

What Is Mason And Dixon Line

When you are beginning to read American history, it is not long before you meet references to "the Mason and Dixon Line." Many school-books fail to explain clearly just what is meant by this term except to indicate that it is an arbitrary dividing-line between the North and the South, or between the slave states and the free states of our country.

The Mason and Dixon Line is no longer of much importance, but its establishment in Colonial times settled a dispute between two colonies.

Early in the seventeenth century Charles I gave a tract of land to Lord Baltimore in what is now Maryland. The northern boundary of this land was the fortieth degree of north latitude. Some years later Penn was given a tract on which to locate a colony of Friends (Quakers). The vague way in which the boundaries of his grant were described led Penn to locate the southern boundary at the thirty-ninth degree of latitude, thus taking in nearly seventy miles of territory already claimed by Lord Baltimore. The quarrel over this fertile strip of country had the attention of the High Court of Chancery and the privy councils of three monarchs of England before a peaceable settlement was made.

In 1763 King James ordered two surveyors to go to the colonies to settle the dispute for all time and to mark the boundary between the two provinces in such a way that further misunderstandings would be impossible.

It took Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon four years to complete the difficult and hazardous undertaking; but when they sailed back to England in 1767, they left a monument that has endured to this day.

Mason and Dixon, with a crew of axmen, cut a path 24 feet wide through the wilderness, surveying at night with the stars for guidance. They carried the boundary line that bears their name to a point 224 miles west of the Delaware river.

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ADDITIONAL FRANKLIN SOCIAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson and three children have returned to their home in Philadelphia, Pa., after spending a week here, visiting Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Anderson.

Mrs. R. S. Flanagan and son, of Bowling Green, S. C., are spending several days here visiting Mrs. Flanagan's sister, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neely, of Atlanta, Ga., came up Monday for a visit with Mrs. Neely's sister, Mrs. John B. Willis and Judge Willis, at their home on Harrison avenue.

Miss Allie Caler, who is seriously ill at her home at Aquone, was reported to be unimproved Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Moody Bolick has returned from Arlington, Va., and will spend the summer at her farm at Cullasaja.

Miss Myrtle Bolick has returned from Winston-Salem and will spend the summer with her mother.

Walter Brown and three children, who have been here several weeks with Mrs. C. A. Lowery, who has been critically ill, returned to their home in Pine Bluff, Wyo. Mrs. Lowery is in Angel Hospital and still remains in a serious condition.

Mrs. Perry Grant, of Bryson City, who underwent a mastoid operation at Angel hospital Tuesday morning, was reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Elizabeth Barnard, who has been doing stenographic work in Baltimore, Md., for the past year, is spending her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barnard.

Mrs. H. P. Hartley and daughter, Miss Frances Hartley, of Macon, Ga., are spending several days here with Mrs. Hartley's daughter, Mrs. J. H. Carelock and Mr. Carelock at their home on White Oak street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hazelton, of Oakland, Calif., have been here for a visit with Mrs. Hazelton's brother, Dr. W. A. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers. Mrs. Hazelton will be remembered as the former Miss Belle Rogers Roane, of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tilson and three children, of Canyon City, Colo., arrived here Tuesday for a visit with Mr. Tilson's mother, Mrs. Jake Tilson, at her home on Cullasaja and Mrs. Tilson's mother, Mrs. J. B. Sutton, at her home on Franklin Route 4.

Mrs. Grace Campbell, of Asheville, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wade Moody, at her home on Iotla.

John Tatham came over from Andrews to attend the funeral of W. A. McGaha at West's Mill Friday afternoon.

Mrs. T. M. Rickman is ill at her home at West's Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gauzens with their daughter, Marcia, and sons, Joe and Robert, of Homestead, Fla., have leased the Teague home on the Georgia road, and have arrived to spend the summer. Irving Losner, of Miami, Fla., is also one of their party for the summer.

Mrs. Dan Lyle, of Peck, Idaho, and daughter, Mrs. Floyd Dryden, of Juneau, Alaska, arrived here Wednesday evening for a visit with relatives and friends in Macon county.

Oscar Rickman, of Leatherman, is a patient in Angel hospital suffering from a broken shoulder, caused from being thrown from a mule Tuesday. However, he is reported by hospital attendants to be doing very nicely.

Mrs. Florence Hampton, of Bryson City, is spending several days here, the house guest of Miss Lily Rankin, at her home on River-view street.

Jack Stribling, of Andrews came over to attend the funeral of W. A. McGaha, at West's Mill Friday afternoon.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Higdon announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Beverly, at their home in Franklin, on Wednesday, June 16. Both Mrs. Higdon and young daughter are doing nicely.

A daughter, Mildred Alice, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Childers at their home near the Cozad Roller Mill on Thursday, July 17.

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