United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name  __ Maury Street Marker, Jefferson Davis Highway

other names/site number  VDHR File # 127-5833 and 127-6150-0005

2. Location

street & number  Intersection of Maury Street and Jefferson Davis Highway  not for publication
city or town  Richmond  vicinity
state  Virginia  code VA  county  Independent City  code 760  Zip  23228

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  x meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  x statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]  [Date]

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  x meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]  [Date]

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register  See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register  removed from the National Register
other (explain):

[Signature of Keeper]  [Date of Action]
5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- X private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- X object

Number of Resources within Property

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: ___

Name of related multiple property listing: The Commemorative Markers Placed by the UDC along the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia 1913-1947

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation & Culture      Sub: Monument/marker

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation & Culture      Sub: Monument/marker
7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
roof N/A
walls N/A
other Granite

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

_X_ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
__ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
__ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
__ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

__ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
__ B removed from its original location.
__ C a birthplace or a grave.
__ D a cemetery.
__ E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
_X_ F a commemorative property.
__ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
- Transportation
- Social History
Period of Significance: 1913 - 1947

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
- N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder: N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- X Other

Name of repository: United Daughters of the Confederacy, 328 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220-4057

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
1 18 283580 4154350 2 __ ______
____ See continuation sheet.
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Ruth D. Snead (with Department of Historic Resources staff)

Organization: 

date January 2004

street & number: 1318 Devers Road 

telephone 804-285-3690

city or town Richmond 

state VA  zip code 23226

Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property’s location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs
Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Elliott Grays #1877 United Daughters of the Confederacy, c/o Ruth D. Snead

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.
Summary Description:

The Maury Street Marker for the Jefferson Davis Highway is located in South Richmond, just south of the intersection of Maury Street and Jefferson Davis Highway (U.S. 1), on the west side of the highway. The 45-inch inscribed granite marker is one of sixteen erected in Virginia along the Jefferson Davis Highway between 1927 and 1947. The Jefferson Davis Highway was a nation-wide memorial project of the United Daughters of the Confederacy conceived in 1913 and continuing until 1947 when the highway’s terminal marker was placed in Arlington, Virginia.

Detailed Description:

The Maury Street Marker is an inscribed granite slab with smooth flat faces and rough-cut edges. The gray granite marker is 45 inches tall, 25 inches wide and 9 inches thick. The inscription on the marker reads:

JEFFERSON DAVIS
HIGHWAY
ERECTED BY
ELLIOTT GRAYS CHAPTER
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
1935

The granite marker is set in a grassy median on the west side of U.S. Route 1, between the sidewalk and the road within the existing highway right-of-way. The inscription faces east.

Integrity: The Maury Street Marker is one of 16 erected in Virginia. It retains its integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The Maury Street marker is in its original location along U.S. Route 1, the route of most of the old Jefferson Davis Highway through Virginia. Although the surroundings of the marker have changed since 1935 it retains its historic association with the highway and its setting has not been overwhelmed by new construction or signs. The design of the marker has not changed in the years since its erection and there has been no loss of its original fabric or features so that its integrity of materials is also intact. The integrity of workmanship is intact and has not been altered in the years since 1935. The marker’s integrity of feeling is intact; it retains a simple dignity as befits a memorial and the feeling of an earlier age of travel when such markers were more easily seen and appreciated by the passing public. Finally, the marker retains integrity of association, conveying its origins as a historic memorial and clearly identified with the efforts of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to commemorate President Jefferson Davis with a highway.
8. Summary Statement of Significance

The Maury Street Marker for the Jefferson Davis Highway is one of sixteen Virginia markers erected along the Jefferson Davis Highway between 1927 and 1947 as a memorial to Jefferson F. Davis, first and only president of the Confederate States of America. The markers in Virginia were paid for, erected and maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy through local chapters or state or regional divisions. This activity in Virginia was replicated in the other former Confederate states and was a part of a cross-country route mapped as the Jefferson Davis Highway and promoted by the UDC through educational brochures and travel publications. The Jefferson Davis Highway was one of about 250 named highways developed and promoted between 1913 and 1925 during the country’s earliest period of cross-country highway development. The establishment of the Jefferson Davis Highway, the erection of markers honoring the Confederate president, and the publication of maps and educational brochures about the locations through which the cross-country route passed is considered by the UDC to be one of its greatest undertakings.

Criteria Statement:

The Maury Street Marker for the Jefferson Davis Highway is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the Multiple Property Documentation form, The Commemorative Markers Placed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia, 1913-1947. The MPD and the markers nominated under it meet Criterion A in the areas of Transportation and Social History because of their association with the period of “named highways” in U.S. history from 1913 through 1925 and because they represent a significant achievement for a women’s organization. The MPD and the markers included within it have statewide significance in the area of transportation and social history.

Criteria Consideration: The Maury Street Marker meets Criteria Consideration F. The marker is primarily commemorative, yet it possesses symbolic value and its own historical significance as part of this early attempt to mark a cross-country highway as a memorial to the first and only President of the Confederate States of America.
Detailed Background

Mrs. Alexander B. White, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, conceived the idea for the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway in 1913, following the establishment of the Lincoln Highway earlier that year. From 1913 until about 1925, it was common for private organizations to identify a route, give it a name and promote its use and improvement. The Jefferson Davis Highway extends coast to coast from Arlington, Virginia to San Diego, CA, a distance of 3,417 miles. The highway then continues north up the Pacific coast to the Canadian border.

The Virginia section of the highway extends from the Potomac River Bridge at Arlington, through Fredericksburg, Richmond and Petersburg to the North Carolina boundary, a distance of 235 miles, generally following U.S. routes 1/301, then U.S. Route 58 west and U.S. Route 15 south into North Carolina. Virginia's General Assembly designated U.S. Route 1 as the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway in March of 1922.

The Maury Street Marker is associated with the Jefferson Davis Highway's period of significance from 1913 through 1947. The UDC first proposed the idea for a Jefferson Davis Highway in 1913 and placed the highway's eastern terminal marker in Arlington, Virginia, in 1947, after many years of trying to erect a marker in Washington, DC. The Elliott Grays Chapter #1877 of the UDC erected the Maury Street Marker in 1935 with the support of a joint resolution on May 16, 1935, by Richmond's city council.

The Elliott Grays Chapter took its name from Company I of the Sixth Virginia Infantry, the Elliott Grays, a Civil War militia unit organized in Chesterfield County. The chapter continues to maintain the Maury Street Marker.
Major Bibliographical References


Weingroff, Richard F. Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway. Information Liaison Specialist in the Federal Highway Administration Office of the Associate Administrator for Program Development.

Verbal Boundary Description

The Maury Street Marker sits on the west side of U.S. Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway), just south of the intersection of Maury Street and Route 1 in the grassy right-of-way between the highway and the sidewalk in the 400 block of Jefferson Davis Highway.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes only the marker itself.
Produced by the United States Geological Survey

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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1931. Topography by planimetric surveys 1933-34. Revised 1964

Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Virginia coordinate system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) is shown by dashed corner ticks

The values of the shift between NAD 27 and NAD 83 for 7.5-minute intersections are given in USGS Bulletin 1875

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown