

Surveyor Thomas Mason and Jeremiah Dixon started the survey for the famous Mason-Dixon Line that separates Delaware from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. This marker was set in 1750, by John Emory and Thomas Jones, both of Maryland, and John Watson and William Parson, both of Pennsylvania. It was to separate the lower three colonies of Pennsylvania (which later became the state of Delaware) from the state of Maryland. You will notice on the south side (facing you) the crest of Lord Baltimore, while on the opposite side is the crest of William Penn.

Signs Courtesy of
Oliver and Rachel Cropper

Fenwick Lighthouse was built in 1858 to warn ships away from the Fenwick Shoal. It cost \$23,748.96 to build and is 89 feet high. The lens that magnifies the light was imported from France.

First the light burned whale oil - later kerosene. During this period of time, it was tended by two men, who lived with their families in the houses to your right (now owned by Fred and Margie Fryer) and to your left (now owned by Oliver and Rachel Cropper).

At the present time, the light operates automatically by electric and is maintained by the Coast Guard.

Signs Courtesy of Oliver and Rachel Cropper



Name: Fenwick Island Lighthouse Station S-187

Location: Fenwick Island, Delaware

Sussex County

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: first boundary stone of the 1751 Transpeninsular Line at the base of the lighthouse, looking north.

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AUG 13 1979

APR 23 1979



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Sussex County

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: 1882 Keeper's House, Lighthouse, 1858 Keeper's
House, looking northwest.

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Description: Base of cast iron spiral staircase in light-
house.

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Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: Underside of cast iron spiral staircase in
lighthouse.

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Sussex Co.

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Description: Window alcove at staircase Landing in
lighthouse.

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Sussex County
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Date: January, 1979

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Description: 1858 Keeper's House, looking west.

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Sussex County

Location: Fenwick Island, Delaware

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

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Description: 1858 Keeper's House, looking southwest

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Location: Fenwick Island, Delaware *Sussex Co.*

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: 1858 Keeper's House, looking southeast.

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Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

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Description: 1858 Keeper's House detail; pegged mortise and
tenon window surround; note heavy sawn shingles

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Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

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Description: 1882 Keeper's House, lighthouse, 1858 Keeper's
House; looking northeast.

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AUG 13 1979



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Sussex Co.

Location: Fenwick Island, Delaware

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1979

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: 1882 Keeper's House; looking southwest.

Photograph Number: 11 *of* 13

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AUG 13 1979



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Sussex Co.

Location: Fenwick Island, Delaware

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Date: January, 1974

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,

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Description: 1858 Keeper's House, lighthouse, 1882 Keeper's House; looking southeast.

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AUG 13 1979



Name: Fenwick Island Lighthouse Station/S-187

Location: Fenwick Island, Delaware

Photographer: Dean E. Nelson

Sussex Co.

Date: January, 1979

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: 1882 Keeper's House barn; looking southwest.

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