.35)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE 1 MILESTONE - (143)
NE CORNER (-1P)

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