

***BIOGRAPHIES
OF THE
BOUNDARY STONES***

FROM

RECORDS OF THE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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NATION'S CAPITAL BOUNDARY STONES COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIES OF THE BOUNDARY STONES

Following discussion at the Committee's meeting on December 7, 2000, there here follows, in summary form, an inventory of the holdings of the District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution relating to their care and preservation of the Boundary Stones. While the collection remains in the custody of the DC DAR at its Chapter House for the time being, it may be accessed upon request.

An explanation of the several designations of files used may first be helpful:

- There is a "folder" for each individual stone, containing anything loose which relates specifically to that stone.
- There is a "General" folder which holds materials relating to the history of the stones or general matters affecting all of them.
- There are two "Scrapbooks," compiled by the DC DAR over the course of time which are basically photograph albums but also contain (usually pasted in) newspaper clippings, short reports, and the like.
- There is one "Slide Book," containing several hundred slides taken during DAR visitations over 20 years between 1973 and 1991.

This inventory mainly focuses on materials which are unique to DC DAR involvement with the stones. Outside sources such as newspaper and journal articles have been incorporated to some extent but only to provide some additional historic commentary on the gradual degradation of the stones. We are well aware that many more outside sources exist; but we have chosen to cite only those which were already part of the collection.

The involvement of the DC Daughters of the American Revolution appears to date from December 3, 1914, when a "Committee for the Preservation of Historic Spots and Records of the District of Columbia" held a meeting in the Auditorium of Woodward's Store. Mrs. George P. Conway, the Committee chair, was in charge of the meeting and introduced Mr. Fred C. Woodward who reported on the results of his extensive studies of

the stones and urged the ladies to become interested in their preservation. (Several copies of that speech are in the "General" file.)

The next important event occurred on April 7, 1915, when, at an "Annual State Conference" held at "Continental Hall" (now the DAR Library at 1776 D Street, NW), Mrs. Conway, the Chairman of a newly-created State "Committee on Preservation of Records" noted:

Forty stones once marked the boundry [sic.] line of ten miles square, some have been destroyed, some are as when first set, some have been displaced, some have effaced inscriptions, or to be more explicit, 31 are well preserved[,] 4 are broken, 1 worn smooth, 1 buried in earth, 1 in water of Potomac, 1 missing.

She continued:

It is proposed to replace those that are destroyed, recarve the inscriptions that have been effaced, reset those that have toppled, and to surround each one with iron fencing for permanent and dignified preservation.

The Committee recommends that the District Chapters individually or collectively arrange for the preservation of these stones, considering it one of the greatest historical gifts that could be handed to posterity.

The resolution was of course passed, and, as the dates in the report will show, the ladies responded with alacrity in collecting monies, securing fences, and, as they love most to do, dedicating their efforts with patriotic fervor.

In most cases, one District of Columbia chapter was assigned one particular stone. The East Stone was always the responsibility of the Historian's Committee of DC DAR, rather than of a chapter. Some evidence exists that there was great competition among several chapters for that particular stone, and, in order to neutralize it, the Historian's Committee assumed protective responsibility.

The Maryland state DAR took responsibility at an early date for the North Stone, and several Virginia chapters protected stones in Virginia. It is not known when or by what means these organizations were brought into the picture or whether there was much or any cooperation -- apart from the mere ceremonial -- amongst them and the DC group.

Although no specific evidence of it exists, there seems to have been a standard operating procedure for the chapters to follow as they erected their fences, e.g., the process of securing the necessary permissions, who cleared the sites, who supplied the fences, who installed them, and the like. The most interesting of these questions -- having to do with the knotty problem of "ownership" -- is equally vague. However, there was apparently a form for granting for granting the use of land. These grants, to be signed by the owner of the land, were to be of standard language:

At the request of your representatives, Mrs. George P. Conway, Chairman, and Mrs. Velma Sylvester Barber, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, of your said Committee, I, The Undersigned, for and in consideration of One Dollar in hand paid, Do Hereby give and grant to your said Committee, permission to erect on my land surrounding the Boundary Mile-Stone Marked "Jurisdiction of the United States," which is located on Avenue, a suitable iron fence for the preservation of said monument, the area of said grant not to exceed one yard square of ground of which the said mile-stone is the center, the same to be placed under the special care of Chapter, D. A. R. is now the Regent.

Witness my Hand and Seal the day of A.D.

A photocopy of only one of these signed grants survives in the files -- that for NE 3, signed by Henry Voigt as Executor of the Deitrich Heider Estate to the Our Flag Chapter. It would be reasonable to assume that, for stones then on private property, these agreements were drawn up in every case, but the proposition cannot be proven from the DC DAR collections.

A typewritten introduction to Scrapbook #2, prepared in 1949, may shed some light on where these grants may be found. It reads in part:

The deeds to the four square feet on which each milestone stands are now held by the District Government. After erecting fences around the milestones the Department of the Interior agreed to care for them.

We have not, at this date, done any research nor made inquiry of the District Government to determine whether these deeds still exist and what their legal significance, if any, might be.

To keep the historical record straight, DAR involvement with care and maintenance of the stones ceased -- at least temporarily -- in 1996 when we were told by our member who was then the chairperson for this effort that the National Park Service had taken over our responsibilities. At the time, no one seriously questioned any whys or wherefores of this arrangement, and our active efforts ceased. We have since learned that this was perhaps the result of one or more misunderstandings on the part of both "sides."

At this point, the DC Daughters of the American Revolution take no position on any "ownership" issues relating to the stones, the land or the fences, nor do we have a firm position on what should be done to preserve the stones for future generations. We are, however, most happy and willing to cooperate in any efforts toward public education and preservation efforts. If our "archives" may be helpful in those efforts, we will be pleased and offer whatever constructive assistance we can.

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SOUTH STONE

Jones Point, Alexandria VA

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, photographs taken at various times. Two are by E. A. Shuster, Jr. prior to discovery of stone behind sea wall. Seventeen appear to have been taken following exposure of the stone, at several different times. A number of these may be from a 1921 DAR function commemorating the 130th anniversary of the setting of the stone. Among the speakers, Fred Woodward, according to typewritten notes by Florence Abbot, then State Historian. Following this, a blueprint for the fences provided by the DAR.

1912

CORNERSTONE FOUND

The original corner stone of the District of Columbia, which was laid with pomp and ceremony on April 15, 1791, has again been brought to light. It is located beneath a sea wall in front of Jones Point lighthouse, on the Potomac below Alexandria. It remained there for 70 years exposed to the weather, until in 1861 it was concealed by the construction of the sea wall around the lighthouse.

The United States engineer corps, Col. W. C. Langfitt commanding, has been making some repairs and the stone was disclosed when a small part of the retaining wall was removed.

The wall will be rebuilt so that the stone will remain in view protected by a concrete inclosure with a grating in front. It is expected that the Columbia Historical Society will erect a permanent tablet beside the relic to commemorate the laying of the First District corner stone.

The stone is badly weathered and the inscriptions are nearly all illegible. The figure "7" may be read on the southeast side, this evidently being part of the date.

From *The Alexandria Gazette*, circa 1912. Reprinted in the *Gazette*, 26 September 1962.

1913

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SOUTH STONE

Jones Point, Alexandria VA

In 1855, the United States Government established and built a lighthouse upon Jones's Point, about 15 feet north of the boundary stone and six years later, 1861, under the direction of the United States Engineer Corps, a retaining sea wall was constructed upon the top of and over the stone, completely hiding it from view.

For more than half a century, no human eye has looked upon this earliest monument . . .

[In June, 1912] . . . the United States Engineer Corps, at that time engaged in extensive operations in the immediate vicinity of the stone, broke into the wall and . . . found the stone . . .

Still further, the Engineer Corps has constructed a substantial niche or cage about six feet long and four feet in height and two and one-half feet in depth, covered with a broad concrete slab.

This slab has a circular opening some six inches in diameter exactly over the center of the stone, making it accessible for surveyors. . . .

Unfortunately, the lighthouse and its tiny reservation of 1952 square feet (about one small city lot) is surrounded by private property, a small portion of which should be acquired by the United States in order to gain access to the stone.

1921

DC DAR Commemoration at South Stone, reported in Alexandria Gazette, 13 April 1921.
(See "Laying the Cornerstone," 1984)

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: two small snapshots whirring stone behind fence and chain link.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

Located on Jones Point in Alexandria, Virginia. The front of the stone can be seen only by approaching the location by boat on the river. It stands underneath the front steps of the old, abandoned lighthouse which now stands on a military reservation. It can also be viewed from the top, inside the fence, through a small hole directly over the center of the stone. The stone is well protected but in very poor condition. I could make out no lettering at all on either of the

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Jones Point, Alexandria VA

visible sides. There is nothing on the fence at any place to indicate that this is the cornerstone of the old Federal District.

1952 - 1954

From report of DC DAR Historians' Committee, in "General" File:

Have had telephone conversations from time to time with: Mr. Watkins, Acting City Manager, Alexandria Director of Public Works (King 9-7700) also with Mr. Hall (Planning for City) (same office as Mr. Watkins) They are non-committal and not interested.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Mr. James Sherier 2525 King St., Alexandria, VA. has taken an interest in the Milestones and reports that this one is in good condition."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1980

NEW LANDMARK

Alexandria's Jones Point Lighthouse and the surveyor's mark which began the definition of the District of Columbia (the South Cornerstone) have been placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register, and have been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

The old lighthouse, which looks enough like a midwestern prairie school to fool most midwesterners has long been a neglected part of Alexandria's seaport heritage. We're delighted to see that it finally is being recognized.

The South Cornerstone is best seen from a small boat in the Potomac. If you're on shore you almost have to read it upside down, from a position not unlike that needed to kiss the Blarney Stone.

What we do hope is that the new recognition will focus attention on the unkempt condition of Jones Point, which is federally-owned land at the extreme southeastern tip of

SOUTH STONE

Jones Point, Alexandria VA

Alexandria. Benign neglect of federal land, at the same time the feds are trying to force Alexandria to turn its commercially water-oriented activity into parks just doesn't make sense.

Alexandria Packet, 16 - 22 April 1980

1984 (?)

In folder, two typewritten report entitled "Laying the Cornerstone" and "The D.A.R. to the Rescue: Jones Point - 1926 - 1984," unattributed, but obtained at Lloyd House of the Alexandria Library, 1999. Both detailed reports, heavily footnoted, outlining history of the Jones Point Light House and the "D.A.R." involvement.

1987

See folder: 4 photographs of DC DAR members Eloise Jenkins, Damitra Meeds, and Gary Meeds, and Marie Yochim inspecting South Cornerstone.

1999

In folder, 8 digital photographs on disk taken by Gayle T. Harris, summer 1999. In addition, a flyer prepared for and distributed to DC DAR urging members contact the Woodrow Wilson Bridge people to express their concern for the fate of the South Stone. At this writing (January 2001), no firm plans have been announced for what plans are in store for the stone, but we're watching. We understand that the VA DAR as well as the Alexandria Office of Historic Preservation have been active in supporting preservation of it as the new Wilson Bridge plans take shape.

SOUTHWEST 1

Wilkes & S. Payne Streets
Alexandria VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 7 photographs. Four of these may be Shuster photos, one of which carries the date May 31, 1908. The remaining 3 photos show the stone fenced. Handwritten notes indicate that the stone had been moved several yards from the original position (apparently attributed to Shuster), and that it was re-set, fenced and marked by Mount Vernon Chapter of VA DAR.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: two small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located at the corner of Wilkes and Payne Streets in Alexandria, Virginia. It stood originally about 100 yards south of the house at 1200 Wilkes Street but was dug up from that location over forty years ago. The stone is in good condition but has a crack running vertically. The fence is severely damaged and offers no protection. The plate on the fence reads, "Protected by Mt. Vernon Chapter, D.A.R."

1952 - 1954

From report of DC DAR Historians' Committee, in "General" File:

Have had telephone conversations from time to time with: Mr. Watkins, Acting City Manager, Alexandria Director of Public Works (King 9-7700) also with Mr. Hall (Planning for City) (same office as Mr. Watkins) They are non-committal and not interested.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one additional photograph; "One of the best stones in Virginia. It was moved about 200 ft. SW of its original site.

SOUTHWEST 1

Wilkes & S. Payne Streets
Alexandria VA

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

SW1. . . appears to have been moved from its original location when Alexandria grew in size and the streets were extended to reach the boundary line. The stone sits square with the corners of the sidewalks at this NS-EW intersection and has an excellent location but it has been rotated 45 degrees in relocation as the JURISDICTION face does not squarely face the District of Columbia.

Also noteworthy, the stonecutter who carved this stone did not carve the rest of them. The inscription is smaller, shallower and less artistic than on the remaining stones and, as this is the first stone placed after the South Stone, one surmises that the surveyors did not like their stonecutter's work and hired another man.

1976

In General File, from an article in *Washington Post*, 27 June 1976, "26 Stones Carved in 1791 Mark District's Boundaries" by Sara E. Hansard, subsequent to a report prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission:

One mile northwest of the South corner marker, children play around the fenced-in stone at the corner of Wilkes and S. Payne Streets in Alexandria. This stone remains legible and is in good condition.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1999

In folder, digital photographs taken by Gayle T. Harris, summer 1999, on disk and prints.

SOUTHWEST 2

On Russell Road near King Street
Alexandria VA

1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, two snapshots prior to fence being erected. One may be of Fred Woodward pointing to spot on the ground. The handwritten note above this reads: "Southwest #2 has been lost for many years, but the spot is here indicated where it was once placed." Note below the other photo reads: "A modern restoration in Alexandria northwest from Milestone #1. F.C. shows Fairfax County face."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 3 snapshots, two apparently from 1949, one from June 1951.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located a few yards north of King Street on Russell Road, practically in the shadow of the Masonic Memorial. I am inclined to think this stone is a "fake", however, for these reasons: It is not a foot square as are all the other stones; the top part of the stone is rough, where it should be smooth; there is no trace of lettering anywhere on the stone; and the stone is nearly half a mile from its proper location. Neither Mr. Woodward nor Mr. Baker found any trace of this stone on their trips and I wonder where this one came from. The plate on the fence names the Mt. Vernon Chapter, D.A.R., as its protector. Perhaps they can shed a little light upon this doubtful subject.

1952 - 1954

From report of DC DAR Historians' Committee, in "General" File:

Have had telephone conversations from time to time with: Mr. Watkins, Acting City Manager, Alexandria Director of Public Works (King 9-7700) also with Mr. Hall (Planning for City) (same office as Mr. Watkins) They are non-committal and not interested.

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

SOUTHWEST 2

**On Russell Road near King Street
Alexandria VA**

SW2 is not an original stone. On Russell Road, 100 feet north of King Street, it is a large block of sandstone bearing no inscription.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHWEST 3

First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street, Alexandria

1908 (?) - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 3 photographs by E. A. Shuster, Jr., prior to fence being erected; one photo following fence installation.

1917

In folder, typewritten notes of the dedication on June 23, 1917 of the fence around the stone by the American Liberty Chapter, DC DAR. Address by Sen. Wesley L. Jones of Washington, followed by Mrs. Mary Lockwood, and Fred Woodward. Also attached, a photograph of the fence-enclosed stone. (No mention of presentation of deed.)

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: two snapshots taken in 1949, one in June 1951.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

East of Chinguapin Village on the south side of King Street, directly opposite 3019 King Street. This stone was so covered with vines, weeds, and trees that I searched for it for parts of three different days before finding it. The stone is in rather poor condition, being quite badly battered and the inscriptions quite hard to read. The fence is badly in need of paint, and the trees growing up around the stone should be cut down before they damage the stone further. Protected by American Liberty Chapter, D.A.R.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Condition: fair; Fence needs paint; marker on Milestone."

1968

In DAR Scrapbook #2, a snapshot apparently taken circa 1968, with the note: "SW #3 is not located in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church in the 3900 block of King Street. In 1953 under the direction of Mrs. John Hawse, the stone was raised & set in cement when the

SOUTHWEST 3

**First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street, Alexandria**

parking lot was built. A new plaque was placed on the fence about that time to replace the old one which was stolen."

1986

In DAR Scrapbook #2, a photograph taken on January 31, 1986 by Mrs. Briggs J. White, Chapter Historian, American Liberty Chapter, DC DAR.

1989

In folder, copy of photograph taken from "A History of Colonel John Washington Chapter," published by the Chapter in 1990. Notes from regent Lloyce West indicate that the Chapter acquired responsibility for the marker in January of 1989.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1999

In folder, digital photographs taken by Gayle T. Harris, on disk and prints.

SOUTHWEST 4

Wakefield & King Streets
Alexandria VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 2 photographs. One photo by E. A. Shuster, Jr. dated July 12, 1908. Below this is a note which reads, "The stump only of this stone remains, doubtless where it was first placed and is near the fence." The second photograph, unattributed, states, "On land of Cortland Smith." Apparently maintained by Continental Chapter, DC DAR.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: two snapshots; stone and fence quite overgrown

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located on the shoulder of the Alexandria-Leesburg turnpike on the north side of the road, a short distance north of Wakefield Street. It is in extremely poor condition, being broken off even with the ground. It should be replaced with a duplicate of the original. The fence is completely overgrown with vines which should be cut away to expose the stone. The plate names the Continental Chapter, D.A.R., as its protector.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: ". . . stands a few inches high, almost flat to the ground; fenced in."

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

SW 4 and SW 5 have had to be relocated from their original positions due to the widening of highways. Unfortunately in the final grading these two stones were nearly covered. They should be raised.

1970

SOUTHWEST 4

Wakefield & King Streets
Alexandria VA

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one snapshot, with note: "This stone was buried under Route 7 but was rescued and reset 13 ft. north of the original location."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

In the regrading of [the] dual highway, this stone was nearly covered and appears to be completely neglected. It should of course be raised and reset in concrete.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHWEST 5

100 ft. East of Route 7 on Walter Reed Drive
Alexandria

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 3 photographs. Two photos certainly by E. A. Shuster, Jr. dated July 12, 1908. The second photograph, unattributed, states, "S. W. No. 5 - Base Only." Responsibility of Keystone Chapter, DC DAR. Both photos prior to fencing.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is nearly a twin to number four, being also broken off nearly even with the ground. This stone is located about 100 yards northeast of the Leesburg Pike at a point where a small creek crosses the road, between 25th Street and Walter Reed Drive. The fence has been torn down and rearranged in the form of a triangle. It needs painting, and also a plate to identify the stone which it surrounds. Actually, fence and stone should be replaced, in my opinion.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Stone can't be seen. It is apparently below ground covered over by plant growth. Enclosed by fence."

1962

In DAR Scrapbook #2, typewritten report dated March 31, 1962 by DC DAR State Historian, reporting changes in status of various stones:

Lost DAR Plaque Restored, March, 1962

1963

SOUTHWEST 5

100 ft. East of Route 7 on Walter Reed Drive
Alexandria

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine* of *The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

SW 4 and SW 5 have had to be relocated from their original positions due to the widening of highways. Unfortunately in the final grading these two stones were nearly covered. They should be raised.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one additional photo and note: "No noticeable change in 1970 in the stone, but it is now just outside the branch of a Bank."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

Again the regrading of the roadway obliterated the stone. There is a rock of some sort showing at ground level in the center of the protective fencing but one can not be sure that it is an original boundary stone.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHWEST 6

Median of Jefferson Street, 300 ft. south of Columbia Pike
Arlington VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 2 photographs. One photo certainly by E. A. Shuster, Jr. dated July 5, 1908. The second photograph, unattributed, states, "[S.] W. No. 6 - In Payne Woods." Responsibility of Fairfax County Chapter, VA DAR. Both photos prior to fencing.

In folder, undated, unattributed newspaper clipping reporting dedication ceremonies held by Fairfax County Chapter. Stone located on "the O'Shaughnessey farm near Bailey's Cross Roads. . . Mrs. T. P. O'Shaughnessey, owner of the property where the stone is located, said she was very glad to give the site of the marker, and to do what she could to preserve it. She has agreed to keep clear a space of 15 feet around the stone and to make a road through her land to it, and keep all in good order."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located on the rim of a large gravel pit about 200 yards southeast of the Columbia Pike. The stone is in very poor condition and appears to have suffered very recent damage. A huge crack running vertically up the stone threatens to split the stone in two at any time. There is no fence about the stone whatsoever, although the corner poles of a former fence lie nearby on the ground.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

Badly mutilated SW 6 sneers at its replacement standing close by. A baseball diamond was recently laid out in front of SW 6. It can now view the games from a vantage point directly behind the fence at centerfield.

SOUTHWEST 6

Median of Jefferson Street, 300 ft. south of Columbia Pike
Arlington VA

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: no additional photos, but 1970 note stating: "This stone was in storage for several years while this area was building. Now located on South Jefferson St. near Columbia Pike. Rededicated in 1965.

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

SW6 had to be relocated a few years ago because of apartment construction. . . . Cracks in the stone have been sealed and, while there is little of the inscription that can still be read, SW6 has a prominent and yet safe location.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell)

SOUTHWEST 7

30 ft. east of path leading to athletic field from Carlyn Spring Rad and Olds Street,
Arlington VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 4 photographs, unattributed but all taken prior to fencing. Handwritten note states: "Glencarlyn, Va. 'Deborah Knapp' D. C. Chapter, DAR. 1917. May, 1919, fence erected, and dedicated May 20th by Fairfax County Chapter, Va."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone lies a little over a hundred yards north of 5th Road South, just before the road turns southwestward, a short distance east of the village of Glencarlyn. The stone is in very poor condition, pitted deeply and with huge sections of the top missing altogether. The tree within the fence should be cut down and the weeds cleared away. The fence has no trace of paint, nor any plate to identify the boundary stone.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

In July, 1962, SW 7 was well fenced in and high on a hill. It came as a surprise to find it gone two months after I found it. The hill where it stood has been excavated to build an apartment house. Where SW 7 has been relocated remains a mystery.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: no additional photos, but handwritten note: "No noticeable change in 1970 except that Kenmore Jr. High School is now just north of the stone."

SOUTHWEST 7

30 ft. east of path leading to athletic field from Carlyn Spring Rad and Olds Street,
Arlington VA

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

One or two words can still be made out as the stone looks as though it has been shot at, which is not unlikely as Confederate soldiers roamed this woods on many occasions.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHWEST 8

Edge of parking area, 100 ft. from water tower behind apt. bldg.
John Marshall and Wilson Boulevard
Arlington VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 4 photographs, two by E. A. Shuster, June 28, 1908, two others unattributed. Handwritten note states: "Upton Hill. Dolly Madison Chapter of D. C. Not allowed to place fence or dedicate."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots -- one showing farm field where the stone evidently is, and the other showing young man with hand on a bare nub of exposed stone.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

I am afraid this stone has been seen for the last time. Early in the summer, it stood about 225 yards southwest of McKinley Street and Wilson Boulevard. It was far out of place as it should have been south east, instead. The stone was buried to its top in a little ditch that ran north and south. My negatives of this stone were overexposed and when I returned later in the summer to rephotograph the stone, I found a huge hole in its place. Considerable construction work is now going on in this vicinity and since the stone had no fence, it apparently has been hauled away with the dirt from the excavations.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Stands about 2' high enclosed by green fence. NOTE: Bronze Tablet on fence: 'Original Federal Boundary Stone, District of Columbia, Placed 1791-1792 Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter, D. A. R. 1950.'"

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

Although in an ignoble location in the alley behind an apartment house and beside a water tower, SW 8 can boast of being on the highest point of the entire 40-mile belt.

SOUTHWEST 8

Edge of parking area, 100 ft. from water tower behind apt. bldg.
John Marshall and Wilson Boulevard
Arlington VA

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: additional snapshot, with handwritten note: "The stone is now located in the middle of Willston Apartment area, at the foot of the water tower on McKinley road some 200 feet from Wilson Boulevard. Protected by Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

This stone must have been moved too when civilization came to the area as it has been rotated in being relocated.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHWEST 9

18th and Van Buren Streets,
Falls Church VA

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, four snapshots by E. A. Shuster, August 16, 1908. Five additional snapshots, unattributed and undated, but prior to fencing. Apparently the responsibility of the Falls Church Chapter, VA DAR.

1916

In folder, typewritten notes of dedication on May 26, 1916 of the fence around the stone by the Falls Church (VA) Chapter. The Committee on Historic Spots and Records of DC DAR as well as representatives of the Maryland DAR were invited to attend. Fred Woodward delivered the main address and "Mr. Church formally presented the Chapter with the ground, three feet square, which was accepted by the Regent."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located alongside Van Buren Street, a short distance north of Four Mile Run, in Falls Church, Virginia. It is in good condition, although it is slanting quite badly, and the inscriptions are easily read. The fence was almost completely overgrown with vines and bushes. The plate on the fence was put there by the Falls Church, Virginia Chapter.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

With excavation going on all around it, one feared for a while for the life of SW 9, one mile from the West Corner. It wound up happily on the edge of a park. It is a perfect situation for one of the stones except for the fact that it may be in the way of one of the possible entrances to super highway Route 66.

SOUTHWEST 9

18th and Van Buren Streets,
Falls Church VA

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: additional snapshot, with handwritten note: "This stone is now within an Arlington County playground."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

WEST STONE

West side of Meridian Street, 200 feet south of West Street
Falls Church VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, five photographs, three by E. A. Shuster, May 17, 1908, two others unattributed. All prior to fencing and show stone very close to the base of a tree. Handwritten note suggests the "State of Virginia D. A. R." is responsible for the stone.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands just off Meridian Avenue a short distance south of 29th Street, in Falls Church, Virginia. The stone is in rather poor condition as the edges and top are badly broken and pitted. A huge oak tree has sprung up from the base of the stone and it is a wonder that its roots have not broken the stone. The fence is in good condition, but has no plate of any kind to identify the stone which it surrounds.

1950

In General File, from The Evening Star, January 2, 1950, photograph of stone with caption "Ancient oak crowds West Corner Stone in yard of Serafin Prieto, Falls Church."

1952

In folder, photograph of plaque on fence: "Dedication 1952 Rededication 1989 Falls Church Chapter, NSDAR."

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: additional snapshot, with handwritten note: "The large tree inside the fence has been cut down and many houses have been built nearby."

WEST STONE

West side of Meridian Street, 200 feet south of West Street
Falls Church VA

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

The stone itself is badly battered. It bears vertical grooves, indicating that the center of the monument is the corner of the District of Columbia. It is noteworthy that this West Stone has a horizontal inscription and is the same height as the other stones, while the North corner stone and the East corner stone stand nearly 30 inches above the ground and bear vertical inscriptions.

1989

In folder, photograph of plaque on fence: "Dedication 1952 Rededication 1989 Falls Church Chapter, NSDAR."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In folder, invitation and program for rededication by Falls Church Chapter, 4 November 2000.

NORTHWEST 1

Back yard of 3607 Powaton Street
Fairfax County VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, four photographs, one by E. A. Shuster, May 3, 1908, three others unattributed. One of these prior to fencing; two others after fence installed (one of these, dated Nov. 1916, shows a most formidable "Mrs. Sylvanus E. Johnson"). Handwritten notes indicate that the area was called "Crimmins Woods," and that Richard Arnold Chapter, DC DAR, was responsible for it: "Pd. May 11, 1916/Fenced May 16, 1916/Dedicated June 1, 1916."

1916

In folder, typewritten transcript from 1916 minutes of Richard Arnold Chapter outlining various actions in preparation to take over responsibility of stone. (Transcript prepared in October 1972, and provided by current regent, Frances Spruce, September 2000.)

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands between Powaton and Rockingham Streets at the Arlington County line. The top is badly broken and the edges are chipped considerably, but the inscription is easily read, except for the date. The fence is in good condition and is protected by the Richard Arnold Chapter, D.A.R.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

Although NW 1 seems badly scarred from age, it does not look to me like an original stone. It stands much too high out of the ground. When Arlington was part of the District many of these markers were moved back and forth to make legal the operations of certain taverns as the Washington laws and Virginia laws differed then as now.

NORTHWEST 1

Back yard of 3607 Powaton Street
Fairfax County VA

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: additional snapshot, with handwritten note: "No change, in good condition in 1970."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell)

NORTHWEST 2

Side yard of 5298 Old Dominion Drive
Fairfax VA

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, four photographs, two by E. A. Shuster, May 17, 1908, two others unattributed. One of these unattributed photographs was prior to fencing; one other after fence was installed. Handwritten notes indicate that the stone was "Near Franklin Park, Va.," and that the Old Dominion Chapter, of Richmond VA was responsible for it: "Pd. April 28, 1916/Placed May 17, 1916."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands just inside the fence at the top of a deep cutting on the south side of Old Dominion Drive. The stone is in very poor condition, its edges and top being considerably shattered. The base of the stone is exposed by what appears to be fairly recent digging. The fence is missing entirely, but a cornerpost of the former fence is lying nearby. This stone should be protected from further damage as soon as possible.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine* of *The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

From my first search for NW 2 all I brought back was a bad case of poison ivy. On my next attempt I knocked on the door of a house near where I thought the stone should be. I was welcomed and taken through the patio and so to the stone.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: two additional snapshots, with handwritten note: "Between 5145 38th St. N. in Arlington and Old Dominion Drive. A new fence erected in September 1969 and now protected by the Thomas Nelson Chapter of Arlington."

NORTHWEST 2

**Side yard of 5298 Old Dominion Drive
Fairfax VA**

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

NORTHWEST 3

Back yard of 4013 Tazwell Street
Fairfax VA

1905 - 1906

In DAR Chapter House, Tilden & Connecticut Avenues, large framed collection of Woodward photographs.

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, five photographs, two by E. A. Shuster, May 10, 1908, three others unattributed. Two of these unattributed photographs were taken prior to fencing; one other after fence was installed. Handwritten notes indicate that the stone was "Near Walker Chapel, Va.," and that the Sarah St. Clair Chapter, DC DAR, was responsible for it: "Pd. Nov. 1, 1916/Placed July 16, 1916."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located deep in the woods about 300 yards northwest of Chesterbrook Road at the County line, and took me the better part of three days to locate. I finally found it by means of a compass, starting at Chesterbrook Road and working northeast, after directions from two different persons failed to put me at the stone. It is located on an old abandoned road about fifty yards north of a small creek, and is in only fair condition. The stone is badly chipped, especially the top corners, and the letters are marred considerably. The stone is broken off below ground and is not setting in cement to hold it erect. The fence is in good condition, except for several bars which are rusted through, and appears to have been painted rather recently. There is no identification plate on this fence.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: (Protection transferred 16 October 1933 when Sarah St. Clair became Descendants of '76 Chapter.) "Rededicated (in error) by Arlington Chapter, Va. D. A. R. 15 November 1957. Condition: Bronze marker of Arlington Chapter on the stone. 'The method of mounting this marker has departed from accepted practice.'

NORTHWEST 3

Back yard of 4013 Tazwell Street
Fairfax VA

Two bars are out of the fence which has been painted recently. The area within the fence was clean. Checked 1960."

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

NW 3 now finds itself a few feet from a kitchen door. The line passes through the neighboring house, requiring a portion of the taxes to be paid to Fairfax and the balance to Arlington County. It is badly scarred, but it has a commemorative plaque at its base.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one additional snapshot, with handwritten note: "Now located in the back yard of 4013 North Tazwell St. Rededicated in 1967 by Arlington House Chapter."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

NW3 stands in the rear yard of 4013 Tazwell Street, Arlington. Its legend reads: "Mile 3 & 3 Poles," indicating that it was placed 3 poles (49 1/2 feet) behind its mile distance from NW2. This was done to give the stone higher and firmer ground for a more permanent location. The stone is erect, in good condition, and squarely in the middle of a proud owner's back yard. It is the focal point of her garden, for, as she told the author, "George Washington put it there."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

NORTHWEST 4

Behind director's residences, 100 feet from B&O Railroad Georgetown spur,
Delacarla Reservation
District of Columbia

1905 - 1906

In DAR Chapter House, Tilden & Connecticut Avenues, large framed collection of Woodward photographs.

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, sixteen photographs, one by E. A. Shuster, April 26, 1908, fifteen others unattributed. Of these unattributed photographs, pre-fencing, several are of a DAR dedication -- "The first Public Gathering of the D. A. R. of D. C. at a Milestone of the Boundary of the District of Columbia," Mrs. Mary Lockwood in prominent attendance; several were apparently taken on Thanksgiving Day, 1915, prior to fencing; several others after the fence was installed (one dated July 10, 1917). Handwritten notes indicate that the stone was on the "Maryland Side of the Potomac, near Little Falls," and that the Columbia Chapter, DC DAR, was responsible for its preservation.

In folder, invitation card for "Anniversary Exercises Around the Milestone near Chain Bridge," July 11, 1916, issued by the Columbia Chapter.

In folder, two copies of an article from DAR Magazine, September 1915, p. 163, reprinting Woodward's remarks.

In folder, unattributed newspaper clipping, marked July 9, 1916, announces program to be held by Columbia Chapter. The permit for placing the fence had been acquired from the War Department and the U. S. Corps of Engineers. Notes that the precise location for this stone would have been in the middle of the Potomac River. "A conference was held with President Washington and his officials. It was decided then to survey 'along the true line to firm ground,' and there we find it today."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

NORTHWEST 4

Behind director's residences, 100 feet from B&O Railroad Georgetown spur,
Delacarla Reservation
District of Columbia

This stone is located a short distance north of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, quite near a single track railroad. The stone leans slightly but is in good condition except for being a bit chipped on its corners. The base is covered with vines and not all of the inscription can be read. The fence is in good condition, and bears a plate put there by the Columbia Chapter D.A.R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Miles 4 N.W. is on the lawn of one of the residences of the Dalecarlia [sic.] Reservoir. Both the stone and fence are in good condition. There are no weeds of [sic.] anything growing inside the fence and its present appearance is neat. The fence will soon need paint.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Condition Excellent. Well cared for by employees of Delecarlia."

1982

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one additional snapshot, with handwritten note: ""Mrs. LaVon P. Linn, State Historian, DCDAR, finds Stone #4 in good condition. Feb. 23, 1982."

In folder, additional photograph taken Feb. 23, 1982.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

NORTHWEST 4

**Behind director's residences, 100 feet from B&O Railroad Georgetown spur,
Delacarla Reservation
District of Columbia**

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: owned by Delacardia Reservoir (US property). Contact Tom Jakovits (202) 764-0031.

NORTHWEST 5

Delacarla Reservation
(1/4 mile southwest of Westmoreland Circle)

1916

In folder, typewritten poem by Miss Ethelwyn Bassett Hall, "Ode to the Mile Stone." Includes photograph of 2 DAR ladies by fence erected by John Hall Chapter, DC DAR, October 1, 1916. Also in folder, typescript of "Jurisdiction of the United States. . . Being a Brief Account of Commemorative Exercises at Chevy Chase Mile-stone, Oct. 14th, 1915. And a Short History of These Federal Boundary Markings," by Ada Boyd Glassie.

In DAR Scrapbook #1, nine photographs. At least two are by E. A. Shuster, Jr., dated May 30, 1908; two, unattributed, are of the stone before fencing; and the remaining five have been taken after fencing, possibly on October 8, 1917. One of these bears the intriguing inscription "Modern stone on northeast shore of Receiving Reservoir." Although originally the responsibility of the John Hall Chapter, another note states "Graciously taken by Dolly Madison Chapter."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located in rather dense woods on the Dalecarlia Reservoir grounds, a short distance north of the reservoir. It stands erect and is in good condition except for the vertical edges which are lightly chipped. The fence is in good condition and appears to have been recently painted. The plate on the fence was donated by the John Hall Chapter, D.A.R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Miles 5 N. W. proved to be hard to locate. The Reservoir staff felt sure that there was no such stone but Mr. Bolton, the surveyor, finally located it in the woods almost in a straight line due east from the upper entrance gate.

Both stone and fence are in good condition. The Reservoir area has been enclosed inside a fence since 1941. This stone -- Miles 5 N. W. -- had escaped detection and had not been inspected for years. The fence should be painted soon.

NORTHWEST 5

Delacarla Reservation
(1/4 mile southwest of Westmoreland Circle)

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Condition: Excellent."

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs & notes added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one additional snapshot, with handwritten note: "This stone was found to be damaged (chipped) and the Dolley Madison plaque missing in October 1969."

1979

Photograph of Dolley Madison members at stone, October 16, 1979. Note indicates that the fence was rusted but that it was subsequently painted by Delacarla personnel.

1982

Photograph of stone with note: "Dolley Madison members find stone, grill and plaque in good condition, Feb. 23, 1982."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: owned by Delacarla Reservoir (US property). Contact Tom Jakovits (202) 764-0031.

NORTHWEST 6

Western Avenue and Fessenden Street NW
Washington DC

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 7 photographs. Two photos certainly by E. A. Shuster, Jr. dated May 24, 1908. Two other unattributed photographs pre-fencing. Three remaining photographs show the fence in place. Handwritten notes indicate that at least two of these post-fenced photographs are by Hermione Shipman Leu, taken in October of 1917. Independence Bell Chapter, DC DAR, was the responsible chapter: "Pd. Feb. 2nd 1916/ Placed June 23, 1916/Dedicated [June 23, 1916]."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands at the side of Western Avenue at the point where it is joined by Fessenden Street. It is in poor condition, the top being badly battered and the inscriptions almost illegible. The faces of the stone are pitted to quite some extent, and the stone is leaning slightly. The Fence is in good condition but the paint is peeling off. This stone is protected by the Independence Bell Chapter, D.A.R.

1950

In General File, from The Evening Star, January 2, 1950, reproduction of Woodward photograph, circa 1906.

1951

Snapshot of stone taken in the Fall of 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

NORTHWEST 6

Western Avenue and Fessenden Street NW
Washington DC

Stone in summer obscured by weeds and vines – fence needs painting. Stone in good condition. Small tree growing inside fence should be removed. Independence Bell Chapter, D. C. DAR.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Condition: Good."

1967

In General File, from The Washington Post, undated but circa 1967, article by Michael Kernan. On stones generally, but contains photograph of NW 6 credited to Margaret Thomas of The Washington Post.

1968

Article in Washington Post, 8 August 1968, by Michael Kernan, "D. C. Still Bounded by the Dotted Line": general information on the history of the stones, but photograph of NW 6 by Margaret Thomas of the Washington Post.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs added to 1949 Kenneth Lawrence photos: one snapshot.

1981

In folder, tearsheets from *The Uptown Citizen*, January 22, 1981, announcing an "emergency meeting" of the Brookdale Citizens Association, "to address an application before the State of Maryland to move a parcel of parkland from public to private domain. . . . The Maryland State Hall of Records is in receipt of a land patent application from a private group of investors for conversion of this park site to private property: Jeffrey Zellmer of 206 Upton Street, Rockville; Joseph Anastasi of 11312 Stonewood Lane, Rockville; Levitan, Ezrin, Cramer, West and Weinstein of 5454 Wisconsin Avenue."

In folder, handwritten letter from J. F. Condon, 5034 Park Place, Bethesda MD 20016, to Mrs. Arthur E. Brown (Elsie) (DAR), 3302 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20007:

NORTHWEST 6

Western Avenue and Fessenden Street NW
Washington DC

Jan 31, 1981

Dear Mrs. Brown ~ Re Friday's phone conversation

I sent my copy of the "Notice" to Mr. Sheaffer [American Society of Civil Engineers, National Capital Section], so he could send an objection from the "Society of Civil Engineers." So, attached is a copy from "The Montgomery Sentinel."

All you have to say is:

I, Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, 3302 "N" Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20007 (and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution), pursuant to "Real Property Sections 13-401 and 13-402 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, do hereby object to the granting of a patent to Jeffrey Zellmer, et. al., Warrant No. 64.

The tract includes the land around one of the original boundary stones which Major Ellicott erected in 1792 to establish the boundary between Maryland and the District of Columbia at the behest of George Washington. In 1915, the Daughters of the American Revolution assumed the responsibility for having the stones protected as living monuments to the beginning of our country and to the accuracy, imagination, ingenuity and fore-sightedness of the founders of our country, as personified by Major Ellicott.

In 1917, the Daughters of the American Revolution installed a 3 foot by 3 foot iron fence around the stone to provide continuous preservation and protection (a fence which has protected the stone for all to gaze upon and be spiritually uplifted in contemplating, not a monument, built to honor and commemorate a man after his death, but a landmark, placed by the man himself, whose very accuracy of location attests to the man himself. This particular stone is particularly valuable because of its public position when the multitudes traversing Western Ave. between River Rd. and Massachusetts every day are spiritually elevated when the monument comes into view.

To provide better and more lasting protection in the future, Senator Mathias has a bill before Congress to better meet the environmental conditions which now exist and to allow future generations to become imbued with the greatness of our country and its past.

Further I do verify that the DAR has possessed the land around the stone and the fence since 1917.

The term of such possession is 1917 to present.

The physical signs that accompany such possession are the fence and a plate on the fence stating that the DAR is responsible for the care of the stone.

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Western Avenue and Fessenden Street NW
Washington DC

I certify that a copy of this objection has been forwarded to the attorney for the applicants:
Stanley D. Abrams, 1400 Barlow Bldg., 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015.

I'm sorry I got carried away by the above. Eliminate as much as you wish. Please have the original notarized. If there is any question, please call me on 229-7524.

Joe Condon
5034 Park Place
Wash, D.C. 20016

There is also an envelope in which the above letter was apparently enclosed. Mr. Condon, after addressing the envelope, added by hand:

Mrs. Brown -- Rather than mail this, I'll just drop in your mail-box. I was too flowery in the letter. All you need to say in your objection are the sentences I have underlined in it. I've asked Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Niebell to find the "deed" for NW6. The signature of 1917 on it will be interesting and may be very important to the case. Also, I hop that you, Mrs. Jenkins & Mrs. Niebell will get a project going to call the complete 1.4 acre park "Ellicott Park," on the basis that Ellicott did most of the work in locating, laying out and planning the Federal City while L'Enfant gets all the credit. (Incidentally, I didn't realize until Mr. Shaeffer told me that the City was finally designed to Ellicott's Plan, rather than L'Enfant's plan. A sign "Ellicott Park" on the northwest corner of Watson Ave and River Rd in the park could provide the needed recognition. (Coincidentally, Ellicott St. is a block south of the park.) If you need any translation of my scribbles please phone 22-7524. -- Joe Condon

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: contact Susan Soderberg (301) 563-3400. Maintenance: Bill Gillett, Cabin John Park (301) 299-0024.

NORTHWEST 7

5600 Western Avenue
District of Columbia

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 9 photographs. Two photos certainly by E. A. Shuster, Jr. dated March 22, 1908 and May 24, 1908. One, pre-fencing, is undated and unattributed. One unattributed but dated March 1915. Two apparently by Hermione Leu are dated 1916 and Oct. 1917 and show the fence in place. The remaining three are marked "F. E. W." (Fred Woodward?) and are dated 1916 and 1917, post-fencing. Patriots' Memorial Chapter, DC DAR, was the responsible chapter. Only dates given: October 14th, 1915 and April 28, 1917.

In folder, report of dedication on October 14, 1916 published in *DAR Magazine*, Vol. 48, No. 5, May 1916.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located in a yard at 5600 Western Avenue, at a point where it is joined by 41st Street. The stone is buried even with the surface of the ground with only the tip visible. The people living on this property have torn the fence down, considering it unsightly, perhaps. That should be made to realize its importance, and perhaps even legal means taken to have it raised and protected, if possible. Mr. Baker and Mr. Woodward reported this stone in good condition at the times they visited it.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Buried in lawn of house of Dr. A. H. Richwine, 40 feet from Western Avenue curb and 17 feet 8 inches from Cedar Parkway curb. Dr. Richwine dug up sod to show us the stone, split in center in two parts, but has X on top. Stone should be brought to surface and properly fenced and marked -- sure that consent of owner could be obtained. Patriot's Memorial Chapter.

1960

NORTHWEST 7

5600 Western Avenue
District of Columbia

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: ". . . on Dr. Richwine's property. It is buried in a spot in his yard . . . Dig down about 6". Should be raised."

1966

In folder, clipping from *The Evening Star*, 14 January, 1966, p. B-4:

BOUNDARY MARKER TAGGED. Miss Anna Mary McNutt (left), state regent of the District Daughters of the American Revolution, looks across the old District line with Rep. Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., and Mrs. Andrew A. Foggo, regent of the DAR's Patriots' Memorial Chapter. The chapter yesterday affixed a plaque to the original boundary marker raised a year ago in the front yard of Mrs. P. A. Davis, 5609 Western Ave., Bethesda.

1960's (?)

In folder, photograph (and negative) of members of Patriot's Memorial Chapter visiting stone.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: owners are Francis & K. O. Ruddy (301) 654-0828.

NORTHWEST 8

6400 Western Avenue
District of Columbia

1908 - 1916

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 9 photographs of stone at "Pinehurst". Two photos certainly by E. A. Shuster, Jr. dated March 29, 1908 and May 24, 1908. Three, pre-fencing, are undated and unattributed. Two apparently by Hermione Leu are dated Oct. 1917 and show the fence in place. Two others are unattributed and undated, show children around fence. Handwritten note: "Colonel John Donelson Chapter, DC DAR, and date Nov. 4th, 1916". (Probably the dedication date. Fred E. Woodward noted as a speaker.) Typewritten carbon copy of poem, "So Have the Milestones Spoken."

In folder, typewritten report of dedication ceremonies. Fred Woodward the featured speaker.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands less than a block southwest from Pinehurst Circle on a vacant lot. It is erect and in fair condition, the top corners being rounded a bit, but the inscriptions are easily read. The fence is in good condition and the paint peeling only slightly. The plate on this fence was placed there by the Col. John Donelson Chapter, D.A.R.

1951

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken Summer 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

In vacant wooded lot which may be built on any day. Below street level. Filling in of lot is taking place now. Stone should be raised or position changed -- owner of lot should be contacted and measures taken to protect stone; fence and stone in good condition. Colonel John Donelson Chapter.

NORTHWEST 8

6400 Western Avenue
District of Columbia

Mr. Saul V. Cusack is lot owner - 3511 Davenport Street - Wo 6-6891. Mr. Cusack and his realtor, Mr. L. T. Gravatte (729 15th Street. N. W., Na 8-0753), were notified on May 25, 1953, of dumping and warned of danger to stone.

Colonel Truett of National Capital Parks was also notified. Mrs. John Axford, Regent of Colonel John Donelson, was also notified.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Fence removed; Stone and surroundings in excellent condition; owner of the house takes care of it. Will not have the fence. . . No bronze Tablet."

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot and note reading: "This stone, without a fence, now stands in the front yard of 6422 Western Avenue."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

NORTHWEST 9

Rock Creek Park
(Down path from Western & Oregon Avenues)
District of Columbia

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 6 photographs -- two by "F. E. W." (Fred Woodward?), dated 1906; one by E. A. Shuster dated May 2, 1908, and three, post-fencing, apparently by Hermione Leu. Margaret Whetton Chapter, DC DAR, responsible for stone.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots.

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands just inside Rock Creek Park, about a hundred yards northeast of the intersection of Oregon and Western Avenues. The stone is in fair condition with the corners rounded and chipped, especially on top. The inscription on the District face of the stone is very clear cut. The fence is in good condition with the paint peeling only slightly. This stone is protected by the Margaret Whetton Chapter, D.A.R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Fence and stone in good condition. Margaret Whetton Chapter.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, two snapshots taken in 1970.

1990

In folder, snapshot of DC DARs (Margaret Whetton Chapter) cleaning around stone on 5 November 1990.

Various Dates

NORTHWEST 9

Rock Creek Park
(Down path from Western & Oregon Avenues)
District of Columbia

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985, May 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: property owner, M-NCPPC. Contact Susan Soderberg, (301) 563-3400; maintenance, Jim Humerick, Rock Creek Park, (301) 650-2630.

NORTH STONE

20 ft. South of East-West Highway,
1/10 mile west of 16th Street, NW

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, five photographs: one by E. A. Shuster, April 5, 1908, and four by "F. E. W." (Fred Woodward), one 1906 pre-fencing, and taken in July 1916, post-fencing.

1916

In folder, 3-page typewritten report of dedication of the fence around the North Stone. Written by Bertha Hall Talbott, and apparently published in *Patriotic Marylander* of June 1916. Following the plan of such ceremonies established by the DC DAR, these ceremonies were organized by the Maryland DAR on April 14, 1916. An "impressive occasion," despite a 50-mile per hour wind and rainstorms. Main address given by Mr. A. S. Goldsborough of Baltimore.

Also in folder, photograph (probably 1916) of fence-enclosed stone. Only inscriptions: on photo: "Northern Corner - Woodside, Md." and "In Snow Farm."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located very close to the south side of the East-West highway, near Silver Spring. It is leaning slightly and is in fair condition, but has badly battered edges. The circular fence which surrounds the stone is overgrown with vines, is rusting, and in need of paint. The plate on this fence was supplied by the Maryland Chapter, D.A.R. [sic.]

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

East-West Highway, on lawn of apartment house - 1850 East-West Highway - south side of street - below street level - near 16th Street extended - opposite sign reading "Riding Horses" covered completely in summer with dense underbrush, weeds and vines. Janet Montgomery Chapter - Maryland, D. A. R.

NORTH STONE

20 ft. South of East-West Highway,
1/10 mile west of 16th Street, NW

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Sunk in ground about 1/2 the height of the fence; needs to be raised and area within the enclosure cleaned. Water drains near it. Protected by MARYLAND STATE, D.A.R. in the care of JANET MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, Md. D.A.R."

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963: North Stone the only one with a vertical inscription.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and February 1991. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: property owner: Chevy Chase Crest Condos. Contact Paul Associates (attn: Chris), (301) 652-9444.

NORTHEAST 1

7847 Eastern Avenue
(Brass plaque)

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, eight photographs taken at stone at "Senator Blair Lee's Home." one by F. E. Woodward, 1906, and another which may be his as well showing pre-fenced stone. Remaining photographs after fencing, of DAR Ceremonies at unveiling of fence. One of these shows toddler, Blair Lee 3rd, at the ceremonies.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located at the edge of the sidewalk on Eastern Avenue at the point where it is joined by 12th Street. The stone is in good condition except for its vertical edges which are chipped. The inscriptions are very clear-cut and easily read. The fence is in excellent condition, and has been recently painted. It bears a plate from the Mary Washington Chapter, D.A.R.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR. They met at the North stone and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. NE 1 was "Next door to 7835 Eastern Avenue, and almost opposite the bus terminal on the west side of Ga. Av." Custodians were the Mary Washington Chapter.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Fence and stone leveled by bulldozer during construction work, erection of new stores. Inquiring at agency of Trailer Concern - found salesman who had seen stone and fence knocked down but had not interfered because he knew nothing of significance of same. No trace of stone or fence has been discovered but concrete paving block, square, marking the position of stone has been laid in its place. Extensive inquiry by Mrs. Bocher, State Historian, has borne no fruit. Mary Washington Chapter, D. C. DAR.

NORTHEAST 1

7847 Eastern Avenue
(Brass plaque)

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Stone and fence disappeared Sept. 1952 when construction work was being done." Added note from member of Mary Washington Chapter: "Am keeping in regular touch with government official about our Mary Washington Milestone N. E. #1, D. C. DAR. Have been informed that a niche or groove was marked in the new building at the approximate spot of Milestone and now it is in the process of having a so-called plaque designed with the cooperation of the present owner of the building."

1961

In folder, tearout sheet from Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, April 1961, p. 331. Photograph of plaque marking site of original stone; photo by Abbie Rowe, National Park Service. Text reads: "This Plaque Marks The Site of the District of Columbia North-East Boundary Stone No. 1 Originally Placed Here 1791 - 1792 Presented by The Mary Washington Chapter Daughters of The American Revolution and United States Department of the Interior The National Park Service 1960."

1962

In DAR Scrapbook #2, typewritten report dated March 31, 1962 by DC DAR State Historian, reporting changes in status of various stones:

Bronze plaque replaced milestone missing since 1952.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and April 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

NORTHEAST 2

Front Lawn of 110 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, five photographs. Two by E. A. Shuster, April 12, 1908. Remaining 3 photos unattributed, after circular iron fence had been installed.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone also stands alongside the sidewalk and is on Maple Avenue, a half block north of Carroll Avenue. It is in fair condition, but the face is pitted and the corners chipped lightly. The fence is in good condition but needs paint, and bears a nameplate from the Major L'Enfant Chapter, D.A.R.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR. They met at the North stone and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. It was noted that the Major L'Enfant Chapter is the custodian of this stone.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Rundown house and lawn - will bear watching as may go commercial any day and be bulldozed like No. 1 N. E. Major L'Enfant Chapter, D.C.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970. Protected by Descendants of '76 Chapter.

NORTHEAST 2

Front Lawn of 110 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and April 1985.
(Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1990

In folder, two snapshots taken in 1990.

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan C. Soderberg, Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: property owners, Donald and C. A. Dryburgh. Maintenance by "Friends of Historic Takoma," Trevor Delafield (301) 439-3534, and he apparently wants to maintain it.

NORTHEAST 3

Eastern and New Hampshire Avenues
Prince George's County MD

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, five photographs. One by F. E. W., 1906. Four others by E. A. Shuster, Jr., April 12, 1908. "Near Stott's Station, B&O R. R., Our Flag Chapter," DC DAR. Pd. Feb. 29, 1916; placed June 13, 1916; dedicated Oct. 19, 1916. Also newspaper clipping from September 25, 1929, showing members of Our Flag Chapter having finished cleanup of stone and retouching of fence.

In folder, typescript for Invitation and Program (below) with attached photograph of DAR ladies at fenced stone -- presumably circa 1916.

In folder, Invitation and Program for dedication of iron fence, October 19, 1916.

In folder, photocopy of a document dated only "1916," signed by Henry Voigt, Executor Deitrich Heider Estate, granting permission to Our Flag Chapter to erect "a suitable iron fence for the preservation and protection of said Monument, the area of said grant not to exceed one yard square of ground, of which the said mile-stone is the center . . ." Witnessed by eight officers of Our Flag Chapter.

In folder, newspaper clipping dated October 17, 1916, reporting dedication ceremonies.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located just off Eastern Avenue at its intersection with New Hampshire Avenue. The stone is in fair condition but several edges are badly battered and scarred. The fence is very rusty and needs paint badly. It bears a plate furnished by the Our Flag Chapter, D. A. R.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR.. They met at the North stone

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Eastern and New Hampshire Avenues Prince George's County MD

and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. It was noted that the Our Flag Chapter is the custodian of this stone.

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in June of 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Good stone on cleared ground near small store marked Maryland Boundary - old marking clear on stone - on a newly constructed highway, visible on all sides. Our Flag Chapter.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970. Handwritten note reads: "The stone is the same but the area has really changed! The Chapter (i.e., Our Flag) has asked for help from the Park Service."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

NE3 stands neglected at New Hampshire Avenue and Eastern Avenue. It does not go unnoticed, however, as it seems to collect beer cans. Like its next neighbor NE4, the stone has sunk or been buried so that there is barely enough of it visible to ascertain if it is one of the originals.

1987

In folder, two snapshots taken of DAR Visitation: Eloise Jenkins, Damitra Meeds, and Ann Reidy.

NORTHEAST 3

**Eastern and New Hampshire Avenues
Prince George's County MD**

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and April 1985.
(Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: private owner, Chris Hondros.

NORTHEAST 4

Eastern Avenue and Sargent Road
Prince George's County MD

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, three photographs. One, although not designated, may be a Fred Woodward photo. Remaining two by E. A. Shuster, April 12, 1908. Elizabeth Jackson Chapter, DC DAR. Pd. 28 February 1916. Placed August 7, 1916. Dedicated November 16, 1916.

1916

In folder, typewritten notes of the dedication on November 18, 1916 of the fence around the stone by the Elizabeth Jackson Chapter, DC DAR. Fred Woodward delivered the main address. Accompanied by unattributed newspaper clipping reporting the event. (No mention of presentation of deed.)

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands about forty or fifty yards northwest of where the District line crosses Sargent Road. It is in excellent condition, but it is buried a little too deep for all of the inscription to be read. The fence which surrounds the stone is in fine condition and needs paint only slightly. This stone is protected by the Elizabeth Jackson Chapter of the D. A. R.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR. They met at the North stone and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. It was noted that Elizabeth Jackson Chapter is the custodian of this stone.

1952 - 1954

NORTHEAST 4

Eastern Avenue and Sargent Road Prince George's County MD

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Located at Eastern Avenue and Sargent Road. In the rear of farmhouse, 5400 Sargent Road. Eastern Avenue has been cut through but not paved. Stone with good fence on embankment high above road - large stone plainly marked U. S. 1791 - 1792. Elizabeth Jackson Chapter, D. C.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

On Eastern avenue near Sargent road stands NE 4, a large oak towering close beside it. Despite the protection furnished by this tree and iron bar enclosure, NE 4 is in bad shape. I could read none of the inscriptions.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970. Handwritten note reads: "The stone stands alone on a hill by the same tree but the streets have been cut around it."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

NE4 at Sargent Road and Eastern Avenue also exhibits neglect. It appears to be another case where during road construction the fencing was raised but the stone was not and was nearly covered. The few inches of the top of the stone that are visible are completely unmarked and suggest a perfect stone below ground.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and April 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

NORTHEAST 4

Eastern Avenue and Sargent Road
Prince George's County MD

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: private owners, Richard and Hilda Scott.

NORTHEAST 5

4609 Eastern Avenue NE
Washington DC

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 4 photographs showing stone on its side before fencing. Three photographs of unveiling ceremonies by Constitution Chapter, one photo of young Robideau Allison. Notes indicate that location was on the "Streckfuss Farm," that the fence was paid for on April 17, 1916, placed May 15, 1916, and dedicated on October 20, 1917. Additional note indicates that the stone was straightened by [blank] of Chico, Cal. Additional photo of the regent (1916 - 1918), Mrs. James L. Parker.

In folder, invitation to dedication ceremonies held by Constitution Chapter, October 20, 1917.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located in the front yard of a house at 4609 Eastern Avenue, near 22nd Street. The major part of the stone is in good condition but some of the top corners are scarred heavily. The fence has been well taken care of except that it is in need of paint. The plate on this fence names the Constitution Chapter, D. A. R., as its protector.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR. They met at the North stone and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. It was noted that Constitution Chapter is the custodian of this stone.

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

NORTHEAST 5

4609 Eastern Avenue NE
Washington DC

Large stone, plainly marked; nice white house; fence needs painting; plainly marked "Jurisdiction of U. S. Maryland 1792" Corner backed. Constitution Chapter.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

Standing in the midst of a sweep of well-manicured lawns, NE 5 is easy to spot. It does not appear to be one of the original stones.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, handwritten note: "Very much the same. In very good shape."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and April 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Hazel Summers, private owner.

NORTHEAST 6

3601 Eastern Avenue & 34th Street, NE
District of Columbia

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, four photographs. One by E. A. Shuster, Jr., April 12, 1908. Two, unattributed, of the stone before fencing and one other after fencing. Livingston Manor Chapter, June 2, 1916.

1916

In folder, typewritten notes of the dedication on June 2, 1916 of the fence around the stone by the Livingston Manor Chapter, DC DAR. Accompanied by unattributed newspaper clipping containing virtually the same information and a photograph of the fence-enclosed stone. (No mention of presentation of deed.)

1935

In DAR Scrapbook #1, newspaper clipping from *Evening Star*, January 12, 1935:

*MISSING BOUNDARY MARKER IS FOUND, BURIED BY MISTAKE
144-Year-Old Landmark on Eastern Avenue to be Preserved*

Authorities of the National Capital Parks today located the 144-year-old boundary marker, previously thought missing, at the junction of Eastern avenue, Monroe street and Thirty-fourth street northeast, buried under five feet of earth.

Albert Clyde-Burton, assistant superintendent of the National Capital Parks, was advised by his investigators that the property on which it stands recently changed hands. The new owner, thinking the marker just another stone, graded the place, preparatory to erecting a new home, covering the marker with earth. A fence surrounding it had been taken down.

The marker was found missing yesterday when park workmen began their semi-annual job of repairing and cleaning the markers and their surrounding fences. When they came to boundary stone No. 6, it was not in position

The new owner of the property is represented as being willing to cooperate with the Federal Government in preserving the landmark, either by shifting it to a new position or by marking the old site by a small tablet—or both.

NORTHEAST 6

3601 Eastern Avenue & 34th Street, NE
District of Columbia

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located at the side of Eastern Avenue at the point where it is joined by 34th Street. This stone is in very good condition considering that it has stood for over a century and a half near one of the oldest roads leading into the city of Washington. It is erect with the base of the stone set in cement to hold it in place. The inscriptions are sharp and clear and the fence is in good condition. A nameplate on this fence was furnished by the Livingston Manor Chapter of the D. A. R.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR. They met at the North stone and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. It was noted that Livingston Manor Chapter protects this stone.

In DAR Scrapbook #2, three snapshots taken in 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Front lawn of 3601 Eastern Avenue, intersection of Eastern Ave., 34th and Monroe Streets, N. E. Stone set in concrete slab corner front yard, plainly marked on 4 sides "Jurisdiction U. S." Livingston Manor Chapter.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, handwritten note: Very little change here except yard has been fenced.

NORTHEAST 6

3601 Eastern Avenue & 34th Street, NE
District of Columbia

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Prince George's County . . . right of way only?

NORTHEAST 7

Along fence between Ft. Lincoln Cemetery and
Fort Lincoln New Town

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, one photograph by E. A. Shuster, Jr., April 12, 1908. Two others, unattributed and undated. Note states: "Chosen by Mary Desha Chapter of D. C. but permit to erect the fence and bronze tablet was refused by the Board of Management of the National Training School for Boys. They chose to erect and pay for it, and the money was returned to the D. A. R. contrary to our explicit request."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

This stone is located alongside the line fence, deep in Fort Lincoln Cemetery, over half a mile from Bladensburg Road. It is also in excellent condition except for a bad seam running a foot down from the top. A metal band has been placed around the stone to keep it from splitting. The stone has sunk so that only about a foot of the stone is now out of the ground, and this hides part of the inscriptions. The fence surrounding the stone is in good condition, but bears no nameplate to identify the boundary stone.

1951

In "General File," a typewritten report of a field trip by the DC DAR on June 2, 1951, written by Maud Proctor Callis, Historians' Committee, DC DAR. They met at the North stone and were addressed by Donald J. Caulfield, Historian of National Capital Parks, U. S. Department of Interior, on the history of the stones. Following the talk, they took a driving tour of stones NE 1 through NE 7. It was noted that students at the National Training School for Boys maintains this stone.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Supposed to be in custody of Training School Superintendent; Dr. Jacobs, Superintendent of School, did not know of existence of same but drove us about grounds of school; then of cemetery - finally took us to inspect mausoleum of cemetery - there found an

NORTHEAST 7

Along fence between Ft. Lincoln Cemetery and Fort Lincoln New Town

employee, Mr. Gray, who knew location of stone and conducted us there. Good fence in good condition and exactly on dividing line between school and cemetery. In care of cemetery.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Milestone above on dividing line between National Training School for Boys (no longer there) and Fort Lincoln Cemetery which has removed the fence and erected a new one in keeping with their grounds."

1962

In DAR Scrapbook #2, typewritten report dated March 31, 1962 by DC DAR State Historian, reporting changes in status of various stones:

Assigned to Katherine Montgomery Chapter by National Park Service on October 1, 1961, making a total of 29 milestones under protection of D. C. DAR.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

NE 7 is nearly camouflaged by the gravestones in Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Although not the handsomest stone in the cemetery, it can claim to be the oldest.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970. Handwritten note reads: "Now protected by the Katherine Montgomery Chapter, the stone has settled a bit lower. It was dedicated in 1961."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

NORTHEAST 7

Along fence between Ft. Lincoln Cemetery and
Fort Lincoln New Town

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: owned by Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Inc.

NORTHEAST 8

200 yards northwest of intersection of Eastern Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue
Prince George's County MD

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 5 photographs. One by E. A. Schuster, Jr., May 30, 1908, two others, pre-fencing, unattributed. Two photos after fencing. "Little John Boyden" Chapter, DC D. A. R.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands about 150 yards northwest from the intersection of Eastern and Kenilworth Avenues. It has no trace of protection from vandals and is severely damaged, especially on the top of the stone. The rest of the stone is in good condition, with the inscriptions very sharp and well defined. To save what little is left of the stone, a new fence should be build [sic.] around it as soon as possible.

1951

In DAR Scrapbook #2, two snapshots taken June 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Stone unprotected in woods and weeds. No fence, small stone, rather chipped -- no identifying marks. Negro janitor showed us the spot. Negro apartment house. Stone should receive attention. Building might take place at any time. Little John Boyden Chapter.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Badly chipped, no fence, no marker."

NORTHEAST 8

**200 yards northwest of intersection of Eastern Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue
Prince George's County MD**

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated November 1972 and July 1973.
(Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: WSSC (quasi-private owner).

NORTHEAST 9

919 Eastern Avenue
Prince George's County MD

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, three photographs taken in 1906. Three (3) by E. A. Shuster, Jr., May 30, 1908. Note below one of these reads: "Lost 1808 [sic]. Buried by Eastern Ave. Road graders. 1911." Five other photographs apparently taken by D. A. R. photographer in 1917. Fence dedicated by Captain Molly Pitcher Chapter, DC D. A. R., May 6, 1918. Other notes read: "Research made by Historical Committee of D. A. R. of D. C. Expenses paid by a descendant of the First Surveyor -- Prof. Andrew Ellicott Douglass, of Tucson, Arizona. Raised 4 feet, and placed exactly over the spot where it was found."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located at the side of Eastern Avenue, about 150 yards southeast of Sheriff Road. Unfortunately, the stone is now invisible, being buried under a huge slide of dirt and mud. Recent construction work on Eastern Avenue has caused much mud and silt to wash downhill and nearly cover even the fence. The area near the stone should be filled in more completely, and then the stone and the fence raised at least a yard. The fence is also overgrown with weeds but I was able to find the nameplate put there by the Molly Pitcher Chapter, D. A. R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Stone almost covered with dirt - badly neglected - overgrown with weeds. New construction of Eastern Avenue. Short iron fence. Should be raised to street level and placed on side of street where could be visible. Colored section. Captain Molly Pitcher Chapter.

1962

In DAR Scrapbook #2, typewritten report dated March 31, 1962 by DC DAR State Historian, reporting changes in status of various stones:

NORTHEAST 9

919 Eastern Avenue
Prince George's County MD

Missing Name Plate found and replaced February 24, 1962.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine* of *The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

NE 9 . . . shares a lot with an old house on Eastern avenue, and it appears to have withstood time and the elements far better than the house.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook # 2, snapshot taken in 1970.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Bryn Mawr West Fairmont Heights (private owner).

EAST STONE

Eastern & Southern Avenues
(50 yards southeast of intersection)

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 12 photographs of stone both before and after fencing at the dedication. At least one, dated May 1916, is attributed to Fred Woodward. Four, dated May 24, 1909 and April 15, 1916, are attributed to A. E. Schuster [sic.]. Evidently, the DC D. A. R. Historians' Committee was responsible for this fence from the outset.

1916

In folder, the program for "Ceremonies In Recognition of the Inclosing of the East Corner Milestone," April 15, 1916. Sponsored by the State Committee, D. A. R., District of Columbia, on the Preservation of Historic Spots and Records," Mrs. George Plummer Conway, Chairman. Musical tributes, Masonic Ceremonies, and Address by Fred E. Woodward. A "Presentation of Deed" by Mr. Robinson White; "Acceptance of Deed" by Mrs. George P. Conway; "Acceptance of Deed on behalf of Federal Government, and Reading of Letter from President Wilson" by Col. W. W. Harts.

In folder, report from Washington Post, 16 April 1916, p. 15, of ceremonies.

In folder, typewritten transcript of letter from President Wilson, sending regrets that he would not be able to attend.

In folder, typewritten copy of letter from Robinson White, Attorney-at-Law, dated April 15th, 1916, to Mrs. George P. Conway, Chairman of the Committee for Preservation of Historical Spots and Records of the Daughters of the American Revolution:

Through Mr. Eugene H. McLachlen who has kindly consented to represent me, I take pleasure in presenting you a deed to the ground surrounding the Eastern Corner Stone of the District of Columbia. . . .

I consider it my good fortune to have acquired and owned the land surrounding this monument and since my ownership of it began, I have exercised every care to prevent its desecration by the relic hunters, and claim a little credit for the excellent state of preservation in which you find it

1949

EAST STONE

Eastern & Southern Avenues
(50 yards southeast of intersection)

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located a short distance east of the intersection of Eastern and Southern Avenues in a small swamp. The stone is in good condition with deep lettering that is easily read. The stone still shows the saw marks from when the stone was cut a century and a half ago. The circular fence around the stone is in good condition, but urgently needs a coat of paint. The chapter marker on this fence was placed here by the District of Columbia, D.A.R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Newly constructed portion of Eastern Avenue. Stone seems to be in safe position; covered with weeds and rubbish inside fence; plainly marked - Maryland and District. State Historian's Committee.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Area within and immediately surrounding the fence cleared of weeds. A large area of grass 7 and 8 feet high is close by. It is too large an area to be cleaned by women. Reported to Mr. Fenton of National Capital Parks."

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

The East Stone is in Seat Pleasant about 100 feet west of the old Chesapeake Junction, which old timers may recall is where you transferred from the street car to the trains for a sooty ride to Chesapeake Beach. East Capitol street misses this point by several hundred yards. It is not known whether East Capitol street was intended to run directly into this corner If so, the 1791 survey was inaccurate compared to present-day standards.

EAST STONE

Eastern & Southern Avenues
(50 yards southeast of intersection)

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated April 1985 and May 1985.
(Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Prince George's County (right of way only?).

SOUTHEAST 1

East end of D Street, 100 feet beyond 54th Street, SE
Washington, DC

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, seven photographs, all pre-fencing. One of these is dated May 24, 1908 and attributed to "A. E. S." Sarah Franklin Chapter apparently had responsibility for it.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands between D Street and Drake Place at the District line. The stone is in fair condition, leaning slightly, and somewhat chipped and shattered on the edges. The fence is in good condition with the paint peeling only slightly. This stone is protected by the Sarah Franklin Chapter, D. A. R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

A little colored boy showed us the way to the stone - up a dead end street - in the woods. Colored settlement, few houses off beaten track. Small boy remembered it several years back. In good condition; good fence. Sarah Franklin Chapter, DAR.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken circa 1970.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHEAST 1

East end of D Street, 100 feet beyond 54th Street, SE
Washington, DC

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Pleasant Lane Missionary Baptist Church (private owner).

SOUTHEAST 2

4345 Southern Avenue, SE
Washington DC

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, 10 photographs. Four were taken pre-fencing – one of these is attributed to A. E. Shuster, Jr.; another which may also be Shuster's is dated May 24, 1908. Two others may be Woodward photos. The six remaining, post-fencing photos appear to have been taken in June 1916 and in October 1917. Marcia Burns Chapter responsible.

1916

In folder, typewritten notes of the dedication on June 17, 1916 of the fence around the stone by the Marcia Burns Chapter, DC DAR. Address by Fred Woodward. Also attached, a photograph of the fence-enclosed stone. (No mention of presentation of deed, although owner of the land, Col. R. F. Bradbury, spoke.)

1929

In folder, unidentified newspaper clipping showing DAR ladies presumably having cleaned milestone area and painted fence. Although caption under photograph states that it was Milestone SE #3, all other evidence suggests that it was SE #2.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone stands in the front yard of a house at 4345 Southern Avenue, about 70 yards southwest of Ridge Road. The stone is in very good condition and has been well cared for. The fence surrounding the stone has been very recently painted with bright aluminum paint and is very attractive. The plate on this fence is sponsored by the Marcia Burns Chapter of the D. A. R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

SOUTHEAST 2

4345 Southern Avenue, SE
Washington DC

In garden, nice house, no weeds, good condition. Painted with aluminum paint, markings visible "1792 Jurisdiction of U. S." Marcia Burns Chapter, D. C. DAR.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Well kept by owner of property."

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

Proudest of all the boundary stones should be SE 2, which enjoys a prominent spot in a well-kept garden, with a patriotic flagpole beside it. Its grille gleams with bright aluminum paint. Much praise is due the family in whose front yard it sits.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970.

1976

In General File, from an article in *Washington Post*, 27 June 1976, "26 Stones Carved in 1791 Mark District's Boundaries" by Sara E. Hansard, subsequent to a report prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission:

One of the property owners with a marker in her front yard, Adaline Giovannetti, of 4345 Southern Ave., says she would like to sell her home to a history-conscious buyer. The stone, with an iron picket fence the DAR had put around most of the stones in 1917, has flowers and other shrubs planted around it.

After living in the house for 30 years, Mrs. Giovannetti says she likes having the marker in her lawn, although "A lot of people think it's a gravestone."

SOUTHEAST 2

4345 Southern Avenue, SE
Washington DC

The house is too big for me know and I would like to sell it, but I want to sell it to the right people, she said, mentioning the DAR as a possible candidate.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1987

In folder, snapshot of a DAR visitation to the stone.

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Free Gospel Church (private owner).

SOUTHEAST 3

3908 Southern Avenue

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, four photos, all pre-fencing. One of these is labeled "July 28, 1908 (A.E.S., Jr)." Two others may be Woodward photos. Handwritten note on album page reads, apparently intended to be attributed to Shuster: "Stone abnormally tall being evidently originally intended for the West Corner, and that monument being 2 feet tall, the height of all the intermediate posts." Ruth Brewster Chapter responsible.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located on Southern Avenue at Suitland Terrace. The stone is larger than the other intermediate stones, and is in poor condition. The face of the stone is quite rough and the letters are not easily made out. The fence is in good condition but completely covered with vines. The plate on this fence is from the Ruth Brewster Chapter, D.A.R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Buried in a hedge below street level in lot full of weeds and trees. Not visible from the street because of growth; stone 3 1/2 or 4 feet in height, with surveyor's cross visible on top; cherry tree growing inside fence. Needs immediate attention as building may go up any time. Ruth Brewster Chapter, D. C. DAR.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Chapter visited the stone. (1960) removed weeds, took a picture of the stone."

1970

SOUTHEAST 3

3908 Southern Avenue

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970. Typewritten notes state:

The boundary marker was originally located near a cemetery. When this land was purchased, the Ruth Brewster Chapter called the attention of the Real Estate Firm to the marker and they promised to protect and landscape it. This was done. The boundary marker now adjoins an apartment complex.

The J.A.C.'s at Anne Beers School make an annual trip to the historic marker to clean the area.

On a recent visit to the marker it was noted that the milestone is in very good condition. The fence appears to have been painted rather recently and the area surrounding it is neat and clean. The stone itself is upright and well preserved. There was no evidence of damage or neglect.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1987

In folder, 3 snapshots of DC DAR visitation to stone.

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: Capital Crossing Development Corporation (private owner).

SOUTHEAST 4

Naylor Road and District Line District of Columbia

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, eight photographs. Four of these are early undated unattributed photographs. Two are apparently Shuster photos dated July 26, 1908. One is of several children at the dedication by the John Lindsay Chapter, DC DAR. The final one is dated October 1917 and shows the DAR fence badly twisted.

1916

In folder, typewritten report of the May 31, 1916 dedication ceremonies by the John Lindsay Chapter. Main address given by Senator Charles S. Thomas of Colorado. Remarks by various DAR members. Also in folder, undated newspaper clipping repeating text of report.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. Handwritten note states "Transferred from John Lindsay to American Eagle Chapter D. C. D. A. R."

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located at Southern Avenue and Naylor Road, on the south side of the road. It is in very poor condition, and has no trace of lettering present upon any of its faces. The top is well rounded and does not even resemble the other stones. The fence is damaged slightly, overgrown with vines, and needs paint. This stone was formerly protected by the John Lindsey Chapter of the D. A. R. but now has a new plate naming the American Eagle Chapter.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

Only good thing about it is the fence -- small stone and fence, filled with bottles and trash. No marker on fence. American Eagle Chapter, D. C. DAR.

1962

SOUTHEAST 4

Naylor Road and District Line District of Columbia

In DAR Scrapbook #2, typewritten report dated March 31, 1962 by DC DAR State Historian, reporting changes in status of various stones:

Missing DAR Name Plate replaced March 31, 1962.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

On the very edge of Naylor road, SE 4 shows the most wear of all the markers. Naylor is one of the oldest roads leading from Washington into Southern Maryland, and the number of trucks, cars, wagons and horses (including John Wilkes Booth's) which have lumbered or whizzed by SE 4 is impossible to imagine.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken circa 1970. Handwritten note reads: "Stone now located in small triangle between roads with large apartment houses nearby."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

SE4 is situated at the very edge of a downhill curve of Naylor Road. Years of bombardment by gravel and road trash have worn this stone down to an indistinguishable nubbin.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973, April 1985 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

SOUTHEAST 4

**Naylor Road and District Line
District of Columbia**

1987

In folder, two snapshots of DAR visiting stone (Meeds, Jenkins, Reidy, Falkenstein).

SOUTHEAST 5

Near Anacostia Metro Station

1908 (?)

In DAR Scrapbook #1, four snapshots which appear to be by E. A. Shuster, Jr. prior to fencing. One snapshot taken after fencing, early but date not given. Louisa Adams Chapter, DC DAR.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located about 200 yards south of where Oxon Run crosses Southern Avenue. It is in fair condition but has a large piece chipped from one of the upper corners. The fence is in good condition but needs paint. This stone is protected by the Louisa Adams Chapter, D.A.R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

This was a hard stone to find from old directions, as there is no longer any Rifle Range (National Guard) or any Camp Simms, apartment house project going up. It is near Southern Avenue, 23d Street and is south of Oxon Run. Take Alabama Avenue to 23d Street, go on 23d Street until you reach Southern Avenue, go as far as paved portion of Southern extends, then cross bridge into plainly marked Valley Farm. Disregard signs saying "No Trespassing" "Private Property", "Keep Out", etc. go up hill on dirt road and take first right turn to dilapidated negro shack. Stone in hollow back of negro shack. The path so called [through] stone and weeds [sic.] but had been a dump for old cans, old rags, children said had recently been visited by surveyor so may be considering an extension of Southern Avenue. Family said number of their house was 2327 Southern Avenue; good stone, good fence, but poor environment. Should be watched or may be destroyed when road is dug through. Louisa Adams Chapter, D. C. DAR.

1968 - 1970

SOUTHEAST 5

Near Anacostia Metro Station

In DAR Scrapbook #2, two snapshots taken. Handwritten notes state: "#5 SE s still very difficult to get to, within the Green Valley Farm."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

1987

In folder, snapshots of stone before and after cleanup by DAR group (Meeds, Falkenstein, Reidy, Jenkins).

1993

In folder, letter from John F. Donahue, Jr. of WMATA dated April 2, 1993 to Doris French, then State Regent, DC DAR. Donahue states that while SE 5 is not directly within the planned Metro construction area, they are sensitive to its preservation. Proposes temporary fencing to protect it from damage during construction, repairing existing damage to stone wall around stone, and incorporate stone into landscape plan. Mrs. French, by letter of May 15, 1993, states DC DAR very pleased with proposed plans and asks to be notified when there are opening ceremonies. (Louisa Adams Chapter responsible for stone at the time.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: WMATA (public owner).

SOUTHEAST 6

901 Southern Avenue
District of Columbia

1908 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, two photographs, one by Shuster dated June 7, 1908, the other by Hermione Leu dated Oct. 1917, after fencing. Martha Washington Chapter, DC DAR.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is in almost perfect condition, and is the best specimen of the entire forty. It is a shame that this stone may eventually look like its neighbors as exposure to the elements dulls its trim lines. It would be wonderful if this particular stone could be replaced with a duplicate, and the original sent for safekeeping to some museum such as the Smithsonian. The fence is in good condition but needs paint. This stone is protected by the Martha Washington Chapter of the D. A. R.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Vines growing on fence. Trash inside the fence. Needs cleaning and fence repainted."

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

In the front yard of a new commercial building stands SE 6. A gas lamp post is placed nearby to carry out the old fashioned decor established so long, long ago at this spot by the boundary stone.

1976

SOUTHEAST 6

901 Southern Avenue
District of Columbia

In General File, from an article in *Washington Post*, 27 June 1976, "26 Stones Carved in 1791 Mark District's Boundaries" by Sara E. Hansard, subsequent to a report prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission:

The stone that is in the best condition, [Eloise Jenkins] said, is at 901 Southern Avenue., in the neatly trimmed front yard of the Henry B. Gilpin Co. The wholesale drug company has erected a plaque nearby which tells the stone's history.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot taken in 1970, with note: "Stone now located on the lawn of Henry Gilpin Company who built here in 1961."

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: John & Preston Tribble (private owners).

SOUTHEAST 7

South Capitol Street and Southern Avenue
District of Columbia

1906 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, eleven photographs. One is by Woodward, 1905; one dated June 7, 1908, the remainder from 1916. Two of these photographs show excavation process. Handwritten note reads, "As found & raised and placed on grade exactly over the same spot. Expenses and 'Liberty Pole' furnished by Mrs. John Bidwell -- a descendant of the first Surveyor Major Andrew Ellicott. Fenced and honored and dedicated by Louisa Holcombe Chapter." Dedication apparently held October 28, 1916.

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located on Southern Avenue at the point where it is crossed by South Capitol Street, on the east bank of a small stream emptying into Oxon Run. The stone is in good condition except of [sic.] the Maryland side, and for the top corners which are rounded. The fence is slightly caved in on one side, and bears a plate by the Lucy Holcomb Chapter of the D. A. R.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

This stone is at Southern Avenue and South Capitol Street, near Livingston Road -- Congress Heights, D. C. It is at the end of a concrete bridge - good stone in good condition. Lucy Holcomb Chapter, D. C. D. A. R.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "Condition: fence needs painting and area inside fence should be cleaned."

SOUTHEAST 7

South Capitol Street and Southern Avenue
District of Columbia

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

SE 7 is another stone that has had to be relocated due to the widening and regrading of roads.

1976

In General File, from an article in *Washington Post*, 27 June 1976, "26 Stones Carved in 1791 Mark District's Boundaries" by Sara E. Hansard, subsequent to a report prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission:

Eloise Jenkins, who has been in charge of the stones for the DAR said, "The other day someone called me about the one at South Capitol Street and Southern Avenue. It's been knocked over by a car. It'll take \$400 or \$500 to restore it." She said she didn't know whether the DAR would donate the money.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973 and May 1985. (Some if not all taken by Natalie Newell.)

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: State of Maryland (public owner).

SOUTHEAST 8

(To be relocated in vicinity of lower end of D. C. Village, presumed to be in storage)
District of Columbia

1916

In folder, minutes of the Monticello Chapter, DC DAR:

April 24, 1916: "Eighteen dollars was paid on the 'Milestone' taken at 'Oxen Run' by Monticello Chapter. Exercises connected with the dedication will take place in October. Arrangements to be made later."

May 2, 1916: "Mrs. Jones read a very interesting paper on Mile Stones They were two feet high and one foot wide, thirteen of the forty had been rediscovered."

October 17, 1916: "Mrs. Hammond reported the exercise at the dedication of Monticello Mile Stone No. 8 near Blue Plains, expressing due appreciation for the services of those who contributed to make the affair such a success (children ought to be thanked). The original location of the stone No. 8 is in low marshy ground, but assurance was given that within a week it would be placed above the water mark in cement base, with fence in place. Mrs. Hammond had some snap shot pictures of the unveiling for sale." Also, transcript from *Washington Star* of October 17, 1916, reporting basically the above information, but adding that "All that can be deciphered on the stone is Jurisdiction of U.S. Md. 1782 [sic. - probably typo, should be "1792.]"

1906 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, sixteen photographs. Three of these are undated but may be Woodward photos. Two are by E. A. Shuster, dated August 9, 1908. The remaining eleven are were apparently taken at the unveiling of the fence on October 14 by the Monticello Chapter, DC DAR. (Note: reasonably clear photo of Woodward with Chapter officers.)

In folder, undated newspaper clipping reporting dedication ceremonies. A second, separate clipping (photocopy) written after the ceremony and containing Fred Woodward's speech.

1921

In folder, minutes of Monticello Chapter of May 17, 1921: "The Regent spoke of a visit to the "boundary marker" placed by the Chapter, saying that she found it not in very good shape, as it needs raising about six feet, and also that the inscription plate had been used as a target."

SOUTHEAST 8

(To be relocated in vicinity of lower end of D. C. Village, presumed to be in storage)
District of Columbia

1922

In folder, minutes of Monticello Chapter meeting of May 16, 1922: "\$10.00 was voted to repair and put in to good condition the boundary marker of the District of Columbia donated by the Chapter."

1929

In folder, minutes of Monticello Chapter meeting of February 19, 1929: "Mrs. Hansmann read a letter from the superintendent of Blue Plains in which he stated that the fence around the Chapter mile stone had been painted and the grounds cleaned up. He also said he would raise the stone if desired and do anything else necessary."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located on the edge of a swampy thicket near the mouth of Oxon Run, and about a quarter-mile south of the Blue Plains Home. It is in good condition, but sunken into the ground so that only a foot remains above the surface. The fence is in good condition but the paint is peeling. The name plate on this fence is from the Monticello Chapter, D. A. R.

1951

In folder, minutes of Monticello Chapter meeting of March 27, 1951: "Mrs. Shepard - Historian - reported on several tours & called our attention to a tour during the Continental Congress & a tour of Milestones on Saturday, June 2, 1951.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

SOUTHEAST 8

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District of Columbia

This stone lies on the property and is south of the Institution at Blue Plains. The Superintendent took me to see it in his car. Both stone and fence are quite low in the ground but it is in good condition and in a safe location.

1960

In DAR Scrapbook #2, report of DC DAR State Historian: "The stone was located at a spot where construction is taking place. The stone has disappeared by the fence has been saved. The National Capitol Parks has been notified . . . and a search is being made for the stone. Mr. Thorne, superintendent of the grounds, and Mr. Fenton know that stone has been lost."

1962

In DAR Scrapbook #2, typewritten report dated March 31, 1962 by DC DAR State Historian, reporting changes in status of various stones:

New milestone set in place March 23, 1962, replacing milestone lost in 1958.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

. . . SE 8 stands in desolate flatlands. It is a new marker, bearing no inscription, that was placed by the DAR last year, since the original stone had disappeared.

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot and note: "The land here is being filled and when work is completed the stone and fence will be raised to proper level."

1972

In General File, "Revisiting Washington's Forty Boundary Stones," a paper read by Edwin Darby Nye before the Columbia Historical Society on December 19, 1972:

SOUTHEAST 8

(To be relocated in vicinity of lower end of D. C. Village, presumed to be in storage)
District of Columbia

SE8, at the far end of the D.C. Village Area, has become a victim of a large land-fill operation, involving the D.C. auto impounding area, the new sewage treatment plant, and an eighteen-hole golf course being constructed by the National Park Service. SE8 is covered with some eight feet of landfill. A sixty-inch concrete pipe has been placed over the stone, iron fencing and all, and a cover placed over it to protect it. The stone has been uncovered and after excavation has been completed it will be reset in a proper location. SE8 is not an original. It is a marble replacement installed only a few years ago by the Monticello Chapter of the DAR. It bears no inscription.

Various Dates

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973.

SOUTHEAST 9

At "Fox Ferry," on western bank of Potomac opposite Alexandria VA

1906 - 1921

In DAR Scrapbook #1, five photographs, unattributed but dated August 23, 1908 -- presumably by Shuster. Six additional photos taken after the fence was erected by Potomac Chapter, DC DAR. Handwritten note states: "Rescued from the River Potomac by Mrs. Frances Huidekoper, Dec. 1917 and placed by order of Commissioners and Surveying Department -- then fenced and marked with bronze tablet by Potomac Chapter, D. A. R. of D. C."

1930

In folder, article from *The Evening Star*, November 7, 1930, reporting that the stone had been "rediscovered," and was verified by a "delegation" from the DAR who "journeyed to the storm-swept spot on the banks of the Potomac River opposite Jones Point, where the stone now rests. . . . The milestone was found recently by Miss Jane Bassett, an employe of the State Department and a member of the D.A.R. It originally was discovered by others more than a quarter of a century ago." The accompanying photograph shows a stone with the designation "Miles 8 291 P."

1949

In DAR Scrapbook #2, photographs taken in 1949 by Kenneth Lawrence of Alexandria VA and donated to DC DAR: 2 small snapshots. .

In General File, report of State Historian, 1948-1950, reprinting notes made by Kenneth Lawrence:

This stone is located in the waters of the Potomac River at Fox Ferry Point. It is lying on its side about six feet from shore and is completely covered by the river at high tide. It is very hard to reach this stone by any other means than a boat, as the land approach is through quite swampy ground. The stone is in fair condition considering its location, but the waters of the river are starting to dull the lines of the lettering. It would take considerable effort to move the stone back on dry land as it must weigh at least 800 pounds. My feeble efforts failed to move the stone the slightest fraction of an inch. This stone should be removed from the river at the earliest possible moment, and then moved back far enough so that the river will not soon undermine it again. This might have to be some distance as the river bank is quite level here.

1952 - 1954

In DAR Scrapbook # 2 and in "General File," report of DC DAR Historian's Committee:

SOUTHEAST 9

At "Fox Ferry," on western bank of Potomac opposite Alexandria VA

Stone has been rescued a number of times from the Potomac River and now is held for safekeeping in a garage belonging to the National Capital Parks Service, awaiting decision on the controversial Jones Point Bridge project.

1963

In General File, article by Edwin Darby Nye, "Boundary Stones," in *Sunday Magazine of The Washington Star*, June 23, 1963:

Also probably gone is SE 9, which was reported in 1905 to be sinking into the mud off Fox Ferry Point. Finding this stone would necessitate probing the river bottom in this area. Perhaps one day some soul, more adventurous than the author, will attempt this search.

1967

In folder, dedication of Foxes Ferry marker by Potomac Chapter to take place on May 3. (*Uptown Citizen*, April 27, 1967)

In folder, undated newspaper article by Donie Rieger, "Trailblazer Rediscovered Historic Stone," describing discovery of stone by Mrs. William B. Light (Potomac Chapter Regent and descendant of Chief Justice John Marshall) and by Mrs. Florence Wadburg (Potomac Chapter Historian. (Too hilarious not to include:)

Mrs. Light's search for the marker, one of 40 milestones erected on order of George Washington in 1791-2 to define the District of Columbia boundaries, began a year ago. After two attempts to locate the site by automobile failed, the regent enlisted the aid of her historian, Mrs. Florence Wadburg of Arlington.

Last fall while Mrs. Wadburg waited in the car along the edge of Route 295, Mrs. Light plunged down an embankment, crossed a muddy flood plain complete with log-bridged stream, climbed the opposite dike and started blazing a trail through the marsh and matted thickets still in green foliage. . . .

Muddied but unbowed though bramble-scratched and briar-snagged, Mrs. Light paused half-way up the dike when Mrs. Wadburg, alarmed at the regent's long absence, appeared upon the embankment.

SOUTHEAST 9

At "Fox Ferry," on western bank of Potomac opposite Alexandria VA

Mrs. Wadburg lost her footing, tumbled down onto Mrs. Light, who fell. Together they rolled down the dikeside and came to rest -- white gloves dirtied and purses splitting open -- against the iron fence enclosing the missing stone.

The article also states that, "in the early Fifties, The East National Capital Parks Headquarters reset the original stone a few feet away from the water's edge where it now stands below the flood basin . . ." Potomac Chapter will supply a new bronze marker at the May 3 dedication, and "[t]he parks headquarters has cleared the site and is laying a trail to it."

1970

In DAR Scrapbook #2, snapshot of fenced stone and note: "Stone re-dedicated on 3 May 1967."

1973

In Slide Book, slides from Eloise Jenkins' collection, dated July 1973.

1976

In General File, from an article in *Washington Post*, 27 June 1976, "26 Stones Carved in 1791 Mark District's Boundaries" by Sara E. Hansard, subsequent to a report prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission:

The stone one mile northeast of the South stone, called the Fox Ferry stone, has spent much of its life in the river. The report says it has since been moved to higher ground.

2000

In General File, list of contacts for various stones, prepared by Susan Pearl ((301) 952-3521), Montgomery County Department of Park & Planning: For this stone: United States Government.