

ABSTRACT

CARR-299

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 63(66)

1766 (reset 1902)

Pleasant Hill, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 63(66) is an original monument of 1766 at its original site, marking Mason and Dixon's 63rd 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. There is vertical fluting on all four sides, framed at the vertical edges by horizontally-fluted margins, with fluting extending into the low pyramidal top planes, converging at a centered apex. The distinguishing features are 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. No. 63(66) was reset in 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, to stand about 1 1/2' above ground, and presently measures about 11 1/2" square by about 11" <sup>high</sup> above ground. It is unaltered, firmly set, but only in fair condition because of large disfiguring chips on the south side and top corners, and is greatly endangered by farming practices and machinery. On the federal and state levels, this milestone is significant primarily 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, 63rd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 63 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 66)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west side of Grand Valley Road (PA LR-66080)

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Hill  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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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-299 entered 1/80

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. 63(66) marks Mason and Dixon's 63rd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1766, unaltered, in fair condition, and at its original site, though reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is rural, hilly, mostly small farms and sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 3 of Carroll County, West Manheim Township of York County, PA; about 1 1/2 miles southwest of the village of Pleasant Hill; about 1 1/2 miles southwest of Sheppard-Myers Reservoir; at a point about 400' uphill off the west side of Grand Valley Road (PA RR-66080), in back of the Frock and Alban houses at the west edge of a slender patch of deciduous woods separating backyards from farmed fields. The site cannot be seen from the road, nor easily from closeby except when vegetation is dormant. It appears to <sup>serve as</sup> the cornerpost for three properties, though is otherwise unmarked and endangered by farm machinery.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top; was quarried and carved in England; measured about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, cut to stand about 5' above ground, with about 1' or more left rough-cut for securing below ground. There is vertical fluting on all four sides, framed at the vertical edges by horizontally-fluted margins, with the fluting extending into the top planes, converging at a centered apex. The distinguishing features are 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. No. 63(66) was reset in 1902 to stand about 1 1/2' above ground and presently stands about 11" high. The letter P is intact, and most fluting and margins remain; but there are large chips disfiguring the south side <sup>(top edge, corners)</sup> and letter M). <sup>There are</sup> chips at the other top corners, and the top planes and fluting are gone from weathering.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of 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			
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) **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. 63(66) 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, 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 milestone set the following year, where it remains unaltered to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments marking the present Carroll/York county boundary; (3 crownstones; 15 milestones) No. 63(66) 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.

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

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Manchester (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series, (topographic), scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 18, easting 53058, northing 439835VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY CarrollSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

8/24/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

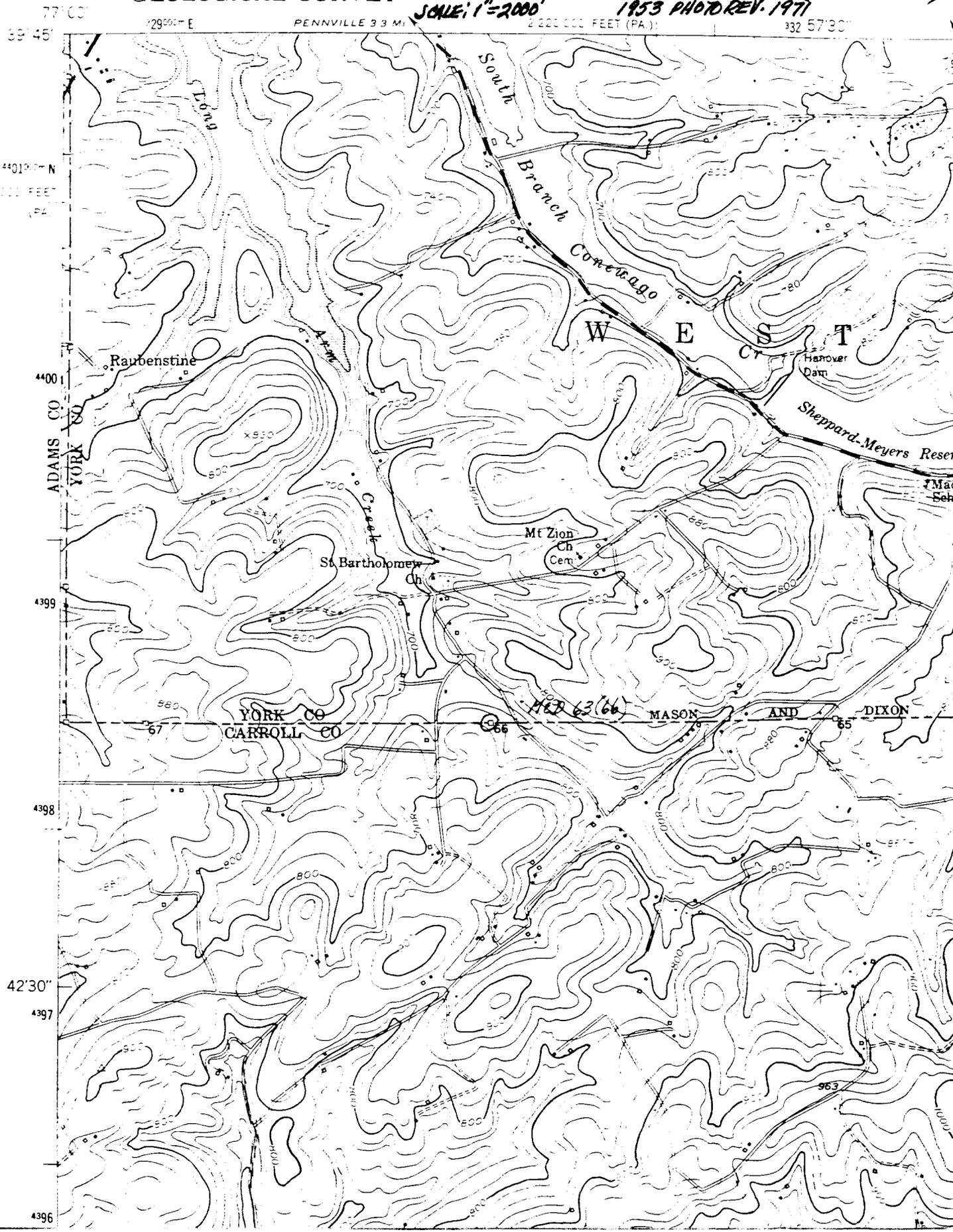
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MASON DIXON WEST LINE MILES 74.1 20 (66)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MANCHESTER QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971

SCALE: 1"=2000'



(M. SHEPHERD-STOWN)

77°00' 29 00" E PENNVILLE 9.3 MI 2 220 000 FEET (PA.) 32 57'30"

39° 45'

4010' N

220 000 FEET (PA.)

ADAMS CO YORK CO

4399

4398

42°30'

4397

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YORK CO CARROLL CO

MASON AND DIXON

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE 63(66)

SE CORNER (M/-)

ORIGINAL (1766)

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MASON & DUNDON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 63 (66)  
NW CORNER (P/-), ORIGINAL (1766)

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