



79-019-64 Crain Highway Monument

Old Crain Highway at Main Street Upper Marlboro (State Highway Administration)

Erected in 1922, the approximately 30-foot-high bottle-shaped sandstone and concrete rusticated stone monument was designed by architect Howard Sill and built to mark the start of construction on the Robert Crain Highway between Baltimore and Southern Maryland. Crain was born in Charles County, Maryland, in 1865. He was a farmer and a partner in the Baltimore and Washington law firm of Omer F. Hershey. Crain was active in the Democratic Party but he never ran for public office. He dreamed of building a road between Baltimore and Southern Maryland, led the fight to secure a state appropriation for the road, and was instrumental in planning of the highway.