

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 #2 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
other names/site number SW2, Jurisdiction Stone
DHR File 00-22

2. Location

street & number East side of Russell Road, north of King Street N/A not for publication
city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Alexandria City code 510 zip code 22301

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" 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.

Hugh C. Milton
Signature of certifying official 19 Dec 1990
Date
Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

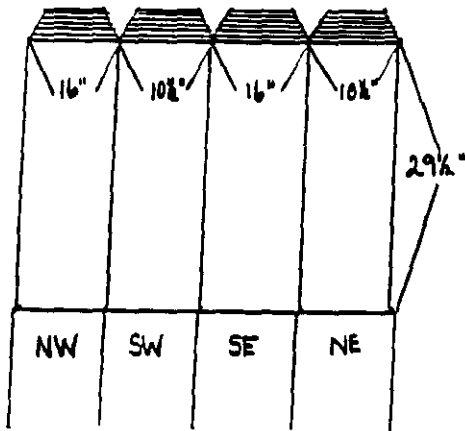
Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)
 N/A

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.

SOUTHWEST NO. 2 MILE MARKER

Visible Parts of Inscription



sections of marker missing

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 between the curb and the sidewalk on the east side of Russell Road just north of King Street in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, just downhill from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the Southwest No. 2 Mile Marker is easily seen. This stone bears no inscription, is completely flat on top, and measures 16" X 10 1/2" X 29 1/2". It is not an original marker but is of sandstone. The wrought iron fence

surrounding this marker needs repairing. One spoke has been broken off. The ground on which the marker rests is maintained well. 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 the city of Alexandria. The stone was surveyed on 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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

ca. 1920

Significant Dates

ca. 1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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 # 2 marker is significant because it marked the second mile on the southwest side of the District of Columbia, two miles from the South Cornerstone at Jones Point.

In both the surveys done in 1894-97¹ and 1906, the original stone could not be found. It was apparently placed on the east side of and very close to the Alexandria and Leesburg turnpike, on the eastern slope of Shuter's Hill, in a subdivision known, in 1906, as Spring Park, and within a stone's throw of Fort Ellsworth, built by federal forces in May 1861. When the inquiry was made in 1906, there were a number of workmen carting away loam and gravel for new roads. The road foreman said a strange condition was known to exist there, called 'creeping down hill', a movement of the surface of the earth, which may have had something to do with the loss of the stone.² In 1921, the annual report of Mount Vernon Chapter to the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution stated that the stone was relocated and fenced in 1920.³ It is believed that the relocated stone was not the original stone but was the replica that stands within the fence today. Due to its size, shape and total lack of inscriptions, the stone is obviously not the original. The stone was indicated on a 1927 aerial survey map located in the archives of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Another source indicates that the marker was there in 1929.⁴ Although not original, this stone has marked the area of the second mile stone for approximately seventy years.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hopkins, Grace Porter. "Restoring the Original Milestones." American Motorist Magazine. (February 1929).

Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. Proceedings of the 25th Virginia State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution held in Roanoke, Virginia. (1929).

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

Acres of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	8	3	20	9	20	42	9	7	37	0
Zone		Easting				Northing				

C

Zone		Easting				Northing				

B

Zone		Easting				Northing				

D

Zone		Easting				Northing				

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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.

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ENDNOTE

1. Edwin Darby Nye, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones, 1972," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 48 (1973): 743.

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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. Consideration E is applied because the marker has been reconstructed. However, its significance is exceptional because of the marker's close association and identification with the other resources of its type.

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): 6-7.
3. Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, Proceedings of the 25th Virginia State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution held in Roanoke, Virginia, (1921): 79.
4. Grace Porter Hopkins, "Restoring the Original Milestones," American Motorist Magazine, (February 1929).

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~~*Photographs~~

Southwest #2 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
City of Alexandria, Virginia
Rufus W. Shivers
1989
Negative filed at VA State Library, Richmond, VA
View of stone and fence enclosure facing east
Negative No. 10701/18
File No. 00-22
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