

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 #8 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia

other names/site number SW8, Jurisdiction Stone

DHR File 00-22

2. Location

street & number Behind apt. bldg., corner Wilson Blvd. & John Marshall N/A not for publication

city, town Arlington

N/A vicinity

state Virginia

code VA

county Arlington

code 013

zip code 22042

Fairfax

059

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<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.

Heidi C. Walker
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

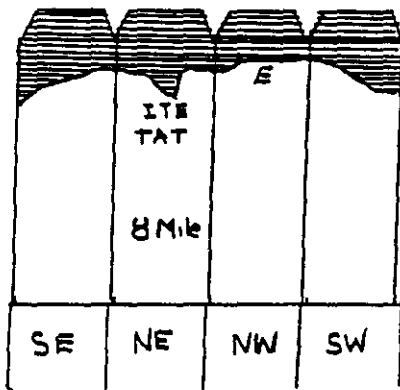
other Stone: sandstone


Metal: iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SOUTHWEST NO. 8 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 behind the Patrick Henry Apartments at the intersection of John Marshall Drive and Wilson Boulevard, the Southwest No. 8 Mile Marker of Aquia sandstone rests on a grassy area near the water tower, specifically at the corner of the parking lot behind 2921 McKinley Road. In poor condition, badly worn, gouged, and broken, it is no longer in the proper position. Having disappeared twice, this

stone was recovered and reset but rotated from its original placement.¹ The top of the stone is uneven and ranges from 25" to 30" in height. The wrought iron fence surrounding it is 45" in height but has been bent, probably from cars using the parking lot. The concrete on the base of the fence is eroding due to the erosion of the hill on one side of the fence though the surrounding area is well-maintained. The bronze plaque reads: ORIGINAL FEDERAL/ BOUNDARY STONE/ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA/ PLACED 1791-1792/ PROTECTED BY/ DR. ELISHA DICK CHAPTER/ DAR/ 1950. The property is owned by Patrick Henry Apartments Limited Partnership. Stewardship of this stone belongs to Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter, VADAR, of Alexandria, VA, and was surveyed 30 November 1989, by Mrs. William Millman of that chapter.

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

In the survey of 1894-97 it was missing; Mr. Morgan Steeves, a resident of Falls Church for forty years, said it stood near the road on the side of Throckmorton or Upton Hill, fell into a caving bank, lay there where it fell, and finally disappeared in the 1880s.¹ By 1906, it had been found and reset, although rotated and not in its proper location. Fort Ramsay occupied the western portion of the hill upon which the stone is placed.²

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

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 18 313820 4304400
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

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

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ENDNOTE

1. Fred E. Woodward, "With A Camera Over The Old District Boundary Lines," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 11 (1908): 10.

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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): 221.
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Fairfax County, Virginia
Rufus W. Shivers
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Negative filed at VA State Library, Richmond, VA
View of stone and fence enclosure facing northeast
Negative No. 10701/21
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