

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 56(59)  
Lineboro, Maryland/Pennsylvania  
Public/private

1766 (reset 1902 presumably at  
relocated site; missing since  
prior to 1950 field inspection)

Until sometime prior to the 1950 field inspection of the markers along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, Milestone No. 56(59), an original monument of 1766, approximately<sup>(or exactly?)</sup>marked Mason and Dixon's 56th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line and 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 monuments along the West Line, No. 56(59) was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and measured about 12" square by about 4' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. Set to straddle the boundary, the capital letters P faced Pennsylvania on the north and M faced Maryland on the south, both carved into a shallow circle panel. By the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, this milestone was found in the basement of a nearby mill and reset in 1902 on the Line (although it is not known whether the original site was redetermined), where it remained until North Mill Street was reworked. Its demise at that point has not yet been verified, nor has a site been reestablished; so until a resurvey is made and original or new monument set, the significance of the approximate site is minimal<sup>at any governmental level</sup> and the boundary remains inadequately visually marked between Milestone Nos. 55(58) and 57(60).

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Map No.

## 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, 56th Mile Stone

## AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 56 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 59)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER east side of North Mill Street (MONUMENT NOW MISSING FROM SITE)

CITY, TOWN

Lineboro

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland/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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (missing)	<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 &amp; 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 &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

TITLE

Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

JARR-292 entered 1/80

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED or MISSING

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED? DATE 1902  
 reset

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

Milestone No. 56(59) marked Mason and Dixon's 56th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was an original monument, set in 1766, but has been missing from the site where reset in 1902 since sometime before the 1950 field inspection.

The site is located at the north end of the village of Lineboro, MD/PA (Carroll County Election District 6; York County Manheim Township), and was at the <sup>east</sup> edge of North Mill Street until this road was reworked sometime prior to the 1950 field inspection, when it was reported as "Buried under highway fill near Lineboro." (Bayliff, 1959, p. 100). The alignment of the boundary is evident here, due to the configuration of woodlands to the west and property tenant/<sup>descriptions</sup> to the east; but the demise of the monument remains a puzzle and will be traced in Phase II of the present Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker project. There is no <sup>clearly definable</sup> site at present, and no mark left in the pavement or elsewhere nearby. The road <sup>(T-320)</sup> is maintained by Pennsylvania at this point, though all road right-of-ways belong to the individual property owners.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, was an embellished, oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, measuring about 12" square by about 4' long, quarried and carved in England and cut to stand about 3' above ground (with a rough-cut base about 14" square by about 11' for setting into the ground). It's main decorative features were the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side <sup>carved into shallow, plain circle panels</sup> facing Maryland. According to the 1900-03 Resurvey notes (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 87):

Milestone No. 56, M. & D., 1766. This monument is alongside a mill on the western edge of the village of Lineboro. At the time of the survey, the monument was found in the basement of the mill, having been removed from its original position, probably at the time the mill was built. It was placed on the boundary just on the west side of the mill and in view of the Western Maryland RR, which here crosses the boundary.

Presumably <sup>in 1802</sup> the Resurvey reset the stone to stand about 1 1/2' above ground and secured the below-ground portion with a concrete collar, as it did with most of the other original Mason and Dixon monuments; but it is unclear as to whether the original site was determined and monument reset there or at a new site on the Line.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**  
 (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)

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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  
 missing since before 1950 **SURVEYORS**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

If Milestone No. 56(59) were still standing (and/or the original site could be determined), it would be significant on the federal and state levels as one/<sup>addition to</sup> the series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments<sup>of 1766 and 1767</sup>, still marking their 230.228-mile West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. But neither is the case, and until its demise<sup>reliably</sup> is/traced and researched, it cannot be considered significant on any level/<sup>and</sup> the present situation leaves the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary/<sup>visually</sup> inadequately marked between Milestone Nos. 55(58) and 57(60).

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

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acrequadangle name: Lineboro (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,  
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 34193, northing 439814

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**

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ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey DATE 3/23/80 (site surveyed)

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CITY OR TOWN Phoenix STATE Maryland 21131

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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MASON DIXON WESTLINE: MILESTONE 56 (59)

LINEBORO QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTO REV. 1974

76°52'30"  
39°45'

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341000m E

342

50 343

GLENNVILLE

4401000m N  
150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

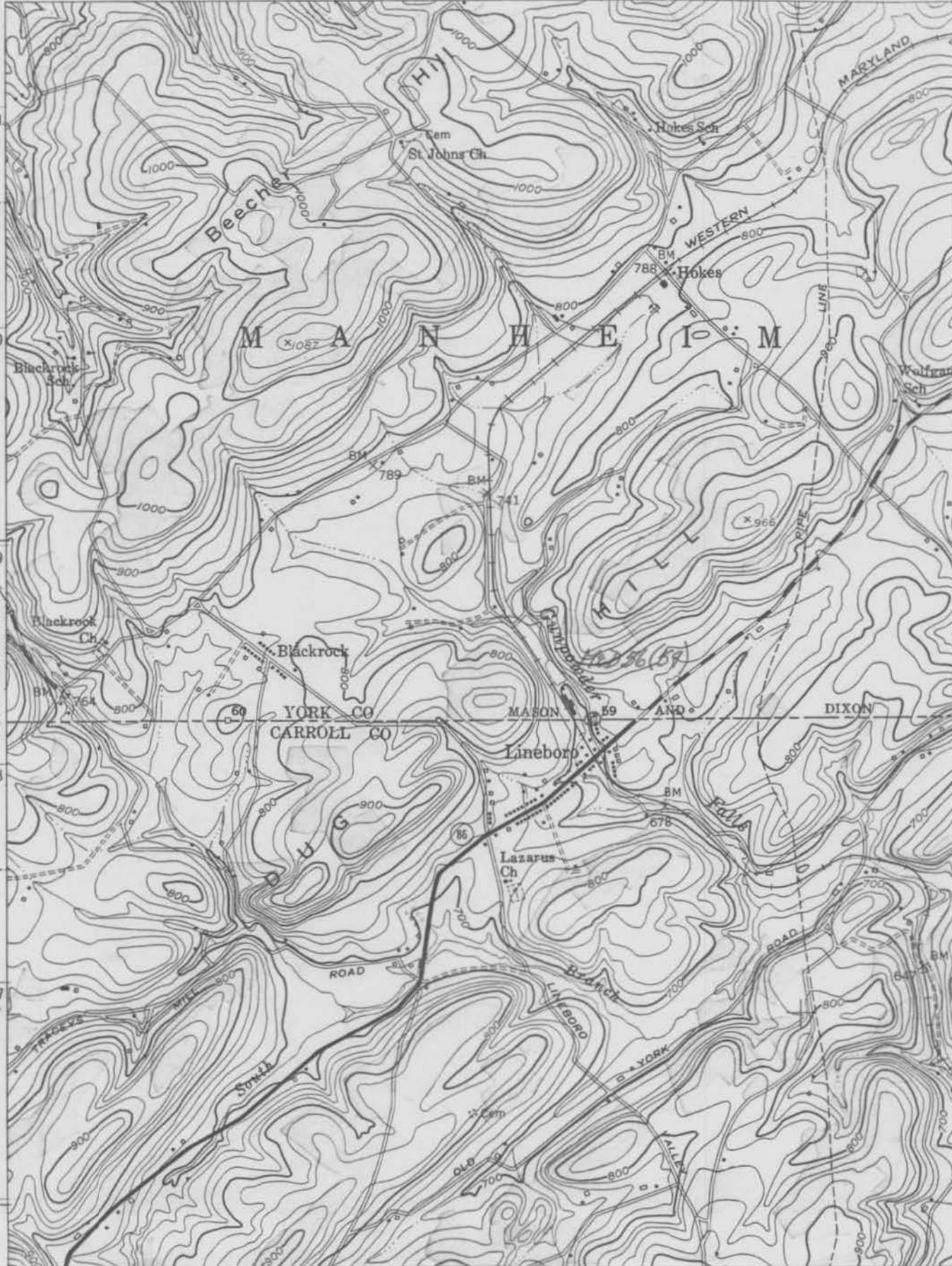
4400

4399

4398

4397

42'30"





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: (APPROX. SITE OF)  
MILESTONE NO. 56 (59).

VIEW EAST ALONG THE LINE

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/23/80 (1980.13.11)





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