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PENNSYLVANIA - MARYLAND - DELAWARE

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ACCESS ROUTE: From Newark, DE, go NW on route 896 about 3 miles to the MD line. Just in MD on the right is Larry Monger's home. Get permission to go on his property. From the Monger house, go N about 800 ft., passing Mr. Monger's shop, then bear E to an old stone post. This 1849 post is now only a mark on the DE - MD boundary and is not a tri-State corner. The tri-point is marked by a USGS survey marker a little north of the old monument. There are also USGS witness markers aimed at the tri-point.

In 1760 commissioners and surveyors were appointed to establish the base line and tangent line between MD and DE. This involved the N boundary of DE which is an arc of a circle having a radius of 12 English statute miles measured from the center of the town of New Castle, DE. After several years of trying to establish these boundaries, the proprietors became discouraged with the delays and sent from England two famous mathematicians, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, who verified the earlier work and ran the line between PA and MD ever since called the Mason and Dixon line. A resurvey 200 years later showed the location of the NE corner of MD to be in error by only 1.9 seconds of latitude. Arc Corner is 0.8 mi E of the tri-point.



Landowner, Larry Monger, with Jack and Joyce Parsell at the USGS marker. The 1849 monument is a little to the south from this point.