

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 #4 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
other names/site number SW4, Jurisdiction Stone
DHR File 00-22

2. Location

street & number On King Street, just north of Wakefield Street N/A not for publication
city, town Alexandria N/A vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Arlington code 013 zip code 22206
Alexandria City 510

3. Classification

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

[Signature] 19 Dec 1990
Signature of certifying official 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

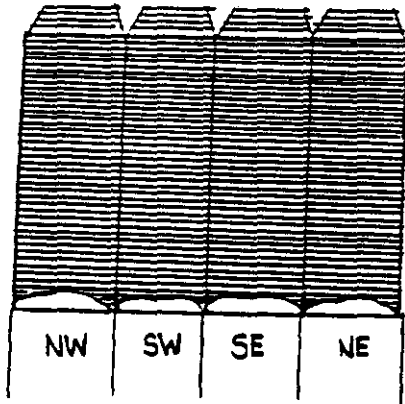
other Stone: sandstone


Metal: iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SOUTHWEST NO. 4 MILE MARKER

Visible Parts of Inscriptions



 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 approximately eight feet from King Street just north of Wakefield Street, Southwest No. 4 Mile Marker rests on grass and backs up to a chain link fence lined with cedars surrounding Fairlington Village Condominiums. Only a small portion of Aquia sandstone remains and it has plow scratches on it. In 1906 it was located with the assistance of a farmer who claimed to have run his plow into it

enough times to know where it was. It is in the immediate vicinity of three federal forts marking the line of the defenses of the District of Columbia.¹ We do know it was moved due to the construction of Route 7 (King Street)² and was put as close as possible to its original location. The wrought iron fence surrounding the marker is painted a light green and is in need of repainting. The corner rods are fairly sturdy and mounted solidly in the ground. The side facing King Street is submerged into the bank approximately four inches. The bronze plaque reads: ORIGINAL FEDERAL BOUNDARY STONE/ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA/ PLACED-1791-1792/ PROTECTED BY THE CONTINENTAL CHAPTER/ DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION/ 1916. The property is owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation. This stone was surveyed 10 December 1989, by Miss Rebecca R. Dyer and Mrs. John Harris, members of Arlington House Chapter, VADAR, in Arlington, 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

1791-1916

Significant Dates

1791

1916

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

In the early surveys of 1894-1897¹ and 1906, the entire top of this stone was missing, and remains missing today. It had what appeared to be plow marks on it. In 1906, it was located with the help a farmer who said, "By gum, I've run the plow into that stone times enough to know where it is."² It was in the immediate vicinity of three federal forts marking the line of the defenses of the District of Columbia in the Civil War. Later, it was almost buried when Route 7 was regraded.³

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.

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

Acres of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 18 | 318385 | 42991960
 Zone Easting Northing

B _____ | _____ | _____
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____ | _____ | _____

D _____ | _____ | _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the stone and its fence.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara A. Hynak, Chairman, District V Boundary Markers Committee
 organization Virginia Daughters of the American * date July 9, 1990 *Revolution
 street & number 812 S. Courthouse Road telephone (703)553-0065
 city or town Arlington state Virginia zip code 22204

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 1

Southwest #4 Boundary Marker

ENDNOTES

1. Fred E. Woodward, "With A Camera Over The Old District Boundary Lines," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 11 (1908): 8.
2. Edwin Darby Nye, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones, 1972," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 48 (1973): 743.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 1

Southwest #4 Boundary Marker

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): 8.
3. Edwin Darby Nye, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones, 1972," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 48 (1973): 743.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Southwest #4 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia

Section number * Page 1

 *Photographs

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

Southwest #4 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
Arlington County, Virginia
City of Alexandria, Virginia
Rufus W. Shivers
1989
Negative filed at VA State Library, Richmond, VA

1. View of stone and fence enclosure facing northeast
Negative No. 10702/5
File No. 00-22
Photo 1 of 2

2. View of stone from above
Negative No. 10702/2
File No. 00-22
Photo 2 of 2