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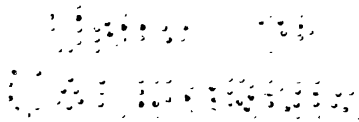
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ENVIRONS OF ALEXANDRIA

A walk south on Lee Street leads to the marshy shores of Hunting Creek, where, on the northern point at the mouth of the inlet, stands the old *Jones Point Lighthouse* (33), at the end of the Alexandria water front. This property, including the original south cornerstone of the District of Columbia, which stands within an iron railing near the lighthouse, belongs to the Mount Vernon Chapter of the D. A. R., and will eventually be made accessible by a road to be constructed along the shore. At present they are cut off by the adjoining property of the United States Signal Corps Station.

West of the lighthouse, at a distance of about three-fourths of a mile, *St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery* (34) borders the Memorial Highway to Mount Vernon. St. Mary's Church, the first Roman Catholic church in Virginia, was established here in 1795, but was afterward moved to property adjacent to the Presbyterian Meeting House. Buried beneath the fence of this cemetery, and generally forgotten, is the temporary stone used upon the occasion of laying the cornerstone of the District on April 15, 1791. The permanent stone, as it stands by the lighthouse today, was not placed until 1794.

Across the highway and out Wilkes Street lies the *United States Military Cemetery* (35), established in 1862, in which are buried 3,570 Union soldiers. Thirty-six Confederate soldiers, originally buried here, were removed in 1879 to Christ Churchyard. This cemetery is surrounded by a number of others of a much earlier period, among them *St. Paul's* (36), with the tomb of the Female Stranger; an auxiliary burial ground for Christ Church; and a Methodist graveyard.

In the other direction from the lighthouse, proceeding north along the water front, are a number of the town's industrial plants with occasional boathouses and private dwellings interspersed; also the Washington & Norfolk Steamboat Co. pier; the old Dominion Boat Club; and a United States Navy station for assembling and storing torpedoes. This water front facing the Maryland hills, though boasting no fisheries and now only negligible shipping, is still picturesque with its many gravel barges, ruined buildings, and ancient piles overgrown with luxuriant vegetation.

North from Alexandria, along the gently undulating shore of the Potomac, runs the Memorial Highway to Washington with many fine views of the Capital. A short distance from the city is the radio station WJSV, open to visitors during the day. On a green knoll