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INTRODUCTION

This is a report of an inspection of the boundary markers erected by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon on the Mason and Dixon Line where it defines the border between Baltimore County, Maryland and York County, Pennsylvania. The field inspection of the monuments was accomplished between 18 February 1988 and 12 April 1988. This task was volunteered by the author, at his expense, and has been endorsed by the Historical Society of Harford County as a member's research endeavor. The reader is referred to a similar report done by the author covering the Mason-Dixon boundary markers in Harford County. The original plan was to report on Harford County markers only. However, the author observed that some similar and some different situations existed in the adjoining counties which both favorably and adversely affect the status and condition of the markers. Thus, for the benefit of better understanding of the Harford County report, and also because of relative ease of access to the markers in the adjoining counties, the assessment was expanded to include the markers in Baltimore and Cecil Counties.

The author acknowledges with pleasure the assistance of Mr. Marshall T. Smith of Aberdeen, Maryland without whose expertise in the field he could not have achieved the success this task has enjoyed.

The purpose of this report is to record the status and condition (as defined following) of the stone monuments and their foundations at each of twelve locations where mile markers were placed by Mason and Dixon, or which are locations to which stones have been moved, relocated, or newly established by subsequent resurvey.

Excellent basic guidance for this task has been obtained from a thorough study of Mason and Dixon's Survey Journal, from reference to the reports of previous inspections, from the Report of the Resurvey of 1900-1903, and from excellent Geological Survey maps of Baltimore County.

Stone monuments were placed at mile intervals by Mason and Dixon. A Crownstone was placed every five miles and was distinguished by having the coats of arms of the Penns and Calverts on the respective North and South sides; whereas the mile markers inbetween had only the letters P on the Pennsylvania side and M on the Maryland side.

This task has been coordinated with the Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) and has the approval of that office. A copy of this report is furnished to that office. The MGS does accomplish a periodic inspection, much more elaborate than this one. The last was done in 1979-1981 by Mrs. Alice Martin of Phoenix, Maryland. The very rapid influx of people and housing into the area of the Mason and Dixon Line, with the consequent increased potential for damage and abuse, necessitates more frequent inspections than have been done in the past. This report is expected to contribute to the information necessary to establish and implement a program of restoration and preservation of the Boundary Markers.

The form of this report is serial by milestone number, this number representing the distance in miles westward from the northeast corner of Maryland. For each marker a one-page narrative description comes first, followed then by several photographs of the stone monument. Where possible each stone was photographed three times; once from the northeast, once from the southwest, and one overall photograph usually showing access to the site. The first two photographs are intended to show detail, especially corners and edges. The Mason and Dixon milestone numbers appear in the photograph with each stone. On each narrative sheet that number appears in the top right corner, and with it in parentheses is a number which corresponds to the numbering system established in the 1900-1903 Resurvey. That number is included here for the convenience of those who are accustomed to that system, and to help eliminate some of the confusion relative to the monument numbers.

Where possible a comparison is made of the present status and condition of the stone and foundation to that reported previously by 1) the 1900-1903 Resurvey, 2) the inspection by W.H. Bayliff of 1950, revised 1959, and 3) the inspection of 1979-1981 by Mrs. Alice Martin. An objective of this report is to reveal, or highlight, changes which have occurred to the stones over time and to cite lost or missing milestones.

The criteria used in assessing the status and condition of the milestones are defined in the following section.

For the benefit of the curious who would like to see a Mason-Dixon Marker in Baltimore County there is enough information included here which, when combined with a good Baltimore County map, should lead one to any of the twelve sites in the county. #47(50) on Orwig Road is the only monument in Baltimore County which is at the edge of a public road and, hence, easily seen. All others are on private property. There are two Crownstones in Baltimore County: #45(48) and #50(53), both on private property.

Two words of caution: 1) Do not disturb any monument or anything about a monument. Leave it as you find it. Also, it's against the law - with heavy fines - to disturb or damage a monument. Call the Maryland Geological Survey, (301) 554-5500, if you observe something which you feel needs the attention of State officials. 2) Obtain permission before crossing any private property. There are no easements or public rights of way to many of the monuments. Although monument #49(52) is located at the edge of a road it is unexposed since the top of the stone is 6 inches underground.

The history of the conflict leading to the Mason and Dixon survey, and details of the survey, are well documented elsewhere and are not treated in this report. For the convenience of the reader a reading list is included.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING THE STATUS AND CONDITION
OF MASON AND DIXON BOUNDARY MONUMENTS.

STATUS:

Protected* Endangered* Missing Unexposed Not Found

Protected: The site and situation combine to assure some degree of protection from damage and loss.

Endangered: The site and situation contribute significantly to the vulnerability to loss and damage.

Missing: Part or all of the monument and foundation are not on the site.

Unexposed: Monument is covered by earth or water; site may not be known.

Not found: Monument, or site, not located specifically on this inspection.

CONDITION:

Excellent Good** Fair** Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

Excellent: Monument is set solid, foundation is firm, stone is weathering well, only slight abuse, coat of arms or letters are very clear, all edges are well defined and sharp.

Good: Set solid, foundation firm, some decorative grooves remain visible, some abuse - not major, coat of arms or letters clear, edges and corners defined but rounded.

Fair: Set solid, foundation firm, weather eroded, serious abuse, coat of arms or letters just readable, edges not clearly defined, badly chipped.

Deteriorated: Stone in place but leaning or out of alignment, foundation endangered, badly eroded, badly chipped from machinery or abuse, edges and corners may be well rounded, chipped, or missing, coat of arms or letters obliterated by wear or abuse.

Ruins: The monument is loose, foundation is destroyed, stone is out of plumb or alignment, stone is out of the ground. A narrative description must be included with this rating in order to delineate the actual condition of the stone relative to the foundation. The stone could be in good condition but the foundation destroyed.

Unexposed: Relates to the condition as well as the status of the stone.

* The underlined word is the choice. A dashed underline indicates that there is existing potential for the status to change in that direction.

** The dashed underline here indicates that there is evidence that the assessment of the condition leans in this direction in one or more criteria.

A summary of the status and condition of the milestone markers on the Mason and Dixon Line in Baltimore County, Maryland.

MILESTONE NUMBER	<u>STATUS</u>					<u>CONDITION</u>						
	PROTECTED	ENDANGERED	MISSING	UNEXPOSED	NOT FOUND	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	DETERIORATED	RUINS	UNEXPOSED	
42(45)	X						X					
43(46)		X						X				
44(47)	X					X						
45(48)	X	(X)						X				
46(49)		(X)	X						X	(X)		
47(50)		X						X				
48(51)	X	(X)					X		(X)			
49(52)	X			-X-			X				-X-	
50(53)	X					X						
51(54)	X						X					
52(55)	X						X					
53(65)	X					X						
Totals	9	2	1	1		3	5	3	1		1	

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M&D Milestone NO.* 42(45)

Counties (MD/PA) Baltimore/ York

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OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 12 APR 88

Approximately 900 feet East of Liberty Road at the edge of a woods on the South side of an open meadow.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

This stone measures 11½" square and is about 15" out of the ground. It's on a well drained, gentle slope, a few feet into a woods on the south side of a large open field. A fairly secluded location.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey: Original monument in place.
1959 report by W.H.Bayliff: Original monument on firm foundation; in generally good condition, chipped on eastern side.
1980 report by Alice Martin: Original monument in place, protected and in good condition.

Current status and condition: This monument is protected by the seclusion in which it is located. The stone is in good condition, lichen covered on the north side and top, with some fluting showing on the "M" side. The stone is firmly set in a sound foundation. Letters are in good condition.

NOTES:

NW corner and E top edge have heavy chips off.
W and S top edges have small chips.
NW vert. edge chipped.
Other three vert. edges are good.

PHOTO Nos.: 42(45) A,B,C,D.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.
USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Norrisville quadrangle.

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M&D Milestone NO.* 43(46)

Counties (MD/PA) Baltimore/York

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OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 12 APR 88

From Gorsuch Mills, NW 1-1/6 miles on Harris Mill Road, then northward on Mitchell Road/Ridge Road about 1025 feet, then right on a lane about 600 feet to a fence and gate. Go left from there about 105 feet. The stone is easily seen at the edge of a mowed field next to a ditch.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

The stone measures 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square and is 8-10 inches out of the ground. Contains C&GS survey marker, 1933, #43. Stone is exposed and fairly well worn.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original monument lost and position undetermined. Monument brought from Washington County placed on boundary in new location.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Monument partially buried. In generally poor condition due to exposure to farm machinery; chipped on all four corners.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Replacement original is endangered and in only fair condition. USC&GS marker NO.2 heaved out of ground.

Current status and condition:

Stone is well rounded and the letters are difficult to read. "P" measures 5" hi by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. "M" measures 5" hi by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. All top edges are well rounded. C&GS tablet is firmly set. Stone is firmly set and the foundation appears to be solid. The stone is now clear of the ground and easily seen. It does not appear to worse than when seen by Bayliff.

NOTES:

SE vertical edge chipped.
SW vertical edge chipped.
NW vertical edge chipped.
NE vertical edge rounded.

The site enjoys some protection from being somewhat secluded and in an area now used as an orchard.

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 12 APR 88

From Gorsuch Mills, west on Harris Mill Road about 1½ miles, then right and northward on Mason Dixon Drive about 0.4 mile (no sweet traipse). The stone is about 820 feet to the west, in the edge of a woods on the south side of a cultivated field.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

The stone measures 11" E to W and 12" N to S and is 9" to 13" out of the ground. The stone is in a well drained and secluded location, but there seems to be visitors who have left markers about. A good looking marker.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey: Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff: Original monument in excellent condition being in a secluded spot; solid foundation.

1980 report by Alice Martin: Original monument in place, protected and excellent condition.

Current status and condition: The remoteness of the location and being on private property afford a good degree of protection. The stone is in excellent condition with only soft rounding of corners and edges and only slight evidence of chipping. Letters are good and easily legible. We found the site marked by several stakes and by rags in the nearby trees, origins unknown.

NOTES:

All vertical edges and top edges are good except for slight chips on the horizontal edges. Stone is firmly set in solid foundation.

PHOTO Nos.: 44(47) A,B,C,D.

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OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 12 APR 88

From Interstate 83, east on Harris Mill Road about 0.25 mile from the last sharp turn, then north about 820 feet. Best access is through property of H. Buttner, with permission. Stone is in a woods, houses visible about 200 yards north, not checked.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

A crownstone, 12" by 12" and 15" out of the ground. Coats of arms only fair. Badly chipped on top edges. Stone firmly set and foundation solid, but exposed at the surface. Non-farm housing in close proximity.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original crownstone found lying on steep hillside. Placed in new, better location nearby.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original crownstone chipped on all sides: coats of arms very legible; firm foundation.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Original monument in place, protected and in fair condition.

Current status and condition: Very large chips on the NE and SE corners deface the stone and intrude to the coats of arms. Top edge is poor except for the SW corner, which is intact. Coats of arms are only readable and show signs of heavy wear. Although the foundation is visible at the surface, it appears to be in good condition and solid. The stone is potentially endangered by encroaching housing.

NOTES:

SE vertical edge is missing from top to bottom, badly chipped, intruding to the Coat of arms.

SW edge is sharp and clearly defined top to bottom.

NE vertical edge chipped top to bottom with large piece of corner missing.

NW vertical edge has corner missing and edge chipped.

PHOTO Nos.: 45(48) A,B,C,D,E,F.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 18 FEB 88

In an open field 200 feet west of I-83 and 300 feet east of Rt. 45. Top of stone, including USC&GS marker, is missing.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

Three to four inches of the stone remain visible above ground with the corners and edges rounded. The top 12" to 14" of the stone is missing. There had been a USC&GS survey marker in the top of this stone.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey: Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff: Original monument in good condition; solid foundation.

1980 report by Alice Martin: Original (1766). Only stub above ground and base below ground remain; top and USC&GS mark missing about 12 years; endangered by farm machinery (as are Ref. marks No. 2 and 3).

Current status and condition: The stub of the stone sticking out of the ground appears to be in the same condition as observed by Alice Martin as reported above. The field continues to be cultivated and the potential for additional damage from machinery is still there. The foundation appears to be solid and the stone well set. The top of the foundation is just visible at ground level.

NOTES:

It's interesting that fluting is visible on the sides that remain. No effort was made to locate the reference stones mentioned by A. Martin.

PHOTO Nos.: 46(49) A,B,C.

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 18 FEB 88

This stone is located at the edge of Orwig Road on the North side. In close proximity to housing and traffic.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

This stone is 12" square and about 12" out of the ground. It is well set in a solid foundation. "M" is readable, "P" is in good condition. Grass is trimmed around the stone and one iron stake signals its location. Rounded and worn.
STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original monument, being exposed to machinery, is chipped on south side. Firm foundation.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Original (1766). endangered and in fair condition. Endangered by proximity to edge of narrow country road, with increasing traffic and road maintenance machinery.

Current status and condition:

This stone is located within a foot of the roadway paving and appears vulnerable to many sources of damage. The top edges are well rounded and there is a large chip missing from the SW corner. North edge is chipped. The stone is endangered from several sources.

NOTES:

Vertical edges show some chipping. This stone is a potential hazard to motorists and needs better marking.

PHOTO Nos.: 47(50) A,B.

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 18 FEB 88

This stone is located in a field next to a tree, 85 feet west of Keeny Road.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: The stone is 15" out of ground on the SE corner and about 9" out on the NW corner. "P" is worn severely but "M" is good. The stone appears to be heaved slightly to the south and east.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey: Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff: Original monument in good condition; foundation eroded on southern side.

1980 report by Alice Martin: Original monument in place, protected and good condition.

Current status and condition: The secluded location affords protection but the stone appears to be endangered by its proximity to a large tree. The general condition of the stone is good, but at the time of observation there was some indication that the foundation was deteriorating since the stone has a slight lean southward.

NOTES: Top edges are well rounded with large chips at NW and SE corners. Vertical edges show slight chipping. Fluting is evident on East and South faces.

PHOTO Nos.: 48(51) A,B,C.

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 31 MAR 88

On the south side of Smith Mill Road where the road turns westward at the Mason-Dixon Line.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: The stone measures $11\frac{1}{2}$ " square and is 12" out of the foundation and $6\frac{1}{2}$ " below the surface of the ground. The letters are very good, a quarter of the top is missing on SW corner. All corners and edges are slightly chipped but fluting is visible on the top and sides. "M" damaged by missing chip on S side.
STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original stone in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original monument was covered by 4 inches of soil. In good condition except where chipped on south side and letter "M" partially missing.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Not found during 1979-81 inspection but believed in place, still unexposed.

Current status and condition:

At present the stone is well protected because it is $6\frac{1}{2}$ " underground. Except for the large chip which is missing the stone has been well preserved. The stone is firmly set and the foundation is solid.

To relocate this stone: Measure 52'6" from the utility pole, 34" from the fence, 23'6" from the centerline of the present road, and 145'6" eastward from the N-S fenceline which is about 150 feet west of the utility pole. I left the site as I found it with only a small stick to mark the site for the benefit of the landowner.

NOTES:

PHOTO Nos.: 49(52) A,B,C,D, thru J.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.
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Plate XXI, Resurvey of Mason-Dixon Line, 1900-1903 Report.

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 18 FEB 88

South of New Freedom, PA, on Ruhl Road, 120 feet East on the lawn of Douglas Ward.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: This is a replica Crownstone, now located about 700 feet East of the original location which was in a gully from which the original stone washed out. The stone measures 10½" by 12" and is 12" out of ground. Contains a USC&GS triangulation marker. Three reference markers are nearby. All excellent.
STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Marble crownstone supplied by Md. Historical Soc. in exchange for original crownstone which had been washed out of ground. Since original site was poor, new stone was located nearby.

1959 report by W.H. Bayliff:

Marble replacement crownstone in perfect condition. Replacement crownstone protected and excellent condition. Present replacement stone is Cockeysville marble.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Current status and condition: This stone is well protected, being in the side yard of a private residence. The present condition is excellent. However, The coats of arms show evidence of wear in the details and high spots.

The original crownstone is located at the Maryland Historical Society and can be seen there in a 1st floor display area. It is in excellent condition.

NOTES:

All vertical and horizontal edges are sharp. Decorative fluting is good. Pyramidal top is excellent. USC&GS triangulation marker is well set. The stone is well set and the foundation is solid.

PHOTO Nos.: 50(53) A thru H.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.

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Plates XXI and XXII, Resurvey of Mason-Dixon Line, 1900-1903 Report.

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M&D Milestone NO.* 51(54)

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MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 16 MAR 88

From Stiltz, on Middletown Road, at the MDL, proceed East for 5/10 mile on Rt. 851. Where the road turns NE stop and turn right onto a farm lane. Proceed east for another 3/10 mile to Fisher farmhouse. The stone is 4 feet off the N side of the lane across
DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: from the first barn.

The stone is at the edge of a cultivated field. It is 13" out of ground and shows signs of wear on top and corners. Letters are excellent. One bad chip on SW corner.
STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original monument in good condition; only slightly chipped.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Original monument in place, protected and good condition.

Current status and condition:

The remoteness of the site from a public road, and being on private property near a farmhouse, affords protection to the stone. Its proximity to a cultivated field and a lane indicates some possibility for damage from machinery. Stone is firmly set in a solid foundation.

NOTES:

Horizontal edges all rounded.

SW corner has a large chip missing.

Other vertical edges show small chips missing.

PHOTO Nos.: 51(54) A,B,C.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.

USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Lineboro quadrangle.

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M&D Milestone NO.* 52(55)

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A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS AND CONDITION
OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

18 FEB 88

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 16 MAR 88

From Stiltz, on Middletown Road, at the MDL, proceed 3/10 mile west on a farm lane to Fischer residence. Stone is on the lawn and can be seen with permission of owner. Stone is about 20 feet west of corner of three stall garage.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS:

Stone is about 15 inches out of ground and adjacent to a large bush. M-side and E side cannot be seen. Letters are in good condition. NW and SE corners are chipped.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original monument in good condition.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Original monument in place, protected, good condition.

Current status and condition:

The remoteness of the site from a public road and the proximity of the stone to the residence of a concerned person provide ample protection. Except for chips on the NW and SE corners the horizontal edges are good. Vertical edges show only slight chips. The stone is firmly set and the foundation sound.

NOTES:

Vertical edges show only slight chipping, except on NW and SE corners.
Horizontal edges only slightly rounded.
Except for the large chips missing on the corners, the stone is in excellent condition.

PHOTO Nos.: 52(55) A,B,C.

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M&D Milestone NO.* 53(56)

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A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS AND CONDITION
OF THE MONUMENTS ON THE MASON AND DIXON LINE.

MONUMENT LOCATION:

DATE OF OBSERVATION: 16 MAR 88

Off Shaffer Mill Road about 150 feet to the west, along a fence running from the road. Miller farm property.

DESCRIPTION/MEASUREMENTS: The "M"-side and the E-side of the stone are blocked by the fence. The stone is 14" out of ground on the west (down) side. The "P" is clear and easily readable.

STATUS: PROTECTED ENDANGERED MISSING UNEXPOSED NOT FOUND

COMPARATIVE CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED

1900-1903 Resurvey:

Original monument in place.

1959 report by W.H.Bayliff:

Original monument in protected spot and in excellent condition.

1980 report by Alice Martin:

Original monument in place and in a protected location, excellent condition.

Current status and condition:

The remoteness of the site and its being on a farm of a concerned landowner, in a non-cultivated area, gives the stone excellent protection. The stone is in very good to excellent condition. It is firmly set and the foundation appears sound.

NOTES:

The top horizontal edges are only slightly rounded. The vertical edges show only the slightest chipping.

Obtain permission from Mr. Miller to cross the pasture. The horses like to play "scare the visitor". Also, the "watchdog" is a mean Chinese goose which came from Harford County. Its meanness may be hereditary or from environment. In either case, it hates visitors.

PHOTO Nos.: 53(56) A thru D.

MAPS: MGS topographic map of Baltimore County, 1985.

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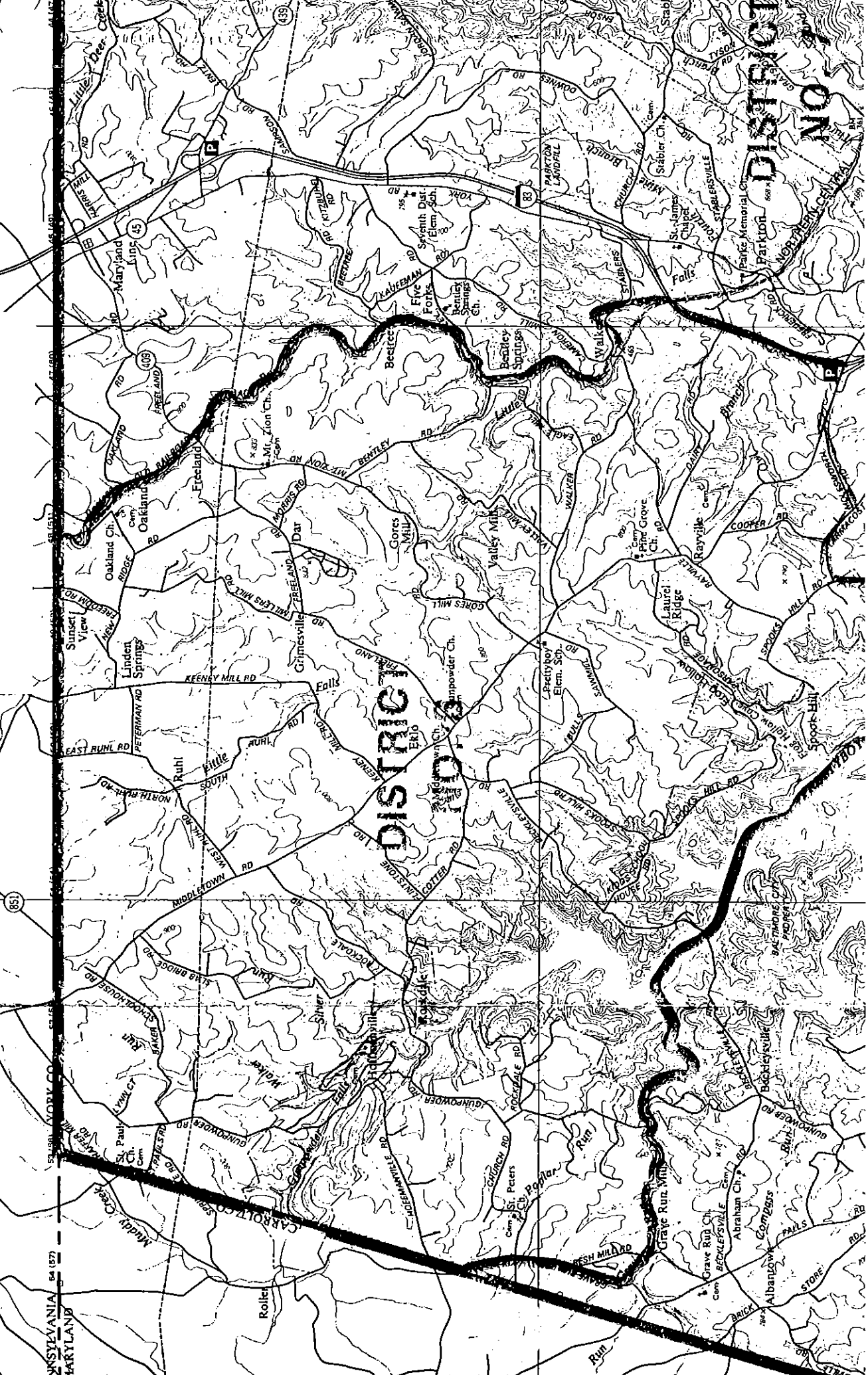
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