

ABSTRACT

CARR-297

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 61(64)

1766 (reset 1902)

West Manheim, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. 61(64), an original monument of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 61st 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 an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, measured about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, and was cut to stand about 3' above ground. Straddling the Line, its distinguishing features were the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and the M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a shallow, plain circle panel.

In 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, <sup>it was reset at its original site,</sup> to stand about 1 1/4' above ground, and now stands about 1' high, is close to 12" square, is in fair condition, unaltered, firmly set, and well protected. On the federal and state levels, No. 61(64) 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/<sup>still</sup> 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, 61st Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON  
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 61 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 64)

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER off south side of Impounding Dam Road (PA LR-66098), Hanover Municipal Water Works watershed  
 CITY, TOWN West Manheim  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 <sup>N/A</sup>	<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 Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory  
 DATE CARR-297 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. 61(64) marks Mason and Dixon's 61st 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, unaltered, in fair condition, and firmly set 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 almost entirely within the hilly Hanover Municipal Water Works watershed lands (most in Pennsylvania, some in Maryland) of over 1000 acres, densely reforested with evergreens in 1933 by the CCC work crews. The site is located within Election District 6 of Carroll County, West Manheim Township of York County, PA; a little over a mile west southwest of the small settlement of West Manheim, PA; nearly a mile southeast of the Sheppard Myers Reservoir (which was constructed in 1932 and supplies Hanover with water); at a point about 2000' south of Impounding Dam Road, about 200' northeast of a cleared service lane, in between two rows of pine trees. It is well protected by its remoteness, cannot be seen from any road, and is protected by its remoteness, for it is covered by a tangle of waist-high poison ivy during the summer and fall.

The milestone, as with all original West Line monuments, was quarried and carved in England, measured 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. It was reset in its original site in 1902 to stand about 1 1/2' above ground; and though it still measures close to 12" square, it is only about 1' high; has large chips in all four top corners, and a particularly large chunk out of the top southwest corner and along the top west edge; but the letters and fluting remain clear.

(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) ~~BUILDING/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. 61(64) 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, a 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 the monument 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. 61(64) 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 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 33384, northing 439853

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 &amp; Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

4/19/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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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  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

CARR-297 MD 61(64)



DATE 4-19-81 ASSIGNMENT CARROLL COUNTY FILE NO. H65  
STATE NO. 21-38  
MASON & DIXON WESTLINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:  
INVERT EMULSION SIDE DOWN

copy of print + neg  
in H65 file



neg in sharp focus

MASON & DIXON WESTLINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS  
NE CORNER (-/D)

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4/19/81 (1981-14-36A)

neg in sharp focus

MASON & DIXON WESTLINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS  
SW CORNER (-/K)

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
5663 IV SW  
(HANOVER)

MANCHESTER QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA  
1865 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTOREV. 1971

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

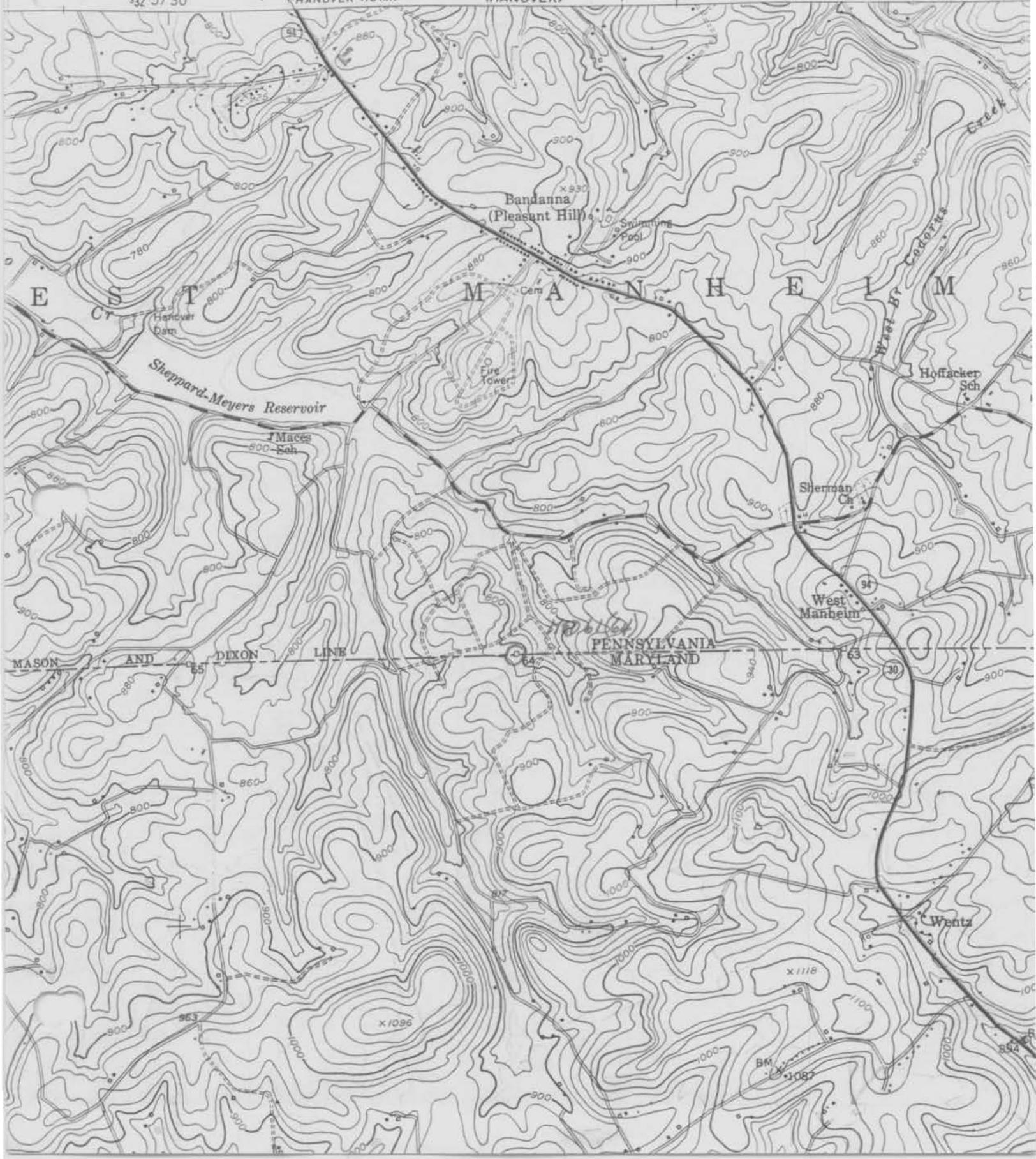
332 57'30"

HANOVER 4.5 MI.

335

55'

336





MASON L DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 61 (64)  
SW CORNER (-/M)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 4/19/81 (1981.14.34)

NOTE: neg is in sharp focus



MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 61 (64)  
NE CORNER (-/1)

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