

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 62(65)
West Manheim, Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

1766 (reset 1902; broken/repaired
1980)

Milestone No. 62(65) is an original monument of 1766 at its original site, marking Mason and Dixon's 62nd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, measuring about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, cut to stand as a post about 3' above ground, with about 1' or more left rough-cut for securing below ground. It was embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, capped by a low pyramidal top with fluted planes rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features were the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. In 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, it was reset to stand about 1 1/2' above ground. Sometime before 3/23/80, the ^{above-ground portion of the} monument was badly broken through (about in the middle, east to west) and by 10/20/80 had been repaired in place by the company responsible for the damage. It now stands about 9" above a newly formed foundation, which measures about 33" square and mounds up about 4" to cover the horizontal break line. The letters remain quite clear and part of the fluting remains on the east side--otherwise, most of the original embellishments have been smeared over with cement. Despite this disfiguring, No. 62(65) is significant on the federal and state levels as one of a series of 135 original monuments still standing along the West Line, the boundary commonly known later as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 62nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 62 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 65).

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER off east side of Band Hall Hill Road (PA T-300)

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Carroll / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A(see surrounding property ownership list)
COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CARR-298 entered 1/80

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 62(65) marks Mason and Dixon's 62nd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original monument of 1766 and remains in its original site; but was reset in 1902; ^{the top} broken in two pieces by machinery clearing the land sometime before 3/23/80 and then repaired by the company responsible sometime before 10/20/80. Although the repair is tidy, the monument was badly chipped and must be considered deteriorated ^{and} altered, though firmly set, and with the embellishments on the north and south sides still fairly clear.

The area surrounding the site is part of the some 1000-acre reforested Hanover Municipal Water Works watershed, most in Pennsylvania, though part in Maryland (and ^{use for that part} managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Administration). The terrain is rolling and west of ^{at this point} Band Hall Hill Road/becomes rather open farmland again. The site is within Election District 6 of Carroll County, West Manheim Township in York County, PA; is about 1¼ miles southwest of the village of Pleasant Hill, PA; about 200' east of Band Hall Hill Road, in a mowed grassy swath running east-west along the boundary (perhaps serving as a fire stop?). The site/monument can be easily seen from the road all seasons when the swath has been recently mowed, is otherwise unmarked and unprotected.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments: this milestone was an embellished, oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England. It originally measured about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with the base left rough-cut to be set below ground. The ^{capital} letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland were V-sunk into plain shallow circle panels close to the top. In 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, No. 62(65) was reset to stand about 1½' above ground. ^{Before the repair, it stood about 14" high;} since the break and repair in 1980, it now stands about 9" above the newly formed base (which measures almost a yard square, mounded up above the break lines.) Cement was smeared liberally over the east/west/top, as well as into chips on the north and south sides; although the letters remain quite clear and some ^{on the east side and top} fluting/and the basic stone shape remain distinguishable.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902; broken & repaired 1980) **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 62(65) is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and the monument set the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was badly broken and repaired in place in 1980. Despite its present somewhat altered condition, it is also significant locally, as one of 18 original monuments marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones) with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acrequadrangle name: Manchester (Maryland-Pennsylvania); USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic); scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 33221, northing 439834

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE (site surveyed)
3/23/80 & 10/20/80

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2126

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

HANQUETER QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREV. 1971

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

550.3 1 SE
(MC-SHERYSTOWN)

77°00' 329000m E PENNVILLE 3.3 MI 2 220 000 FEET (PA.) 332 57'30"

39°45'
4401000m N
150 000 FEET
(PA.)

ADAMS CO
YORK CO
4400
4399
4398
42'30"
4397



MILE 62(65)

YORK CO
CARROLL CO

MASON AND DIXON

3/23/80 (1980.26)

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H&S DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS.
STAGE NO. 21-28 18-PT 21 STAG
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3/23/80 (1980.13.20)

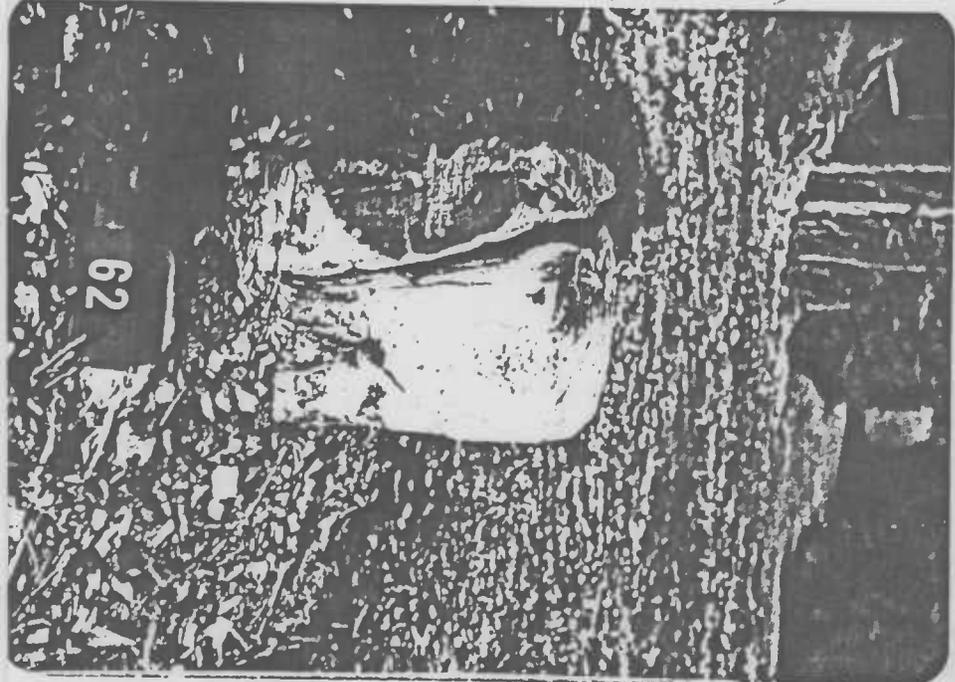


PHOTO: ALICE HARTIN 3/23/80 (1980.13.25)

H&S DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 62
NE CORNER (-/P)

M&S H&S: GAR-298



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 62 (45)
ORIGINAL (1766) AFTER REPAIR
NE CORNER (-/2)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/20/80 (1980.31.15)



MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 62
NE CORNER (-/P) (65)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/23/80 (1980.13.24)



MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE No. 62 (65)
SW CORNER (-/M)

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MASON DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 62(65)
ORIGINAL (1766) AFTER REPAIR

SW CORNER (-/M)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/20/80 (1980.31.13)