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Developer: New library could anchor downtown revitalization

By Jeff Brown
Staff writer

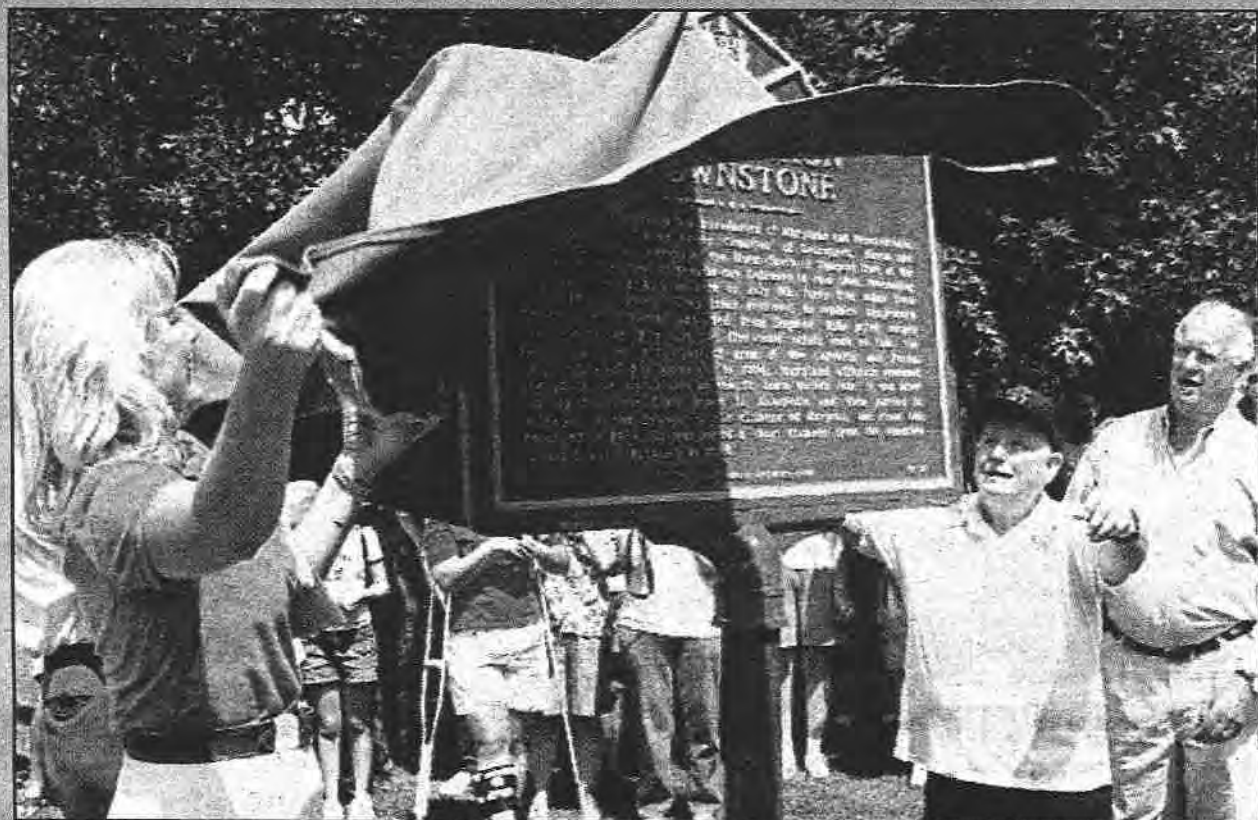
Plans to build a new public library on Lockerman Street could ultimately lead to a complete renaissance of the downtown area. That's the vision a trio of Dover developers held out Monday night as they unveiled a preliminary proposal for the library, as well as a parking garage and hotel that could eventually rise along Dover's main street.

Mike Zimmerman, owner of BBC Properties Inc., and partners Sal Leone and Connie Malmberg said their plans also include a new bank building on the current site of Dover's four-decade-old public library.

"Any study will show that you need an anchor when you're talking about revitalizing a downtown," Malmberg said. "An anchor brings in foot traffic to activities that are already there and those that are coming in."

The three outlined their plans before a group of about 60 Dover residents, which also included Mayor Steve Speed, eight of Dover's nine city council members and members of the city library commission.

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NEW MARKER: Delaware State Rep. Pam Thornburg, R-Dover West, assists in the unveiling of a new historic marker commemorating the setting of the Mason-Dixon crownstone. She was assisted by Marydel resident Al Lane, chair of Marydel's Mason-Dixon Crownstone Committee, right, as James Hutchison, president of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, looks on. Sitting 10 feet west of the Delaware/Maryland line, the new sign is, according to Russ McCabe, director of Outreach Services for the Delaware Public Archives, the only Delaware historic marker not actually in the First State. See more photos of Marydel's celebration on page 28a. Photo by Jeff Brown.

Celebrating Maryland's Mason-Dixon crownstone



A BLESSING: Bob "Little Eagle" Smith, left, and Bruce "Little Drummer" Morris perform a traditional American Indian blessing during a ceremony held Saturday in Maryland recreating the setting of a crownstone by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon in 1764. Photos by Jeff Brown.



A FAITHFUL RE-ENACTMENT: Playing survey team members Charles Mason, Jeremiah Dixon and Moses McLean, re-enactors Tom Heather, Kerry Davis and Allen Barr erect a wooden replica of the original crownstone about 100 feet west of the site of the original. The coat of arms of the Calvert family, which owned what is now Maryland, were engraved on the western side of the original stone and its replica, with the arms of William Penn carved into the eastern side, which faced what were then the Three Lower Counties of Pennsylvania. The three counties eventually became the state of Delaware.





ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES: Sudlersville, Md., residents Robert and Debra Smith, left, made the trip to Marydel to enjoy the crownstone setting re-enactment and to watch their son in the parade. Dee East and Ginger George, right, of Camden also came out to enjoy the sunny weather and festivities. Both new residents of Delaware, they read about the festivities in the *Dover Post*. "We wanted to find out more about Delaware history," George said.

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FRIENDLY CHAT AMONG NEIGHBORS: Mary Leslie, left, chats with RoseMarie McCalister, during Saturday afternoon's parade in Marydel honoring the anniversary of the Mason-Dixon crownstone. Mrs. Leslie, 84, has lived in the same house in Marydel since she was 20 years old.

Marydel invites all to celebrate crownstone's birthday

By Joanna Wilson
Lifestyles editor

When Dover native Karen Sanders bought her home in Marydel 17 years ago, she didn't realize she was inheriting the town's crown jewel with it. However, she soon discovered she has a Mason-Dixon crownstone in her yard, which straddles the Delaware-Maryland line.

"Actually I had no idea. But now I welcome it. I treat it like it's my own and I protect it," Sanders said proudly, recalling how, upon moving in, she was promptly invited to a meeting of the Marydel Mason-Dixon Crownstone Committee, who told her its story.

Originally created to settle a boundary dispute in 1763, the Mason-Dixon Line was declared in 1820 to be the boundary between the slave-holding southern states and the free northern states — the line that would divide a nation in the coming Civil War.

Today, many of its mile-

If you go...

What: The Marydel Mason-Dixon Crownstone Celebration

When: Begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31

Where: Take Route 8/Halltown Road west past Pearsons Corner and continue about four miles to Marydel, marker is located at the Delaware-Maryland line, on the right between East Street and Firehouse Lane

Admission: Free and open to the public

Information: Call Al Lane at 492-3394 or Karen Sanders at 492-8683, or visit <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/niteowl99>

stones and crownstones, have been lost, buried or worn away, but not Marydel's, which was placed July 30, 1764.

This Saturday, the town of about 400 to 500 will celebrate its beloved crownstone's 240th birthday with a gala community festival.

A parade at 10 a.m. will kick off the festivities, featuring Rep. Pam Thornburg, R-Dover West, and Attorney General Jane Brady as grand marshals. Entries as of last week include the Marydel, Hartly and Goldsboro fire companies, three church

floats, the Delmarva United Marching Band, the Maryland Rough Riders, the First State Young Marines, the Snippy Doodles clowns, the Marydel-Hartly All-Stars Little League teams, a bell choir, the Lone Wolf Outlaw Cruisers PT Cruiser club, the Marydel Lions Club, Boy Scout Troop 248 and Girl Scout Troop 1091.

Following the parade will be a reenactment of Mason and Dixon setting the crownstone by two costumed reenactors traveling by horse and wagon and



THE MARYDEL MASON-DIXON CROWNSTONE COMMITTEE includes Carmella and Al Lane, who owned the crownstone property from 1957 to 1964, and present property owner Karen Sanders, with her long-haired Chihuahua Kissy. This year, Sanders planted a bed of red, white and blue flowers around the limestone marker, along with four new baby boxwoods donated by a local garden center. "I just do it for the sheer enjoyment of it," Sanders said. She also repainted the site's battered 1970s historical marker, which will be replaced this week with a new double-sided marker of sturdy cast metal in blue and gold. For the celebration this weekend, "We're hoping it's going to be a nice hot dry day," Mrs. Lane said. Photo by Joanna Wilson.

using period tools and a replica stone. Next will be the dedication of a new state historic marker by

the Delaware Public Archives, replacing a worn-out 1970s marker. The Crownstone

Committee also is fundraising for a new flag-

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Crown stone

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pole to be put up next to a tree grown from Maryland's celebrated Wye Oak, planted in 1976. The boxwoods planted that year, which had grown so big they hid the crownstone, have been moved and replaced by smaller ones donated by a local garden center. Surrounding them are red, white and blue flowers Sanders planted as part of the park-like setting in her yard.

The Marydel Post Office will offer a special postal cancellation from 10 a.m. to noon. A souvenir glass paperweight featuring the

Delaware and Maryland seals and the dates 1764-2004, also will be for sale.

After the dedication, the firehouse will host a variety of free activities, including fire truck rides, face painting, barrel train rides and a candy search. Refreshments will be offered for sale by the Lions Club and Marydel Ladies Auxiliary, and a raffle will be held for the book, *A Complete Guide to Delaware Historic Markers*.

Festivities will be held rain or shine, with some events moved inside the firehouse in case of inclement weather.

***Mason-Dixon
Crownstone Celebration***

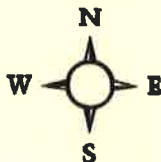


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A MESSAGE FROM THE MARYDEL MASON-DIXON CROWNSTONE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

In early March 2004, we had a discussion about the town of Marydel during a meeting of the Marydel Adult Center. The topic of history came up in the discussion. In general, we wanted to preserve the history regarding the Mason-Dixon Line and the Crownstone. The Crownstone is now 240 years old and it has been 50 years since the stone had been reset at this site.

Why not beautify the spot and have a new sign? The new sign could be placed so all of the people passing through our town would be able to see our famous Crownstone. We set out to get the whole community involved. The Mason-Dixon Crownstone Celebration Committee was formed and began meeting to make this event possible.

Today's celebration will include a re-enactment of the actual placing of the stone, a parade, the booklet you are now holding, souvenirs, refreshments and a fun day for all.

Thanks to all who helped in any way!!

Al Lane, Chairman

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Throughout history, necessity has been considered the Mother of Invention. Dispute can be considered the Mother of Historical Markers. The Mason-Dixon Line is no exception. In 1632, Maryland boundaries in the land granted to George Calvert overlapped land listed in the Pennsylvania land grants to William Penn in 1682 and 1683. The two families debated their land boundaries for eighty (80) years. Sometimes it got bloody.

In 1750, the Calvert and Penn families took their dispute to the British courts. The court's chief justice declared that a boundary between Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland should be 15 miles south of Philadelphia.

It took ten (10) years before the two families would agree on this compromise. In July 1763, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were contracted to lay the line between Maryland and the lower three (3) counties of Pennsylvania. Charles Mason was an astronomer who worked for the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. Jeremiah Dixon was a surveyor from Durham County, England. The two created a line that would eventually bear their names and become the second most famous line in the world; second only to the Equator.

Using optical tools created by John Bird, the team placed limestone markers with a 'P' on one side and an 'M' on the other at every mile. Every five (5) miles, the team placed Crownstones. The Crownstones had the Calvert coat of arms on one side. The other side had the coat of arms for the Penn family. The stones came from England aboard the sailing ship Betsy Lloyd serving as ballast. Each marker was between 3.5 and 5 feet in length and weighed up to 600 pounds each.

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Charles Mason was a trained observer and recorded his observations and private thoughts in a journal. The journal was later discovered in 1860 in a pile of paper in the cellar of a government house. Charles Mason returned to England in 1768. The exact date of his return to Philadelphia is unknown. He passed away in February 1787.

To his home in Country Durham, Jeremiah Dixon retired "a gentleman" and continued to do work as a land surveyor. Dixon passed away in 1779.

A boundary that began as a tax division line became a slavery / non-slavery line as part of the Missouri Compromise of 1820 to create a boundary between the slave states of the south and the free states of the north.

To this day, the Mason-Dixon Line is famous and second only to the Equator. It is also the longest survey line.

Marydel's Crownstone was originally placed on July 30, 1764. In the time since its placement, Marydel's Crownstone has seen quite a bit. In 1904, it traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, for the 1904 World's Fair/Expo. After the fair, it was sent to Annapolis, Maryland. After being displayed in Annapolis, it spent the next fifty (50) years in Baltimore.

In 1954, after a long process under the guidance of U.L. Harman and the Marydel Lions Club, Marydel's Crownstone finally returned home.

In 1964, a celebration was held with the involvement of the Marydel Civic Club. The stone was properly reset in Marydel with a new concrete pad, chains, flowers, and a flag pole.

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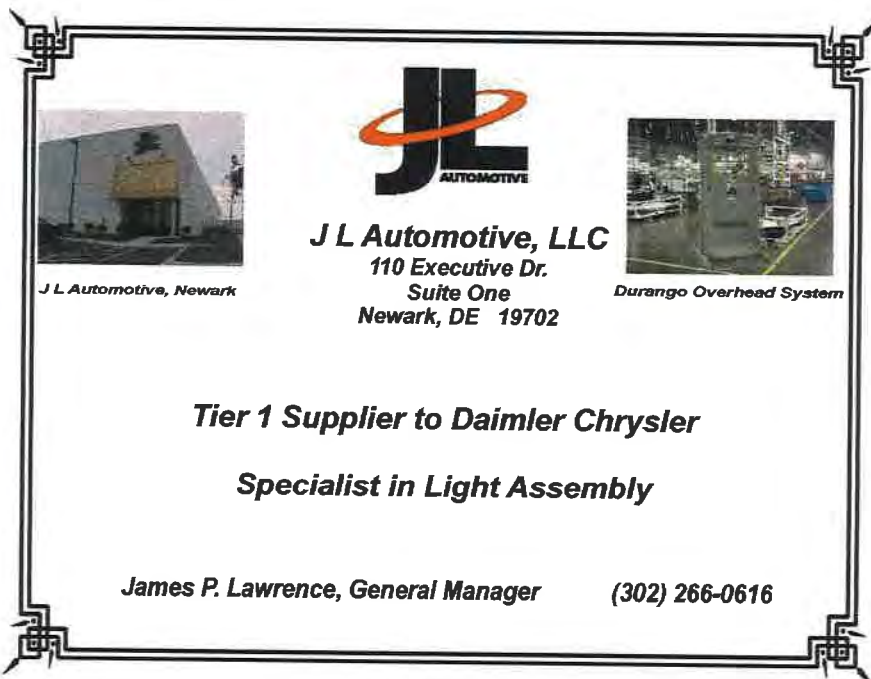
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On this day, July 31, 2004, we are celebrating the 240th anniversary of the original setting of Marydel's Mason-Dixon Crownstone. A special thanks to all who played a part in the return and resetting of Marydel's Crownstone. A special thank you goes out to all that have cared and maintained the Crownstone over the years.

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Marydel Mason-Dixon Crownstone Committee



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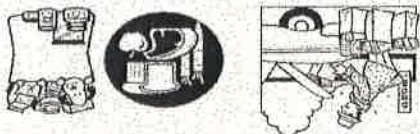
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10:00 am

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Re-Enactment

Follows parade

Does curiosity have you on the edge of your seat? Check out how Mason & Dixon's crew set the huge limestone markers using nothing but crude instruments and tools. Our re-enactment team will demonstrate the placement of a replica of the Crownstone. You can see them on the small field located on Firehouse Lane just west of the Crownstone.

Dedication

Follows Re-Enactment

Please join us with the dedication of a fresh new historical sign for Marydel's Crownstone. A replacement was much needed as so many other new signs have been placed along the survey line. Russ McCabe from the Delaware Division of Public Archives will be leading the dedication of the new sign. Join us and be a part of history taking place!

Music

Follows Dedication

After the re-enactment and dedication, please join us at the Fire House for some music.

Postal Cancellation

10am - Noon

Representatives from the Marydel Post Office will be on hand to issue a special commemorative cancellation created just for our celebration. They will be located near the Crownstone. Bring your own envelope or some will be available for your convenience. A sample of the cancellation can be seen on the next page.

Activities

Located in the firehouse's parking lot, we have activities for the young and young at heart. Activities scheduled are:

- Fire truck rides will be available for those wanting to try out their childhood dream of being a fireman.
- Barrel Train Rides.
- Candy Search.
- Clowns with face painting, magic, and balloon-twisting.

Refreshments

Refreshments are available in the firehouse's parking lot.

Souvenirs

Remember this event in the days to come. Stop by our souvenir stand and pick up a memento or two.

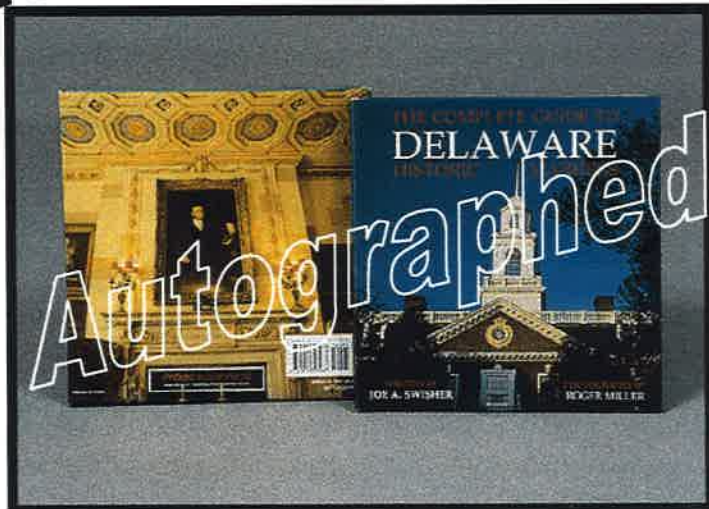
Raffle

We are raffling off a book about Delaware Historic Markers donated by Pam Thornburg. Chances are \$1.00 each. See the next page for details.

Rain?

In case of rain, selected activities will be moved into the Marydel Fire House.

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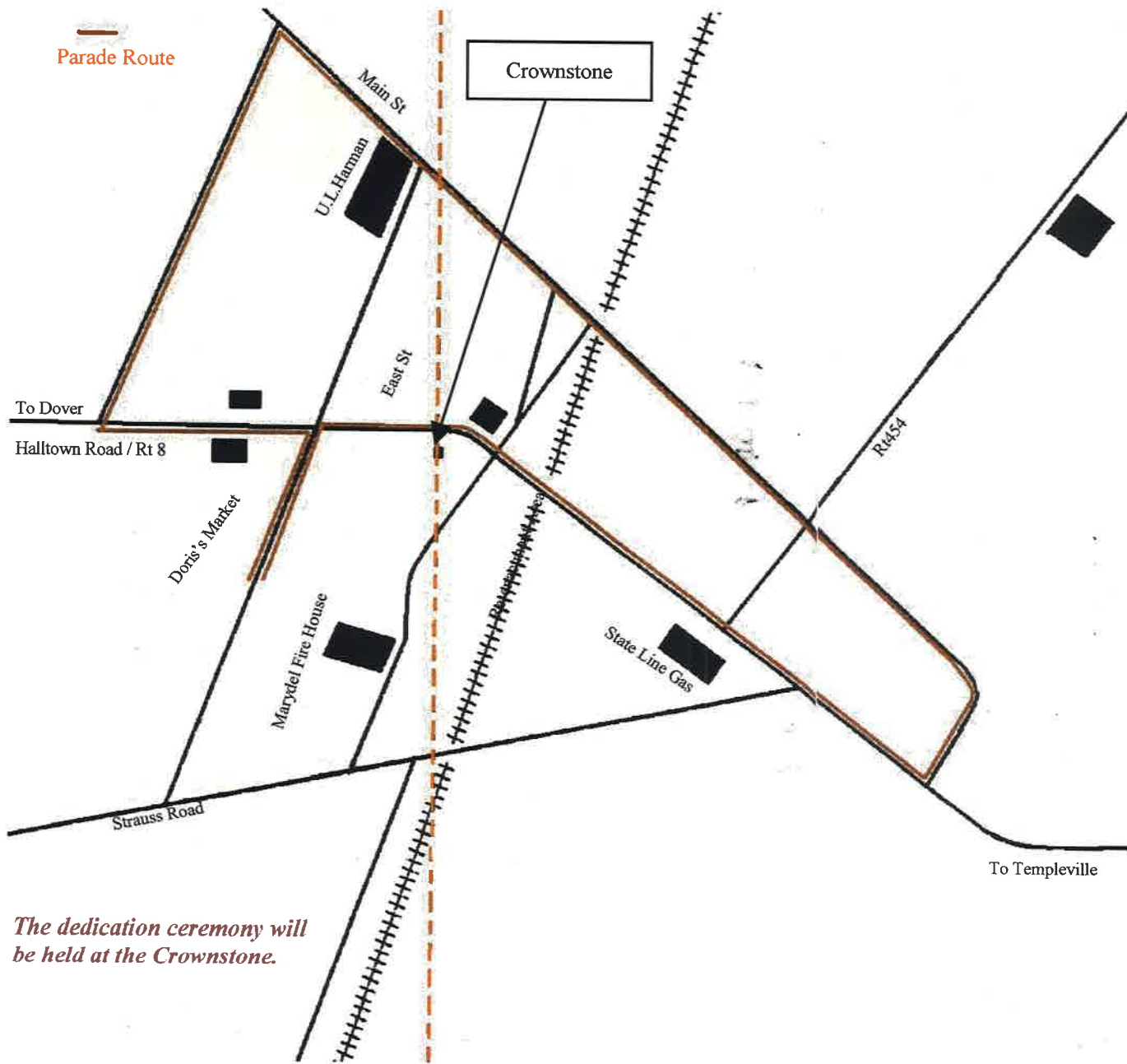
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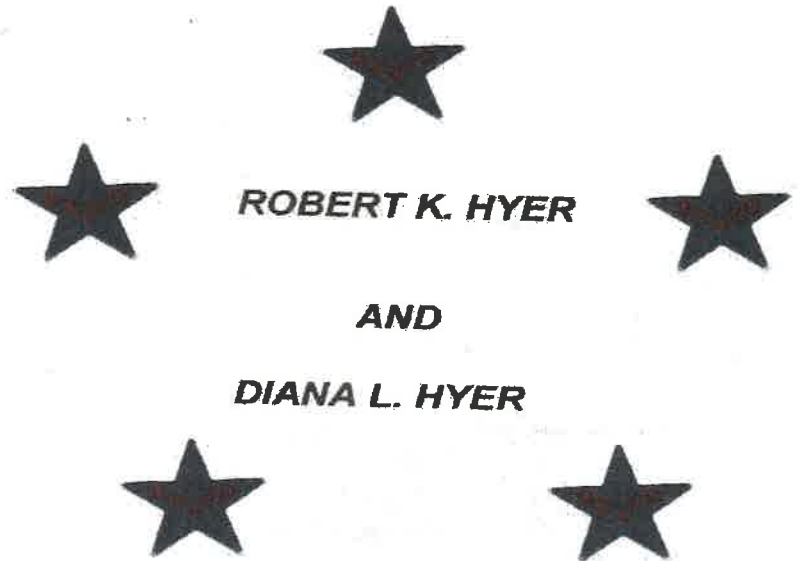
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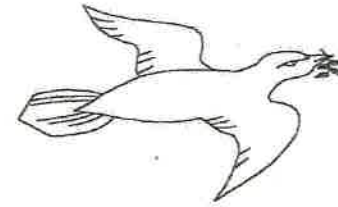
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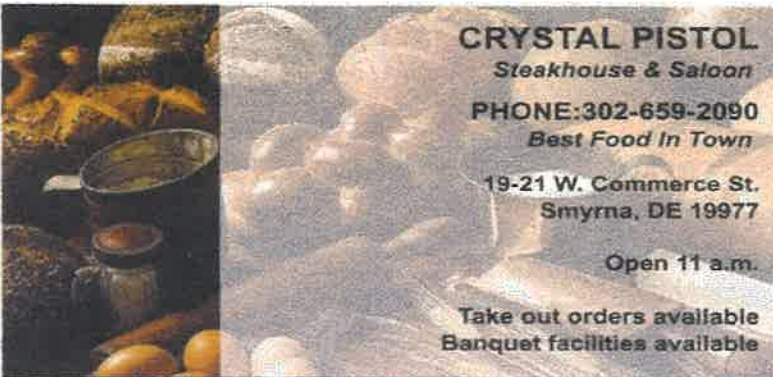
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The current members of the Marydel Lions Club wish to express their appreciation and recognize the wisdom and perservance of Mr. U.L. Harman and the members of the 1945 Marydel Lions Club in their efforts to locate rescue and return this original Marydel Crownstone. They lived up to Lionism's goals of serving their community.

Marydel Lions Club will have a special commemorative Lions pin available for this re-inactment ceremony.

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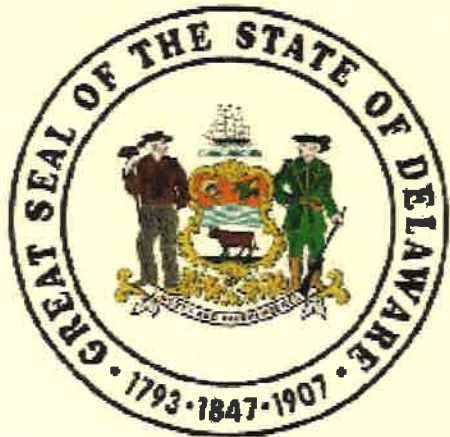
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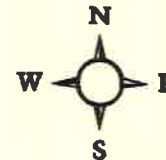


Mason-Dixon Crownstone Celebration



Penn Coat of Arms

*July 31st, 2004
Marydel
Marker #45*



Famous Stone Back in Place

Mason-Dixon Line Marker Replaced in Marydel After 50-Year Absence

The Marydel Mason-Dixon Line crown stone has been returned to a spot near its original location after an absence of 50 years.

Ceremonies marking the stone's restoration were conducted Tuesday at Marydel, on the Maryland-Delaware line about 14 miles west of Dover, by the Maryland Board of Natural Resources. The marker will be permanently relocated after a survey of the two state boundaries is made and the original spot is determined.

All the crown stones, bearing coats of arms of Lord Baltimore on one side and William Penn on the other, have been accounted for. The stones, weighing about 600 pounds each, were placed at every fifth mile in the famous line plotted by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon in pre-Revolutionary years.

Sent to Exposition

The Marydel crown stone was transported to the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, where it became part of an exhibit of Maryland mineral resources. The stone later was sent to the State House in Annapolis. In the 1930s it was removed because of lack of space and became lost.

Three years ago, William T. Mahoney of Hillcrest, a retired DuPont Company purchasing department employe who has made a hobby of Mason-Dixon Line lore, started a search for the missing stone with the cooperation of the Marydel Lions Club. It was finally found in the storage yard of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore by William H. Bayliff, secretary of the Natural Resources Board, and Dr. A. L. Trussell of Baltimore.

R. H. Blain of Easton, Md., who helped dig up the stone and crate it for shipment to St. Louis, attended the ceremonies. Mrs. Blain is a retired surveyor.

Resurvey Planned

Legislation pending in Congress authorizes Maryland and Delaware to resurvey and restore their common boundary at Marydel. Participating agencies are the Maryland Natural Resources Board, the Delaware State Archives Commission, and Delaware State Highway Department.

U. L. Harmon of Marydel, chairman of the Crown Stone Commission, said: "The citizens of Marydel wish to thank all who had a part in locating and returning the crown stone, and declare that never again will they consent to having it removed from the community."

Our Parallel = that of the South point of Philadelphia in the Forks of Brandywine; fell about 16 chains North of what the Surveyor made it (about 28 years since) when they ran the Temporary Line: But it agreed very near to what one Mr. Taylor made it some years before.

Our Point 15 miles South of Philadelphia came out 46 chains North of what it was settled when the Temporary Line was run: But at this time it was agreed between the Proprietors that it should be 15.25 miles and some odd chains South of the Southernmost point of the City of Philadelphia.

The Parallel from Philadelphia (South Point) was run by former Surveyors three times by Compass; by which it appears the point from whence we began to run our 15 miles South is 31 miles _____ chains West from Philadelphia.

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June

- 13 Packing up the Instruments and preparing to set out for the Middle Point (of the Peninsula formed by the Sea and Chesapeake Bay) in order to run the Tangent Line.
- 14 Waggon etc. arrived at Newcastle with Tents, etc.
- 15 Sent our Instruments from the Observatory to Capt. Rice's.
- 16 Engaged our old hands at Brandywine (Except Mr. Baily) to go with us.
- 17 (Sunday)
- 18 The Waggon set out from Newcastle.
- 19 Joined the waggons and arrived at Dover at night.
- 20 At Esquire White's.
- 21 At Mr. Brown's.
- 22 At the River Nanticoke; pitched our Tents on its Banks.
- 23 Engaged ax men, etc. The whole company including Steward, Tent keepers, Cooks, Chain carriers, etc. amounting to 39. Two Waggon, Eight Horses, etc.
- 24 (Sunday)
- 25 Crossed the River Nanticoke in canoes and went to the Middle Point, fixed up the Transit Instrument and began to produce an arch of a Great Circle in the direction last run.
- 26 Produced the Line and set up the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Mile Posts.
- 27 Rain
- 28 Produced the Line and set up the 4th and 5th Mile Posts
- 29 Fixed the 6th Mile Post
- 30 Produced the Line across the River Nanticoke. Measured the breadth of the River by angles taken by a Hadley's Quadrant and a Base Line upon the North Side of the River as by the Figure.

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Entrance of the River from the Middle Point is 6 Miles 70 Chains 25 Links

July

- 1 (Sunday)
- 2 Put down the 7 Mile Post
- 3 Put down the 8th and 9th Mile Posts
- 4 Put down the 10th and 11th Mile Posts
- 5 Put down the 12th, 13th and 14th Mile Posts
- 6 Put down the 15th Mile Post
- 7 Put down the 16th Mile Post
- 8 (Sunday)

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Figure
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July

- 9 Produced the line and set the 17th, 18th and 19th Mile Posts
- 10 Produced the Line and set the 20th Mile Post
- 11 Put down the 21st Mile Post on the South Side of Marshy Hope
- 12 Set the 22nd
- 13 Set the 23 and 24th
- 14 Gave the overseer of the Ax Men a proper direction, and set out for Coll. Loyds in Talbot County, Maryland, about 40 miles distant.
- 15 (Sunday)
- 16 Produced the Line and Set the 25th and 26th Mile Posts
- 17 Ditto 27th and 28th
- 18 Ditto 29 and 30th
- 19 Ditto 31 and 32
- 20 Ditto 33rd
- 21 Ditto 34, 35, and 36th
- 22 (Sunday)
- 23 Ditto 37
- 24 Ditto 38 and 39th
- 25 Ditto 40 and 41st. Crossed the River Choptank
- 26 Ditto 42 and 43rd.
- 27 Produced the Line
- 28 Ditto and fixed the 44th Mile Post
- 29 (Sunday)
- 30 Ditto and fixed the 45th and 46th *was Maryland?*
- 31 Ditto. 47th and 48th

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August

- 1 Ditto. 49th and 50th
- 2 Ditto. 51st
- 3 Ditto. 52. and 53
- 4 Ditto. 54 and 55
- 5 (Sunday)
- 6 Ditto. 56th Mile Post
- 7 Ditto. 57 and 58th
- 8 Ditto. 59th and 60th
- 9 Ditto. 61
- 10 Ditto. 62
- 11 Ditto. 63 and 64th
- 12 (Sunday)
- 13 Ditto. 65 and 66th
- 14 Ditto. 67th
- 15 Produced the Line and fixed the 68th and 69th Mile Posts. The 69th Mile Post Stands on the South Side of Bohemia River near low water mark.
- 16 Produced the Line and put down the 70th Mile Post.
- 17 Ditto. 71
- 18 Ditto. 72 and 73rd. Sent two Expresses viz., one to his Excellency Horatio Sharp, Esquire, Governor of Maryland, and the other to the Honourable James Hamilton, Esquire, at Philadelphia to acquaint them that we expected to be up with the Line in 8 or 10 days.
- 19 (Sunday)
- 20 Set the 74th Mile Post
- 21 Ditto. 75th and 76th. Crossed Broad Creek

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August

- 22 Ditto, 77th
- 23 Ditto, 78 and 79th
- 24 Ditto, 80th
- 25 Ditto, 81st and produced the Line till we judged we were past the Point settled before to be the Tangent Point in the circle round Newcastle of 12 Miles Radius.
- 26 (Sunday) In the Evening sent the Waggon to Philadelphia to be repaired, and to bring four small Tents, etc.
- 27 Opened a Visto and produced the Line run (by the former surveyors) from Newcastle Court House 'till it intercepted the Line we Run.

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The Distance from the Point of Intersection above mentioned, and the Point esteemed to be the Tangent Point in the Circle round Newcastle of 12 Miles Radius is = 22. 51 Chains. *

The Distance from the Point marked Middle to the Said Point of intersection is = 81 Miles 78 Chains 31 Links. (The distance will be 81. 78, 25 when at Right angles; and the Perpendicular to the 12 mile Post, 22. 50 chains.)

The angle made by our Line and the Radius Produced from Newcastle is $89^{\circ} 50'$ - Measured by a Hadley's Quadrant.

* To prove that the Chain Carriers had made no error in the measurement of this 22, 51 Chains; I took a man with me, a few days after, and measured it myself; and made it within a Link of the same.

NB We set out from the Middle Point (as observed in the minutes of the 25th of June) in the direction that the surveyors before run their 3rd Line; what our Line varies from theirs to the Westward may be seen by the following Table.

Mile Post	Chains and Links to the West of theirs		This we measured at every 5 Mile Post at Right angles to our Line as we came up.
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5	0	16. 5	
10	0	58	
15	1	24	
20	2	13	
25	3	14	
30	4	40	
35	5	55	
40	6	46	
45	7	30	
50	8	17	
55	8	98	
60	9	80	
65	10	86	
70	12	14	
75	14	00	
80	16	25	

and at 81 miles 78 chains 31 links it was 17 chains 25 links. This was in the direction of the Radius from Newcastle.

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no proof of this and he was never accused of the other crimes of which she was instigator. Certain it is, however, that he bought and sold slaves. Maryland slave owners, feeling it a disgrace to deal openly for negroes, would secretly bring them to Fountain, who in turn would sell them to southern dealers. The cellar of the Fountain home was used as quarters for the darkies until convenient for the dealers to move them south. This being 'sold south in to Georgia,' as the slaves termed it, was the greatest terror of their lives."

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MARYDEL, DELAWARE
& MARYDEL, MARYLAND: ON MILE 45

Marydel is another of the Line's split-personality towns where telephoning your next door neighbor can be a long-distance call and bosom-buddy play-mates go off on different school buses. Delaware Route 8 suddenly becomes Maryland Route 311, and the two roads are stitched together by slightly askew dotted lines. Back-to-back signs welcome me to Maryland ("PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY") and Delaware ("HOME OF TAX-FREE SHOPPING"). Not surprisingly, nearly all the businesses are in Delaware.

The marker is a crown stone, forty-five miles from the Middle Point, set in concrete and surrounded by flowers and neatly trimmed shrubs and grass. It was placed here by the Mason-Dixon party in 1765, and it remained here until 1904, when Maryland officials who wanted to make a good showing at the St. Louis Fair removed the stone and made it part of the state exhibit. After the fair it was taken to the state capitol at Annapolis, where it was put on display, and then to a branch library in Baltimore, where it ended up in a little-used storage shed. No one noticed the stone was missing until 1954. The Marydel Lions Club led a determined search and found it. The crown stone came back to Marydel in 1964.

Just across the street from the marker in Delaware is Karen's Treasure House, which sells Beanie Babies and other collectibles. Karen Sanders has been here since 1986 and makes it her personal responsibility to care for the stone. "I plant the flowers, clip the shrubs, mow the lawn, and on good weather days I run up the two state flags. Not that many people stop, but the motorcycle clubs have it as one of their locations where you can earn some points, and so they stop here and pose for pictures to prove they've been here."

of maze-like passages that promise ever to lead to the mountain but end ever against a wall."

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By the 1990s, the flow had been reversed. "Atlanta is to black America what Harlem was to black America during the great migrations earlier in the century," said Raymond Winbush, director of the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University. "The willing return of blacks to a region that once had the harshest racial segregation laws in the country reflects dramatic improvements in race relations, at least among the middle-class professional blacks and whites who are moving there."



Three sets of tracks bristle with overhead wires near Newark where the roadbed of the old Pennsylvania Railroad, now Amtrak, crosses the Line. A train flashes by—a red, white, and gray blur—the faces of its passengers pasted to the windows. Just north of the tracks is the Tangent Point—the spot where Mason and Dixon's north-south line from the middle of the Delmarva Peninsula touches the New Castle Circle boundary. I walk along Dixie Line Road, past neat suburban houses surrounded by deep green hyper-fertilized lawns. I find a marker at the side of the road. It's chipped, but the "M" and the "P" are still visible.

There are actually three separate lines between the Middle Point and the intersection with the West Line at 39° 43' 17.4" latitude—the Tangent Line, which runs just under eighty-two miles from the Middle Point to the tangent; the Arc Line, which follows a part of the circular boundary for about 1.4 miles; and, finally, the North Line, which runs about 3.5 miles from the Arc Line to the 39° 43' 17.4" latitude. The Arc Line and the North Line were completed by Mason and Dixon in June, 1766, in less than a week.

The North Line created a pie-shaped, 714-acre piece of land that ran southward in an ever-diminishing width until it ended in a sliver of nothingness at the Arc Line. Here generations of children would amuse themselves by jumping from the state of Maryland, over the state of Pennsylvania, into the state of Delaware. But for residents of the Wedge, the situation would create a state of confusion that would last a century and a half, spilling much ink and a little bit of blood.

Right: The crown stone at Marydel was missing for sixty years before it was discovered and set back in place in 1964. Below: The Line goes through the middle of Karen Sanders' house in Marydel.



Sanders's house is next to her shop, and the Line goes right through the middle of it. She pays property taxes in both states. Rusting railroad tracks are just a few yards away. "When I moved in I noticed that it had a lot of very small bedrooms. Then I was redoing one of the rooms and found some red velvet wallpaper. With a little research I discovered that it started out as a bordello for the railroad workers. It was built around 1800. You can tell because they were using wooden pegs instead of nails."

Unlike other Line towns, the railroad tracks do not separate white from black in Marydel. "As far as I know, there have never been any black people here. We have a lot of Guatemalans, though. They work in the poultry plants. They live in trailers on the Maryland side of town. The landlords charge them by the head because they pack ten or eleven into a single trailer. We've had a few minor incidents, but there are no big problems with the Guatemalans. They're hard workers."

The trailer park is just off Route 311. I try to count them but give up at one hundred. Tejano music pours forth from inside many of them. Men sit outside in drugstore lawn chairs stone-eyed with boredom. Two mothers carrying babies on their hips talk to each other. Older children run and shout in Spanish, laughing and celebrating this precise moment in their lives. I try to talk to a group of men, but they throw up their hands in incomprehension. I leave frustrated, a prisoner of my own language.

It was on the Mason-Dixon Line in Marydel that an illegal, bloodless duel was fought in 1877 between James Gordon Bennett, the owner of the *New York Herald*, and Frederick May, whose sister said she had been insulted by Bennett. The participants chose the Line as a way to avoid interference from the law.

May was somewhat well-known as a New York socialite, but Bennett was a world-famous journalist in the manner of Ted Turner or Rupert Murdoch today. It was Bennett who assigned reporter Henry M. Stanley to search for Dr. David Livingstone, the explorer and missionary who was believed lost in Africa. Upon finding him in 1871, Stanley uttered his famous line, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

The combatants arrived unannounced in Marydel by train accompanied by their seconds. Local residents heard two shots, and when they got to the scene along the railroad tracks all four men were preparing to leave by separate carriages. No one was injured. Bennett felt so humiliated that he lived the rest of his life in Europe and on his yachts, returning to New York only for brief periods.

A few miles east of Marydel is Mt. Zion, where black camp meetings were held throughout the first half of the twentieth century that attracted people from all over the eastern seaboard. A tradition evolved called "White People's Night" when the residents of Marydel were invited to attend the services.

CHESWOLD, DELAWARE: EAST OF MILE 52

Though it's home to fewer than 1,000 souls, Cheswold has two Methodist churches one-half-mile apart on Main Street. At Cheswold United Methodist Church, the congregants are all white, but at Immanuel Union Methodist Church the skin colors range from white to deep brown.

There are fourteen pews at Immanuel, and on this Sunday morning they

THE M-D DOUBLE CROWNSTONE SHELTER
STORY

About forty years ago on a summer Sunday afternoon I was driving, with family members, on this road to visit relatives in Mardela. At this spot my eyes wandered to the cornfield on the right where I saw, in a little cleared space, stone monuments. What were they? My uncle casually answered that they were probably just tombstones. Since I was engaged in tracing family history, those words were electrifying. I stopped to take a closer look. There, in the corn field were the Mason-Dixon Double Crownstone, the Middle Point Stone, and one more of unknown origin. They should certainly be protected from the weather, I told myself.

Their protection was not an original thought. A Maryland senator had been talking about it and had used it as a subject for numerous speeches. All of us know how slowly the wheels of government turn and when two state governments are involved, the pace is even slower. Nothing was done toward the protection of the stones; that is, nothing but talk and an occasional newspaper article. And then the DAR espoused the cause. The Delaware State Society DAR in 1959 adopted as a project the sheltering of these precious stones.

I talked with Mr. Leon deValinger, who at that time was the State Archivist, and a friend of the DAR. He gave the DAR his full support, and arranged meetings of the state agencies of Delaware and of Maryland which were jointly responsible for the boundary markers. After much discussion, plans were made for this little park with a shelter erected over the monuments.

First of all, land must be obtained from the owners because the stones were on private property. That was the easy part. The two owners, Mr. George Wright, owner of the Maryland portion, and Mr. Harvey Ellis, owner of the Delaware portion, were happy to donate the land. They had long realized the

importance of the stones and had left the area immediately around the stones open so that farm machinery would not hit them.

The two Maryland agencies, which were the Board of Natural Resources and the State Roads Commission, and the two Delaware agencies, which were the Public Archives Commission and the State Highway Department, apportioned the work. Maryland would lay out the park, do the landscaping, and then maintain these park grounds. Delaware's part was the erection of the shelter, the brick paving, and iron railing. What did the DAR do? As sometimes has happened, they "raised the roof". Johns-Manville Corporation gave the asbestos roof shingles and the DAR had the roof constructed. In addition, the Society supplied the bronze plaque which told the story.

On November 11, 1961, the Delaware Society DAR formally dedicated this shelter in a ceremony attended by Gov. Elbert N. Carvel, and other distinguished guests. Afterwards, the ladies of the Snethen Church, which is a short distance down the road, served refreshments in their social hall.

Why was there so much interest in these particular stones? The Double Crownstone, placed in 1768, bears on two sides the coat of arms of the Penns and on the other two sides the coat of arms of the Calverts. What is the significance of these monuments which have been so carefully sheltered from weather and later from vandalism?

This is the only Mason-Dixon Double Crownstone, or corner stone, in existence, the one at Delaware's northwest corner having disappeared 150 or more years ago. It all started as a dispute. For years the Penns and the Calverts had argued about the boundary lines of their colonial grants. Finally, a commission was appointed to settle the controversy. Surveyors were engaged to run a line across the peninsula westward from Cape Henlopen to the eastern

shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Due to the imperfect maps of the day, the surveyors started at present day Fenwick Island rather than at present day Cape Henlopen. On June 15, 1751, they reached the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay, thus completing the Transpeninsular Line and marking the true middle point.

According to agreement, these surveyors marked the line at even intervals with white oak posts. By 1760 they were satisfied with their observations, the commissioners accepted their work and they marked the true middle point with a stone cut with the arms of the Penns facing Pennsylvania and the arms of the Calverts facing Maryland.

Two surveyors were engaged to complete the line. In November, 1760, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon arrived from England. First, they verified the Transpeninsular line and ran the north-south boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland. It was not until 1768 that they placed this Double Crownstone at this spot marking Delaware's southwest corner. As you can see, the stone has the arms of Penn on the two sides facing Delaware and the arms of the Calverts on the two sides facing Maryland. The line was marked at every mile with a post and at every five miles with a crown stone.

After more than two centuries of standing in a corn field unharmed, man did what weather had not done. A few years ago vandals tried to break off the Double Crownstone and in so doing, damaged it. It was cut off by its Delaware caretakers, carefully repaired, and replaced and the ~~70~~³⁰" high fence was raised to the roof, with a locked gate. Now, our precious stones are again safe - we hope - in their shrine which was brought about by our own Delaware State Society DAR.

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These two monuments were erected in colonial times to ^{mark} mark a decisive point in the lines ^{run} run to settle the boundary dispute between the Penn and Calvert Families.

The small stone was placed in 1760 to mark the middle point of the Transpeninsular line run in 1751 from "Cape Henlopen" - Actually Fenwick Island on the Atlantic to the Chesapeake Bay, it bears both the Penn and Calvert coats of arms.

The double crownstone installed in 1768 by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon as cornerstone bears the Penn and Calvert Coats of Arms on adjacent

sides. This stone marks the true Middle Point of the Peninsula and the southern end of the North-South line of the Mason-Dixon boundary.



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Corner Stone and Middle Stone
in
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Presiding - - - - - Mr. Harold W. T. Purnell,
President, Sussex County Society of Archaeology and History.

Scripture - Prayer - - - - - The Rev. E. John Dyer,
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Milford.

Flag Raising - - - - - Dennis Fenimore Brown,
Chairman, Correct Use of American Flag, The Delaware State Society,
Children of the American Revolution.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Led by Mrs. W. Harman Money,
State Vice-Regent, The Delaware State Society,
Daughters of the American Revolution.

The National Anthem - - - Led by Mrs. J. Raymond Bennett,
Chairman of American Music, The Delaware State Society,
Daughters of the American Revolution.

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

The Honorable Elbert N. Carvel,
Governor of the State of Delaware.

Senator Mary L. Nock,
Representing The Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Governor of the State
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Chief, Bureau of Highway Information, Maryland.

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President, The Delaware Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Miss H. Elissa Moore,
President, The Delaware State Society, Children of the American
Revolution.

Mr. Houston Wilson,
The Historical Society of Delaware.

Introduction of Other Guests

Address - - - - - Dr. William H. Wroten, Jr.,
Professor of History, State Teachers College.
President, Wicomico County Historical Society.

Dedication and Presentation - Miss M. Catherine Downing,
State Regent, The Delaware State Society,
Daughters of the American Revolution.

Prayer of Dedication - - - Led by Mrs. Willard J. Dufendach,
State Chaplain, The Delaware State Society,
Daughters of the American Revolution.

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for this Country which has given us a goodly heritage. In deep reverence we dedicate this Shelter in honor of all pioneers who established this Country and fought to preserve and uphold the principles of freedom and justice. May all who pause in this place receive inspiration for broader vision and finer service to God and Country. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction - - - - - Rev. E. John Dyer

These monuments are enduring testimony of the peaceful settlement of the long dispute and bitter controversy between the Lords Baltimore and the family of William Penn over the boundary lines between the colonies of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Delaware, then known as the three counties on the Delaware, was a part of Penn's colony.

In 1751 the Transpeninsular Line was run by colonial surveyors from the Atlantic Ocean to the Chesapeake Bay. This line was confirmed in 1760 by the Commissioners appointed by the English courts and the Middle Point marked by a white oak post. When satisfied with the accuracy of their observations these Commissioners set up a cut stone monument two feet and eight inches to the north of the post which marked the middle point. A similar stone was placed at the 30-mile point on the Transpeninsular Line since this point had not been marked in 1751. These two stones resembled the five placed in 1751, all being engraved with the arms of the Penns facing Pennsylvania and with the arms of the Calverts facing Maryland.

On November 15, 1760, two mathematicians or surveyors arrived in Philadelphia to assist in running the lines. These two men, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon verified the line run in 1751 and the true Middle Point. Here they placed in 1768 a Double Crownstone or corner stone which bears on the north and east sides the coat of arms of the Penn family and the coat of arms of the Calvert family on the south and west sides. This is the only Mason-Dixon Double Crownstone in existence since a similar one at the northeast corner of Maryland has been lost for more than a century. This corner stone under this new shelter is the monument which marks the southwest corner of Delaware, and also is the beginning of the north-south boundary line between Maryland and Delaware.

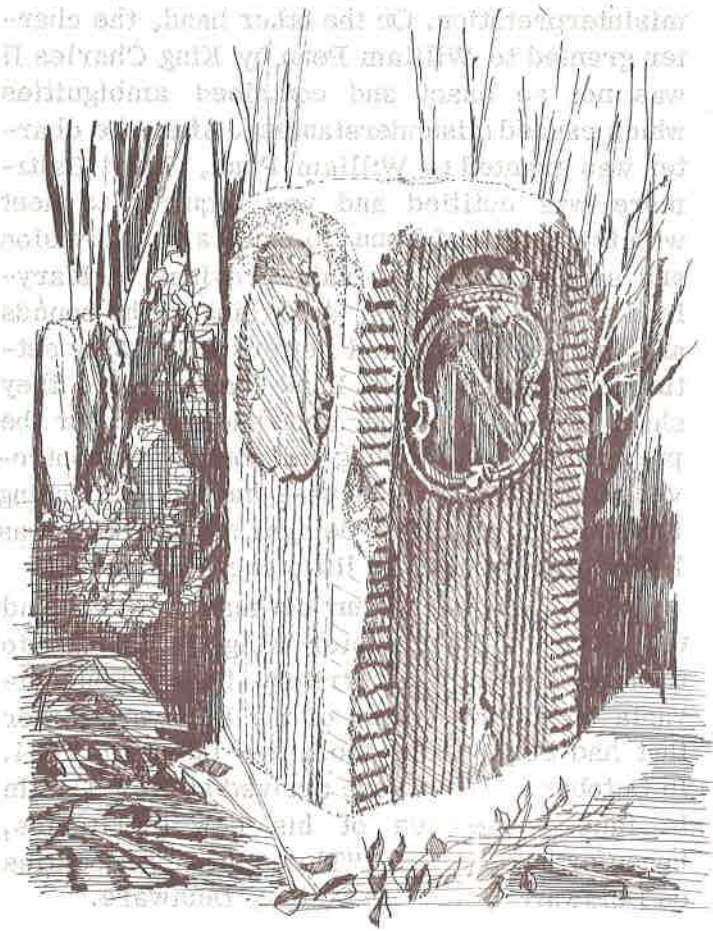
In the years preceding the war between the states the Mason-Dixon Boundary Line between Maryland and Pennsylvania achieved fame as the dividing line between the free states and the slave states. This centennial year marking the opening of that conflict draws attention to this line which is undoubtedly the most famous state boundary line in the United States.

The

Mason-Dixon Boundary

and its

Markers





The Mason-Dixon Boundary Line which achieved fame during the years immediately preceding the Civil War is the one which marks the southern boundary of Pennsylvania. This boundary was popularly accepted as the dividing line between the free states and the slave states. The whole line was run to separate the lands of the Lords Baltimore and those of the Penn family, a matter of dispute for almost a century before.

History of the Boundary Line



Lord Baltimore's charter, granted by King Charles I, clearly defined the limits of his territory, but the imperfect knowledge of the geography of the area and the uncertainty of terms used, caused misinterpretation. On the other hand, the charter granted to William Penn by King Charles II was not so exact and contained ambiguities which caused misunderstanding. After the charter was granted to William Penn, Lord Baltimore was notified and was required to meet with the agents of Penn "to make a true division and separation of the said province of Maryland and Pennsylvania, according to the bounds and degrees of our said Letters Patents by setting and fixing certain Land Marks where they shall appear to border upon such other for the preventing and avoiding all doubts and controversies that may otherwise happen concerning the same . . .". After delays, a conference was held which resulted in little accomplishment.

In 1682 William Penn persuaded his friend the Duke of York, later King James II, to transfer to him the territory below Pennsylvania on the west side of the Delaware River that had been taken from the Dutch in 1664. In October, 1682, Penn arrived at New Castle to take possession of his new territories, henceforth known as "Three Lower Counties on Delaware", now the State of Delaware.

This transfer of title contributed to the controversy, The question was referred to the Board of Trade and Plantations by the King. On November 7, 1685, this committee recommended to the King that, on the basis of Lord Baltimore's patent being for "hitherto uncultivated" lands, the tract be equally divided by a line from the latitude of "Cape Henlopen" to the fortieth degree of north latitude. On November 13, 1685, the King ordered that the division be made. The boundary line finally fixed by Mason and Dixon was largely determined by this decision.

The controversy did not die, being kept alive by the settlers on the borders. Agreements, recriminations, petitions, hearings resulted, followed by a chancery suit. On May 15, 1657, Lord Hardwicke, the High Chancellor, decreed that Commissioners should be appointed within three months to lay out the lines. He further decided the question of the puzzling circle forming originally the southern boundary of Penn's province. The center of the circle was to be the center of the town of New Castle and the circle should have a radius of twelve miles. The commissioners from the two provinces meeting in New Castle on November 14, 1750, decided upon the Courthouse as the center of New Castle and the dome as the specific point.

The surveyors were sent to "Cape Henlopen" (present day Fenwick Island which is 15 miles south of the cape known today as "Henlopen") to determine the middle point of the peninsula. On June 15, 1751, they reached the east side of the Chesapeake Bay, thus completing the Transpeninsular Line, the length of which was sixty-nine miles and two hundred ninety-eight perches.

Part of the agreement of running the Transpeninsular Line was the proper marking of it. The Commissioners had instructed these surveyors to mark each mile with a post and to

set up stones every five miles "so far as twenty-five miles", a distance which was considered to be about half the breadth of the peninsula. The monuments used for marking each five mile interval were cut for the purpose from native stone. They were four and one-half inches by eight inches in cross section with a rounded top. On one side was cut the arms of Lord Baltimore and on the other side the arms of the Penns. Only five of these stones were placed at that time between the ocean and the middle point.

The death of the fifth Lord Baltimore brought about another agreement whereby the new Lord Baltimore hoped to regain part of the territory lost by his father. By this agreement of July 4, 1760, the Commissioners accepted the line run in 1751, fixed the middle point and marked it with a white oak post. When satisfied with the accuracy of their observations, the Commissioners set up a cut stone monument two feet and eight inches to the north of the post which marked the middle point. A similar stone was placed at the thirty mile point on the Transpeninsular Line, since this point had not been marked in 1751. These two stones resembled the five placed in 1751, all being engraved with the arms of the Penns facing Pennsylvania and with the arms of the Calverts facing Maryland.

Mason and Dixon Line



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the Penn family and the coat of arms of the Calvert family on the south and west sides, was placed here. This is the only Mason-Dixon Double Crownstone in existence, since a similar one placed at the northeast corner of Maryland was lost prior to the re-survey of 1849.

From the Middle Point, Mason and Dixon ran the north-south line, which forms the western border of Delaware. As they surveyed, they placed markers at intervals of one mile to mark the line. These stones of limestone were made in England and shipped to the two surveyors in America as needed. These were square posts twelve inches on a side with the top shaped in the form of a low pyramid. The side facing east was marked with the letter "P" and the side facing west was marked with the letter "M". At five mile intervals a crownstone was placed, bearing the arms of the Penns on the east side and the arms of the Calverts on the west side.

Boundary Markers



Of the one hundred and two stone monuments marking the northern, southern, and western boundaries of Delaware, many of them remain in position. All of these markers show the navages of men. In 1952, the most easterly monument on the Transpeninsular Line was re-cut by the State of Delaware to show clearly the two coats of arms. This stands in Fenwick Island adjacent to the lighthouse. In 1961, the Delaware State society Daughters of the American Revolution was instrumental in the erection of a shelter over the double crownstone at the southwest corner of Delaware to protect it from exposure to weather. The two men, Mr. George E. Wright and Mr. Harvey Ellis, who owned the land on which the markers stand gave sufficient land to make a small park. The Public Archives Commission of Delaware (now the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs) toge-

ther with the Maryland Board of Natural Resources and the State Roads Commission of Maryland cooperated in this project. This shelter was formally dedicated at a ceremony held on November 11, 1961. A bronze plaque placed on one of the brick pillars tells the story of these monuments.

An original crownstone is on exhibit in each of the historical societies of the three states, namely, the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and the Historical Society of Delaware in Wilmington. Each of these has been replaced on the boundary line by a marble replica.



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