Massacre at the Workhouse

LANCASTER CITY, 27 DECEMBER 1763

2:00 pm
Paxton Boys ride into Lancaster, south on Queen Street, just as services begin at St. James Episcopal Church.

2:12pm
The mob has gone.

Workhouse

Workhouse Yard

Prince Street

St. James Episcopal Church

Orange Street

Duke Street

Indians are chased into the enclosed yard by the mob. All are slaughtered by musket and tomahawk and knife. The dead include 8 children. The mob leaves, collecting horses on the way, and circles the courthouse in celebration.

Prison

Prison Run (a creek, now below Water Street)

Courthouse

King Street

Swan Hotel

Horses are left at Swan Hotel, mob proceeds west on King St.

Queen Street

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Path Into Town

Path Out Of Town

0 125 250 500 750 Feet

Susquehannock Massacre, December 1763

LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Berks County

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Paxton, Lancaster County
Origin of Ranger Mob
(now Harrisburg, Dauphin Cty.)

Lancaster County

Lancaster Borough
Site of Workhouse Massacre
27 December 1763

Cumberland County

York County

Conestoga Indian Town
Site of Village Massacre
14 December 1763

Chester County

MARYLAND

0 10 20 40 60 Miles

County boundaries drawn to 1763 extents. Contemporary county boundaries shown by white borders.