

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 #6 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
other names/site number SW6, Jurisdiction Stone
DHR File 00-22

2. Location

street & number In median strip on South Jefferson Street N/A not for publication
city, town Bailey's Crossroads N/A vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Arlington code 013 zip code 22204
Fairfax 059

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>0</u>	<u>1</u> structures
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</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 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

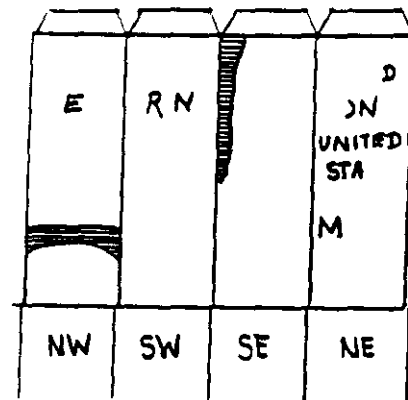
other Stone: sandstone

Metal: iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SOUTHWEST NO. 6 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, Section F, Item II, Description.

Located in the well-maintained median strip on South Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, between Columbia Pike and Leesburg Pike (Route 7) exactly southwest of the White House, Southwest No. 6 Mile Marker is the second Virginia stone to be placed at an uneven distance because the end of a mile was in a stream.¹ Continually threatened by road and building construction, this marker was moved and stored by Arlington County for

three years. Its current placement is the closest public land next to its original site.² In 1949 there was no trace of a fence and it sat on the edge of a large gravel pit.³ The stone is badly chipped and has been broken and cemented back together more than once. In December 1989, it became a victim of an automobile accident but has been restored to its median location. The original wrought iron fence was placed 15 June 1916. In June 1965 it was given a new wrought iron fence which is painted white with some rusting and flaking.⁴ The bronze plaque is mounted on a stone lying flat on the ground, and reads: ORIGINAL FEDERAL BOUNDARY STONE/ D.C.-SW 6/ DEDICATED JUNE 15, 1916/ REDEDICATED JUNE 5, 1965/ FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAPTER/ DAR. The property is owned by Arlington County and Fairfax County. While stewardship of the stone belongs to Fairfax County Chapter, VADAR, it was surveyed 30 November 1989, by Mrs. John Turbyfill of Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter, VADAR, Springfield, 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

1791-1940

Significant Dates

1791

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

This marker was the second stone in Virginia set at other than equal miles from the South Cornerstone. It was marked 5 miles 304 Poles, which means it was placed 5 miles and 304 poles or rods from the South Cornerstone.¹

Its wrought iron fence, placed in 1916, was gone by 1949, when the stone sat on the edge of a large gravel pit.²

Threatened by construction of roads and apartments, the stone was removed and stored by Arlington County for three years. It was then placed in the middle of a median strip on South Jefferson Street, this being the closest public land next to its original site. It was given a new iron fence and rededicated in its new location in June 1965.³

In December 1989 this stone was hit and broken; its fence was also broken. In response to calls from members of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, Arlington County personnel picked up the stone so that it would not be further broken or lost. The stone sat on an Arlington County truck for a month, until the weather warmed up enough to repair the stone and fence. Arlington County personnel did the necessary repairs.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sundquist, Beth. "A New Location For an Old Stone."
The Northern Virginia Sun. (June 7, 1965):1.

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

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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.

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11. Form Prepared By

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ENDNOTES

1. Fred E. Woodward, "With A Camera Over The Old District Boundary Lines," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 11 (1908): 9.
2. Beth Sundquist, "A New Location For an Old Stone," The Northern Virginia Sun, (June 7, 1965): 1.
3. Kenneth D. Lawrence, "Letter from Kenneth D. Lawrence to Mr. Stuntz," Manuscript on file, Virginiana Collection Files, Fairfax County Public Library, (1967).
4. Sundquist, p. 1.

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This stone represents the historic preservation stewardship responsibilities that the DAR have continued from 1915 to the present.

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.

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 *Photographs

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

Southwest #6 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
Arlington County, Virginia
Fairfax County, Virginia
Mary Jane Fish
1990
Negative filed at VA State Library, Richmond, VA

1. View of stone and fence enclosure facing northwest
Negative No. 10703/16
File No. 00-22
Photo 1 of 2

2. View of southwest side of stone with plaque at base
Negative No. 10703/18
File No. 00-22
Photo 2 of 2