

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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Southwest #1 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia  
other names/site number SW1, Jurisdiction Stone  
DHR File 00-22

### 2. Location

street & number 1220 Wilkes Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity  
state Virginia code VA county Alexandria City code 510 zip code 22313

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Boundary Markers of the Original District of Columbia  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Henry C. Miller  
Signature of certifying official  
Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

19 Dec 1990  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official  
State or Federal agency and bureau

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### 5. 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 the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Other: boundary marker

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Other: boundary marker

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

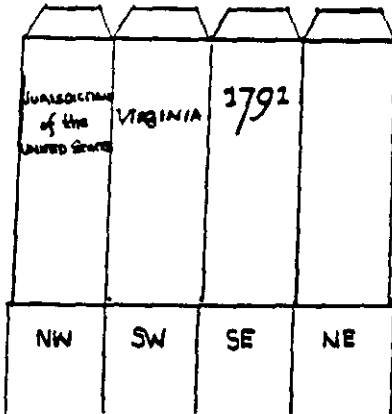
roof N/A

other Stone: sandstone

Metal: iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Visible Parts of Inscription



The historical physical appearance is delineated in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Boundary Markers of the Original District of Columbia in Section F, Item II, Description.

Located near the sidewalk under a large tree on private rental property at 1220 Wilkes Street, specifically at the southwest corner of the intersection of Wilkes and South Payne streets in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, Southwest No. 1

boundary marker of Aquia sandstone is complete with little deterioration. Variation is recorded as "0 degrees (symbol) 30' west."<sup>1</sup> Sometime around 1904 the stone was dug up and carried to the edge of the field, about 225 feet from its proper location. In 1906 it was raised up off the ground to be photographed.<sup>2</sup> The general consensus is that when placed in its new location it was rotated 45 degrees, as the 'Jurisdiction' side does not face the District of Columbia. The stonecutter who carved this marker did not carve the rest of them because the inscription is smaller, shallower and less artistic than the remaining markers.<sup>3</sup> The wrought-iron fence surrounding this marker is in excellent condition but the grounds within the enclosure are unkempt. The bronze plaque reads: ORIGINAL FEDERAL BOUNDARY STONE/DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA/ PLACED 1791-1792/ PROTECTED BY MT. VERNON CHAPTER/ DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION/ 1916. The property is owned by JTG Associates, which is composed of three partners. The partner giving authorization to enter the property was George A. Symanski, Jr., 6417 Fifteenth Street, Alexandria, VA 22307. The stone was surveyed 25 October 1989, by Mrs. Richard H. Kemper and is under the stewardship of the Mount Vernon Chapter, VADAR, of Alexandria, VA.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

<p>Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)</p> <p><u>Community Planning and Development</u></p> <p><u>Politics/Government</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Period of Significance</p> <p><u>1791-1916</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Significant Dates</p> <p><u>1791</u></p> <p><u>1916</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
	<p>Cultural Affiliation</p> <p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>Significant Person</p> <p><u>N/A</u></p>	<p>Architect/Builder</p> <p><u>Unknown</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The significance of the Boundary Markers as a group is stated in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Boundary Markers of the original District of Columbia, Section F, Item III, Significance. The justification of criteria and areas and periods of significance are stated in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Boundary Markers of the original District of Columbia, Section E, Statement of Historic Contexts.

The Southwest # 1 marker is significant because it marked the first mile on the southwest side of the District of Columbia, one mile from the South Cornerstone at Jones Point.

In approximately 1904, it was dug up and carried to the edge of the field, about 225 feet from its proper location; in 1906 it was found lying on the ground.<sup>1</sup> At some point later, it was placed upright and rotated from its correct positioning. The letters are smaller than those of the other stones and are in a different script. The speculation is that a different stone carver carved this stone than carved all the rest of the stones.<sup>2</sup>

This stone is in the best condition of any of the stones on the Virginia side.

Criteria Consideration B is applied because the marker has been relocated. It is exceptional, however, because it is an integral component of this important group of rare surviving resources.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated area is that boundary stone in its small fenced area, approximately 3' x 3'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the stone and its fence.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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## ENDNOTES

1. Marcus Baker, "The Boundary Monuments of the District of Columbia," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 1 (1897): 220.
2. Fred E. Woodward, "With A Camera Over The Old District Boundary Lines," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 11 (1908): 5.
3. Edwin Darby Nye, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones, 1972," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 48 (1973): 743.

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  \*Photographs  

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The following information is the same for all the photographs listed:

Southwest #1 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia  
City of Alexandria, Virginia  
Rufus W. Shivers  
1989  
Negative filed at VA State Library, Richmond, VA

1. View of stone and fence enclosure facing northwest  
Negative No. 10702/34  
File No. 00-22  
Photo 1 of 2
  
2. View of southwest side of stone showing VIRGINIA  
Negative No. 10702/32  
File No. 00-22  
Photo 2 of 2