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Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. \_\_\_\_ (222A/34)

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ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: Milestone No. ---(222A/34) 1767, 1910-11(surveys)  
Markleysburg, Pennsylvania vicinity 1911(monument)  
Public/private

In 1911 when set, Milestone No. ---(222A/34) at the southern edge of Division Ridge near Markleysburg not only visually marked an additional point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 196.48 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, but more importantly finally established the northwest corner of Maryland, ending long-standing boundary disagreements between Maryland and Virginia (since 1863, West Virginia). The monument is a large, plain, 4-sided, tapered concrete post, smoothly finished and embellished only by inscriptions. It measures about 19½ inches square at the base, narrowing to about 10 inches near the top; rises about 3 feet 11½ inches high above the ground, with an additional some 3 inches of the top, now dome-shaped; and is in good condition, unaltered. The inscriptions are all legible and intact: on the north side facing Pennsylvania, PA and 1910 (the year when this point was established and decreed correct by the Supreme Court); on the east side facing Maryland, MD; on the south side facing Maryland/West Virginia, NO. 34 (the 34th and northernmost of a series of monuments defining the common boundary of these two states) and the names of the 1910-11 Resurvey commissioners (Samuel S. Gannett, W. McCulloh Brown, Julius K. Monroe); and on the west side, W VA. Although unique in design and construction on the West Line, No. ---(222A/34) is similar to the 26 others set by the commissioners.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name) \*

historic (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

\* and/or common Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. ~~---~~ (1979-82 Inspection No. 222A) (1910-11 Resurvey No. 34)

### 2. Location

street & number off the west side of Thomas Road/T-314, Thomas Ridge  not for publication

city, town Markleysburg  vicinity of congressional district MD: 6/WV: 2/PA: 22

state Pennsylvania county MD: Garrett/WV: Preston/PA: Fayette

### 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: state boundary marker

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

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)  
name States of Maryland, West Virginia, and 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

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-III-268 entered 9/4/81  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1911)

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

Milestone No. --- (222A/34) marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, about 1051 feet west of the preceding (Sinclair) stone, <sup>and</sup> established ~~the northwest corner of Maryland~~ during the 1910-11 Resurvey of the Maryland-West Virginia boundary, thus ending the controversy over ~~that line and its intersection with Mason and Dixon's West Line.~~ <sup>the correct location of</sup> It is approximately 196.48 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland; is a new concrete monument, in good condition, unaltered, set in 1911. Unique on the West Line, it is similar to most of those along the Maryland-West Virginia boundary: a four-sided, tapered post, measuring about 19 1/2 inches square at the base, narrowing to about 10 inches, rising about 3 feet 11 1/2 inches, and capped by a dome-shaped top rising another 3 inches at the center. All faces are smooth, with the following inscriptions in slightly raised rectangular panels: on the north side facing Pennsylvania, PA near the top and the year 1910 at the middle; ~~on the east side, MD,~~ <sup>at the middle</sup> on the south side, NO. 34 near the top, and the names of the commissioners at the bottom, Samuel S. Gannett/W. McCulloh Brown/Julius K. Monroe/Commissioners; and on the west side, W.VA. at the middle.

The area here is high in elevation (about 2320 feet at the site), densely wooded, no houses within sight, and uglified by the intersection of two widely-cleared utility swaths (a southeast/northwest transmission line and the east/west Columbia Gas pipeline). <sup>the convergence of the northwest corner of</sup> The site forms the Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, the northeast corner of Grant Township, WV, and south edge of Henry Clay Township of Fayette County, PA. It is at the southern end of Division Ridge, northern end of Thomas Ridge; about 1 1/2 miles southwest of the village of Markleysburg, <sup>PA,</sup> about 1 3/4 miles northwest of the scattered settlement of Asher Glade, MD; about 2 1/2 miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Glade Farms, WV; <sup>about 36 feet south of the old pipeline (which</sup> at this point is southwest of the transmission line); on the north side of an old east-west barbed wire fence, in <sup>the northeast corner of</sup> a gently sloping deciduous woods; flanked to the east by a low-standing gray granite slant-front tombstone, <sup>inscribed as</sup> a Bicentennial commemoration, set by the Boy Scouts of America in 1967, to <sup>mark</sup> a MASON-DIXON TRAIL) The site cannot be seen from any road or utility lines when trees are in leaf; and this obscurity and seclusion seem to protect it.

The monument inscriptions are all clear and intact, although there are chips along all edges, particularly the southwest vertical edge and top (now domed, where formerly curved); and the originally smoothed surfaces of each face remain essentially that, though weathered and scratched a bit.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for coverage of the 1910-11 Resurvey of the Maryland-West Virginia boundary)

Note. According to Charles Morrison, in <sup>his book</sup> The Western Boundary of Maryland, (McClain Printing Company, Parsons, WV, 1976) pp. 60-62, 89 and the coverback: boundary Monument No. 34 was erected August 21, 1911, by the commissioners for Maryland, West Virginia, and the United States, in accordance with a decree entered by the Supreme Court of the United States, May 31, 1910.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. G-IIA-268

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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1767 (West Line survey) <sup>boundary surveying</sup>  
 1911 (marker set) ~~Builder/Architect~~ SURVEYORS: (West Line, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon)

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. --- (222A/34) 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 West Line was originally surveyed and marked in 1767, and the present additional point established during the 1910-11 Resurvey of the Maryland-West Virginia boundary, monumented in 1911 with a large concrete post to mark the northwest corner of Maryland and northern endpoint of their common boundary where it meets the southern boundary of Pennsylvania. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary (as well as <sup>one of</sup> the some 13 found still standing along the present Preston, WV/Fayette county, PA boundary), No. --- (222A/34) is also significant symbolically <sup>not only</sup> for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties / <sup>along</sup> the West Line, but also for its <sup>final</sup> settlement of the longstanding controversy over the correct Maryland-Virginia (and later, West Virginia) boundary.

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 Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974 Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

1	7	6	3	0	4	3	9	7
Zone		Easting			Northing			

B 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

C 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

D 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

E 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

F 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

G 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

H 

Zone		Easting			Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

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

state	code	county	code
Maryland		Garrett	
West Virginia		Preston	
Pennsylvania		Fayette	

# 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 9/5/81 (site surveyed)

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. — (222A)  
(same as No. 34 of MD-WV boundary)

NOTE: 2 B&W 5x7 glossy photos were turned in to  
Peter Kurtz with other NR materials

Alice Martin

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STYLE NO. 57-2B *MISEN & DIXON WEST LINE (7-17-83) BOUNDARY MARKERS*

DATE *9-2-48* ASSIGNMENT *SAKLETT COUNTY (222A)* FILE NO. *1465*

*1-78 NO. 34 ON MD-WV BOUNDARY*

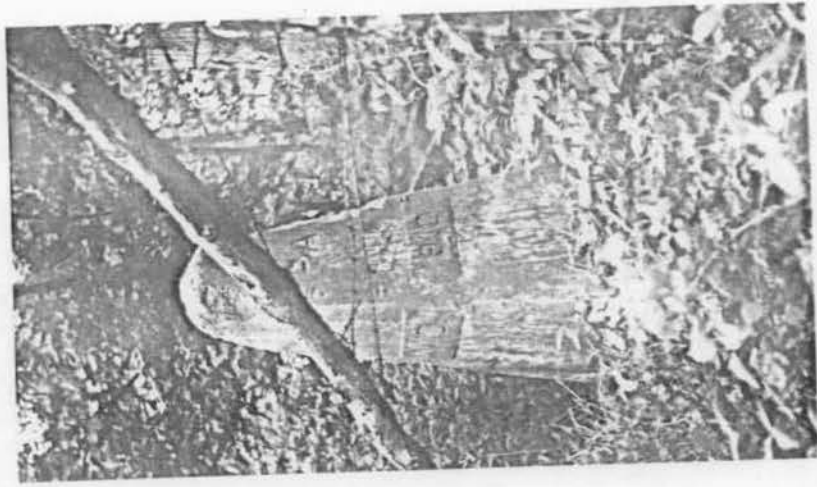
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NE CORNER

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BOUNDARY MONUMENT NO. 34

*At the Northwest Corner of Maryland*

Erected August 20, 1911, by commissioners for Maryland, West Virginia, and the United States, in accordance with a decree entered by the Supreme Court of the United States, May 31, 1910.

It marks the point where the commissioners' boundary line, running northward from Monument No. 1, intersected the historic Mason and Dixon line. The monument is inscribed as follows:

On the north side: PA. and 1910

On the east side: MD.

On the west side: W.VA.

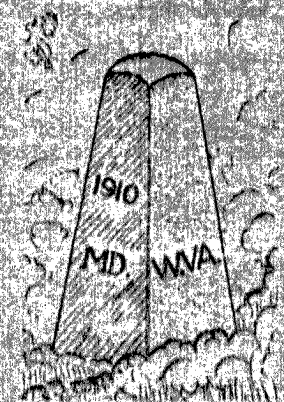
On the south side: No. 34 and at the base, the names of the commissioners: Samuel S. Gannett, W. McCulloh Brown, Julius K. Monroe. See Appendix A, pages 60-62.

Morrison

Chas. Morrison

# The Western Boundary of Maryland

by  
Charles Morrison



BOUNDARY MONUMENT NO. 1

Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing Company

1976

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**Name or  
Number**

*Location, Description, Etc.*

No. 32 The site was a key point in establishing the northern end of the boundary. The Spanish oak marked the corner of two properties to the west and was in a line of the adjacent property to the east. The removal of the tree itself was no small project. Perhaps symbolically, in addition to the usual inscriptions, Monument No. 32 is marked "Span Oak."

Small Not shown on the U.S. Geological Survey maps. On Fike's Ridge, a spur or knob of Sickle Hill, 3,070 feet, North  $0^{\circ}04'55''$  East, from Monument No. 32. Erected August 22, 1911.

No. 33 On the north side of Squire Fike Road about 3,000 feet west of its intersection with Glade Road. Distance from previous monument, 2,220 feet, North  $0^{\circ}04'55''$  East. Erected August 22, 1911.

Small On Thomas Ridge 4,550 feet, North  $0^{\circ}04'55''$  East, from Monument No. 33. Not shown on maps of the U.S. Geological Survey.

No. 34 On the Mason and Dixon line about 1,000 feet west of Thomas Road and on the south side of the pipeline right-of-way. About  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Markleysburg, Pennsylvania. This stone marks the northwest corner of Maryland, and the northwest corner of Military Lot 2927 on the Deakins plat. The commissioners' journal indicates that it was not precisely placed because at that point the Maryland and Virginia tracts overlapped about four rods (66 feet). Distance from the previous monument, 2,460 feet, North  $0^{\circ}04'55''$  East.

Monument No. 34 is readily accessible by way of the pipeline right-of-way, west from Thomas Road, but it is not readily visible when the trees and ground cover are in leaf. It is marked as follows: On the north side, PA. and below, the date, 1910; on the east side, MD.; on the west side, W.VA.;



Left: From the west and south. Small monument in background is a Mason and Dixon trail marker.



Right: From the east and north. For other views see back cover and frontispiece.

MONUMENT NO. 34

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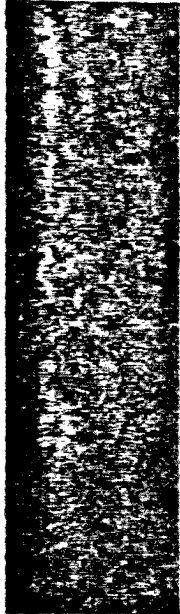
**Table 2**  
**Distances Between Boundary Commission**  
**Monuments and the Michler (Fairfax) Meridian**

Monument	Distance	
	By Departure*	By Longitude†
Fairfax	0 ft.	0 ft.
No. 1	65 ft.	65 ft.
No. 2	84 ft.	85 ft.
No. 4	364 ft.	365 ft.
No. 5	17 ft. (west)	15 ft. (west)
No. 8	75 ft.	73 ft.
No. 10	284 ft.	288 ft.
No. 11	766 ft.	769 ft.
No. 15	1,159 ft.	1,163 ft.
No. 16+	1,276 ft.	1,281 ft.
No. 19	1,383 ft.	1,389 ft.
No. 20	2,355 ft.	2,357 ft.
No. 21	2,391 ft.	2,393 ft.
No. 22	2,445 ft.	2,447 ft.
No. 27	2,676 ft.	2,677 ft.
No. 28	3,023 ft.	3,024 ft.
No. 32	2,926 ft.	2,927 ft.
No. 34	2,942 ft.	2,942 ft.

\*Distance east of Michler meridian except as indicated; computed from courses and distances listed in Table 1, adjusted for convergence of meridians northward.

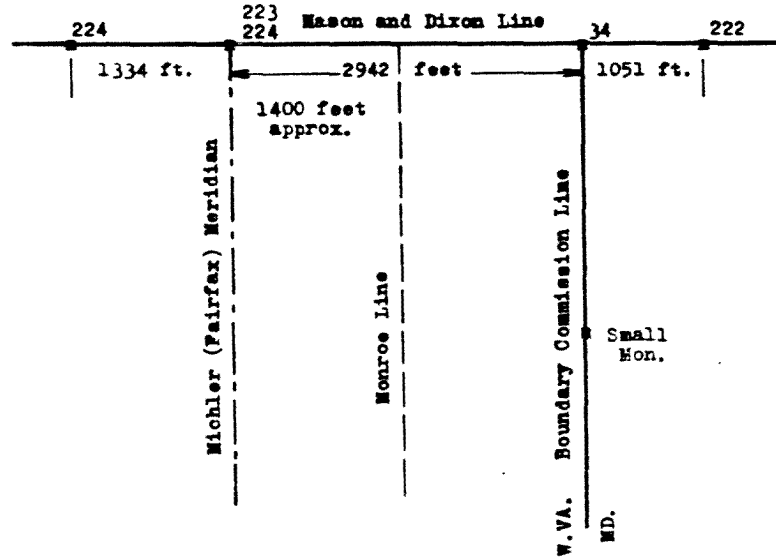
†Same; computed by differences in longitude listed in 225 U.S. 1.

+Given as "about 1281 feet" in 225 U.S. 1.



**Name or Number**  
**Sinclair Stone**  
**Location, Description, Etc.**  
 within a hundred feet of the mound referred to above. Michler, in his work, sometimes referred to the Deakins line "the old line." Whether in this case "old line" referred to the Mason and Dixon line or the Deakins line has not been

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MONUMENTS ALONG THE MASON AND DIXON LINE  
ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF MARYLAND

- Monument No. 34: Established by the Maryland-West Virginia Boundary Commission, 1911. See pp. 60-62.
- Monument No. 222: Sinclair Stone, 1885. Marked  $55 \frac{2}{10}$ , meaning 55.2 miles from southwest corner of Pennsylvania. See pp. 62-64.
- Monument No. 223: Michler Monument, 1860—no longer standing. See pp. 64-66.
- Monument No. 224: Marked  $54 \frac{2}{10}$ . Undoubtedly established in 1885 at the site shown, under the direction of C. H. Sinclair; now located at the site of the original Michler monument. See pp. 66-68.

MASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS:

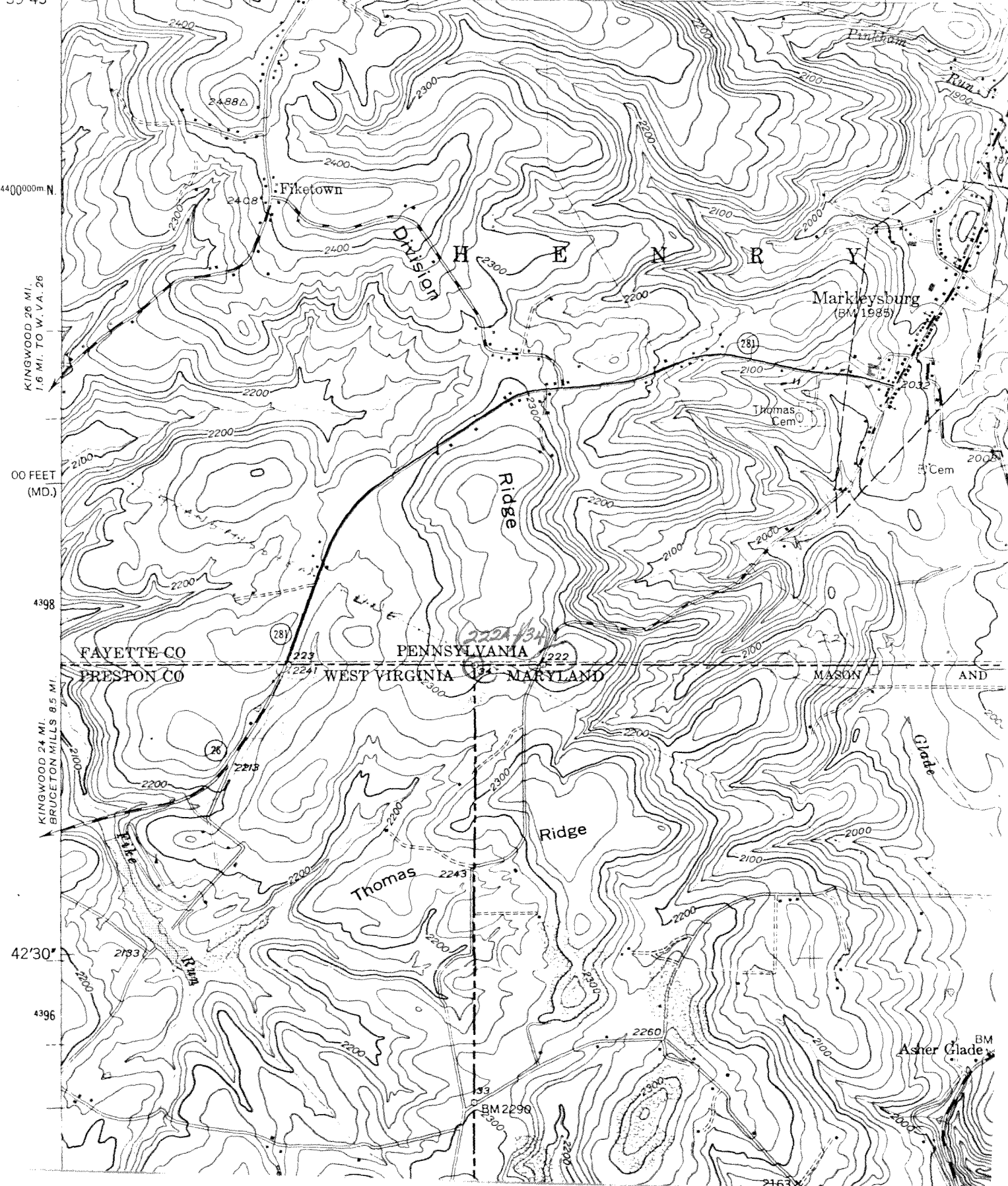
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FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA - WEST VIRGINIA USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC) 1947 PHOTO 1974 STATE OF MARYLAND MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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