

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 39(41)

1766 (reset 1902)

Norrisville, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 39(41), an original of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 39th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at 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. It is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and originally measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. Reset to stand about 1½' high in 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, it now stands only about 8" high, is in good condition, unaltered and ^{in place firmly} at its original survey point. The capital letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) side and their circle panels are clear and intact, as is most of the fluting; but all edges and corners are chipped, some recently; and the future of this stone is greatly endangered by ^{its anonymity,} neglect and farm machinery. On the federal and state levels, No. 39(41) is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 17 original monuments remaining along the present Harford/York county boundary (3 crownstones, 14 milestones), this milestone 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, 39th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 39 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 41)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off west side of New Park Road/PA A-1786

CITY, TOWN Norrisville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 2 / PA: 19
 STATE Maryland COUNTY MD: Harford / 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS ^{N/A}	<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 _____ STATE, zip code _____
 _____ VICINITY OF _____

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

STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN STATE

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

TITLE Harford County Historic Sites Inventory
 DATE HA-1024 entered (c. 1970?) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 39(41) marks Mason and Dixon's 39th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone, ^{of 1766, in good condition,} unaltered, and at its original site, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, but now standing only about 8" high.

The area here is rural, rolling farmland, sparsely settled. The site is located about 1½ miles southwest of the village of New Park, Pennsylvania; about 1½ miles north-northeast of the village of Morrisville, Maryland; in the middle of an unfenced cornfield, about 200' west of the road (about 300' southwest of a two-story red brick house to the north). It can be seen from the road when crops are dormant or harvested, but completely obscured during the growing seasons.

The milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top; was originally quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12" square cut to stand about 3' above ground. Reset in 1902, presumably to stand about 1½' above ground, it now stands only about 8" high, has been regularly chipped by farming machinery and is greatly endangered without any protection. It still measures about 12" square; the capital letters P on the north (Pennsylvania) side and M on the south (Maryland) sides are clear and intact, as are their circle panels; fluting remains but no margins except for bits along the south edges; all edges ^{and top corners} are chipped, some recently, ^{rising to a centered apex} the top planes remain but with a gash diagonally across from the southwest to northeast corner. If it is to be saved, it must have ^{official} attention soon.

(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			
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. 39(41) 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 commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monument set the following year, where it remains, unaltered to this day, although reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 17 original monuments remaining along the present Harford/York county boundary (3 crownstones, 14 milestones), No. 39(41) is also significant locally as one of the 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 DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Norrisville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 36940, northing 439732

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY (also see form prepared by Jean Ewing(c. 1970?))

NAME/TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey DATE (site surveyed with
2/21/80 Jean Ewing)

STREET & 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
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: *Mason-Dixon Stone for Mile 39*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *In a field about 100' west of New Park Road and about*

CITY OR TOWN: *Norrisville*

STATE: *Md*

COUNTY: *Harford*

300' southwest of a brick house that is south of Carter Church.

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <i>Political Boundary Marker</i>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT*

STREET AND NUMBER: *HARPER'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.*

CITY OR TOWN: *BEL AIR* STATE: *MARYLAND*

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This white stone has settled deeply into the field, is marked and pitted by lichens and banded up by farm machinery. ~~Quillette~~

It was once about 12" x 12" by about 18" high, well tooled. The letters P and M on north and south faces of the stone, about 6" high, are still evident.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of a long series of one-mile markers ~~established~~ ^{established} along the Pennsylvania Maryland line, Penn's grant ~~line~~ and Calvert's line established.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 39 (41)

NORRISVILLE QUADRANGLE MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1957 PHOTO REVISÉD 1974

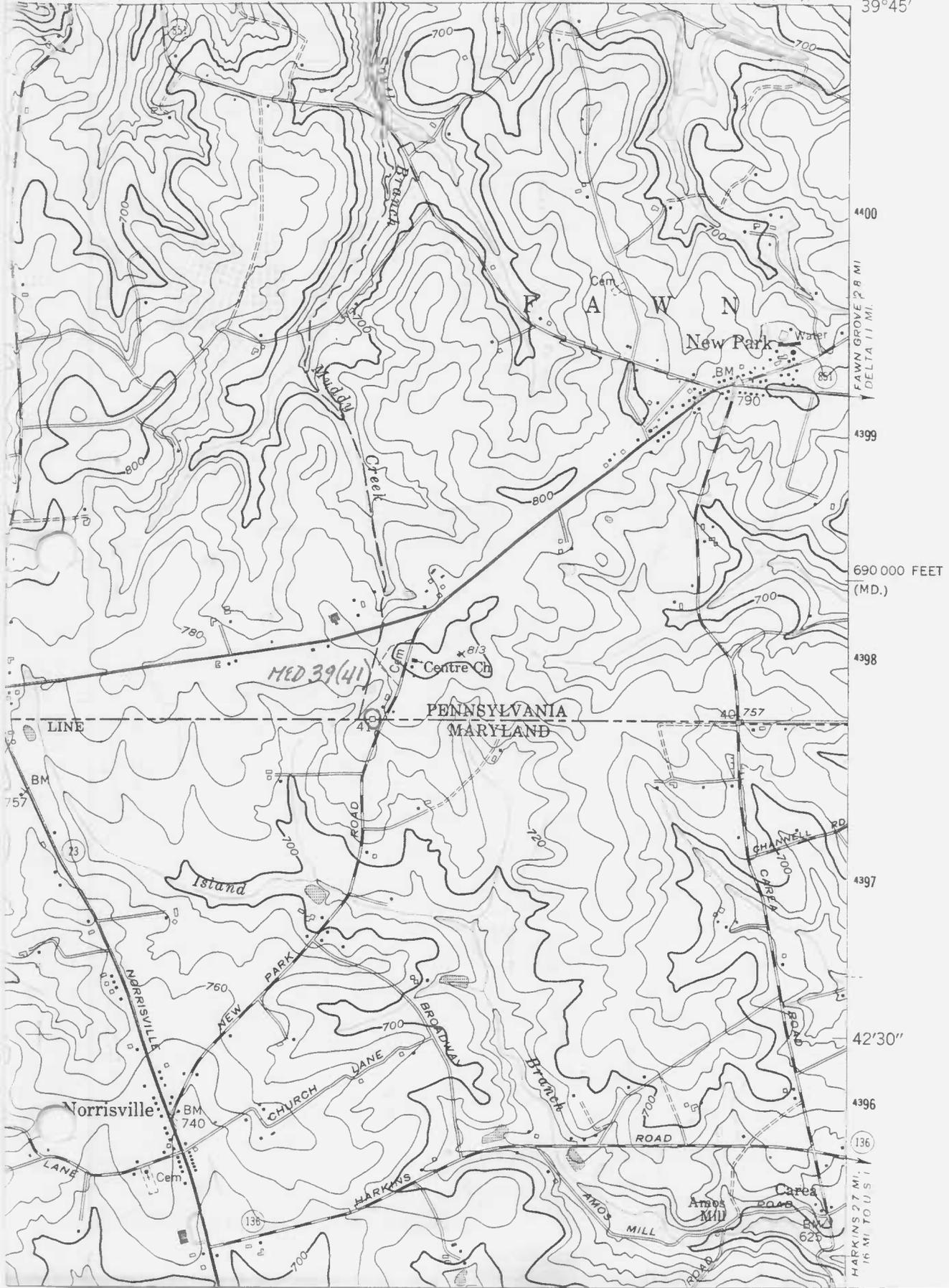
5763 IV SW
(AIRVILLE)



82°30' 08

SHREWSBURY 9.2 MI
STEWARTSTOWN 3.8 MI

370 SCALE: 1" = 2000' 940 000 FEET (MD.) 76°30' 39°45'



4400

FAWN GROVE 2.8 MI
DELTA 1.1 MI

4399

690 000 FEET
(MD.)

4398

MED 39(41)

PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND

LINE

4397

42°30'

4396

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HARKINS 2.7 MI
1.6 MI TO U.S. 1



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Mason & Dixon west line; MILESTONE # 39 (41)

South (M) & East LINES

PHOTO: JEAN Ewing

21 Feb 80 (NES # 32)



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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 39 (41)
NORTH & WEST FACES

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 2/21/86 (1980.9.7A)



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