

G-I-B-178

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. ____ (180)

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ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(180)

1902

Finzel, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(180), on Little Savage Mountain ridge, marks a new point about midway between Mason and Dixon's 166th and 167th miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain, dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in fairly good condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures about 10 inches square by about 20 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when the ^{new} monument was added to the Line). On the national and state levels, No. ---(180) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

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. 180)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the northeast side of Sampson Rock Road, Little Savage Mountain ridge

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" 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 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 and surrounding property ownership list)

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, LIBER #:
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IB-178 entered 9/4/81

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 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (..J2)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(180), on Little Savage Mountain ridge, was a new monument at this additional site when set/in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is a very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top; is in/^{fairly}good condition, firmly set, unaltered; measures 10 inches square by about 20 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was originally surveyed by Mason and Dixon), and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is the high/^{scraggly}ridge of Little Savage Mountain (elevation at the site about 2700 feet), densely wooded, sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 13 of ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD, and Greenville Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1¼ miles northeast of the village of Finzel, MD; about 2¼ miles southeast of the settlement of Pocahontas, PA; about 2650 feet west of the preceding monument and mound on Big Savage Mountain ridge; about 850 feet west of Laurel Run; about 1100 feet north of/^{the nearby}bend in Sampson Rock Road and about 50 feet northeast of Mrs. Raley's small cottage/^{in her mowed front yard,}on the west side of a private lane. It can be seen easily when nearby, all seasons; and is protected by an old fencepost as well as Mrs. Raley.

The monument, ^{65 other identical monuments of 1902}as with the / set west of Sideling Hill by the Resurvey, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, originally measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, ^{and was}cut to stand about 1½ feet high with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground. The letters and numbers are blocky, without serifs, V-sunk, and horizontally-aligned as a band near the top. Although the letters and numbers are clear, the P has been defaced by a chip; the edges are chipped (particularly the northeast, northwest and southwest vertical edges), and all top corners are chipped, as well as the apex.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the Resurvey monument additions set in 1902)

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 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 1902

~~SUMNER/KENNETH~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(180) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was ^{originally} surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the Line in 1902, during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(180) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

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

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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: Frostburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,
(topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 67790, northing 439883

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

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

STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Garrett**STATE **Pennsylvania** COUNTY **Somerset****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

10/18/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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HASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:
MILESTONE NO. — (180)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

FROSTBURG QUADRA
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

NW/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE
1949 PHOTOGRAPHY 1974
270 000 FEET (M)

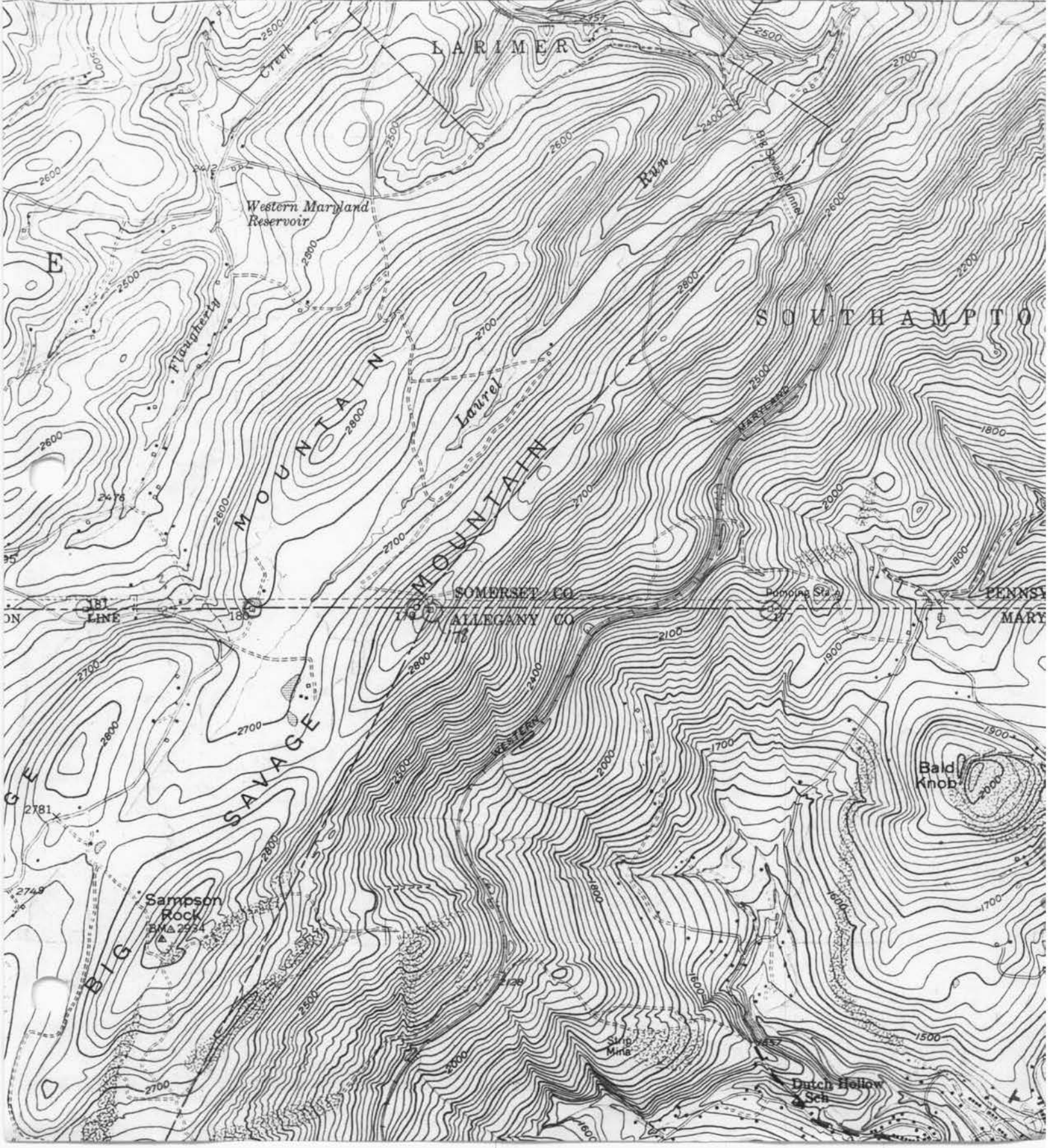
263 IV SW
(TENBERG) 677

DEAL 1.3 MI 55'

679

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE — (1902)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

N.W. CORNER 9/1902

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NEED EVIDENCE WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (180)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)
SE CORNER (M/1767)

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