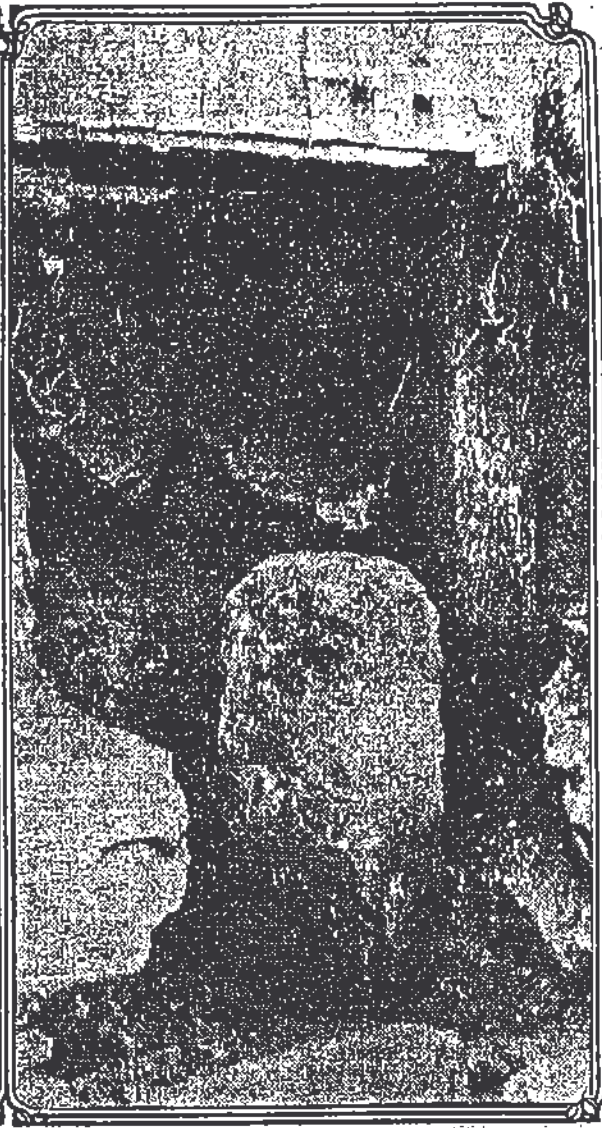
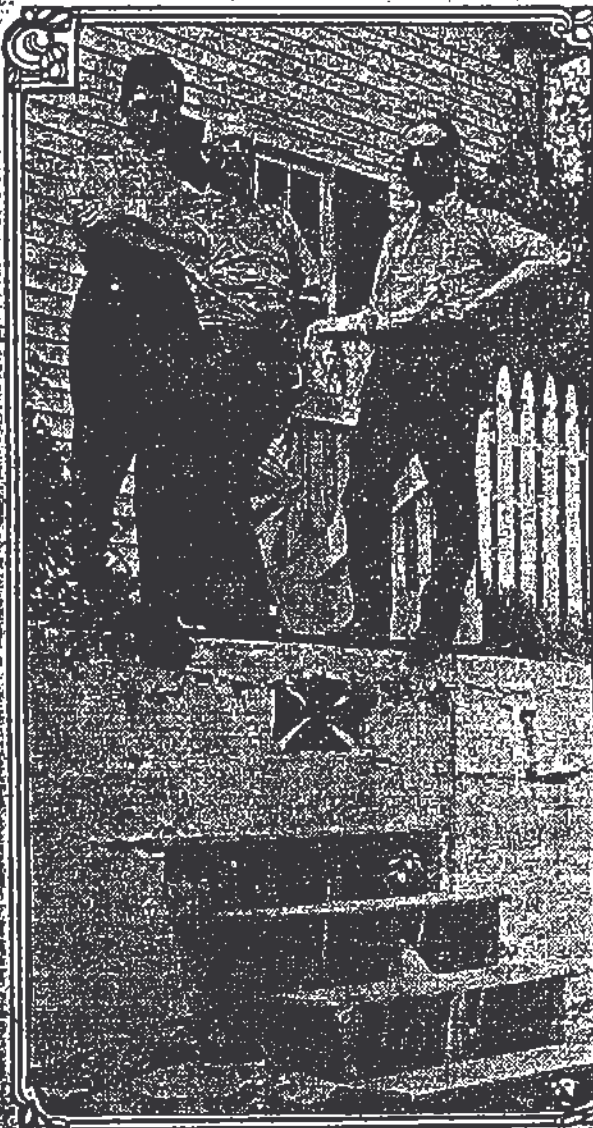


Location of Original Cornerstone of the District



Cross shows place in sea wall at Jones Point Light-house where cornerstone was buried.

The original cornerstones uncovered last week, after having been buried for fifty-one years.

TABLET TO MARK *Wash. Times* CORNERSTONE IN *June 23, 1912* DISTRICT BOUNDARY

Engineers to Rebuild Sea Wall So as to Leave It Exposed to View

The original cornerstone of the District of Columbia, the first one to mark the outline of the ten miles square, has again been brought to light.

It is located beneath a sea wall in front of the Jones Point lighthouse, on the Potomac, below Alexandria. It was placed there in 1791, when the District was first conceived. It has remained there ever since, perhaps the most curious relic of the early days in the city of Washington.

For seventy years it was exposed to the sea and wind, and shows many marks of that exposure. In 1841 it was hidden from human gaze by the construction of the sea wall around the lighthouse.

Wall Removed.

During the past week the United States Engineer Corps, Col. W. C. Langfitt commanding, has been making some necessary repairs and has removed a small section of the retaining wall. It is proposed to rebuild the sea wall in such a manner as to hereafter leave the stone in view, protected in front by an iron grating or bars and on all sides by a concrete circular wall.

It is expected that the Columbia Historical Society will place an enduring tablet beside the stone to properly commemorate the spot where on Friday, April 15, 1791, the initial cornerstone of the Federal Territory was laid with pomp and ceremony.

Curiously enough, it does not correspond in shape and size with the thirty-nine other stones which marked the boundary line, being about 11x14 inches, instead of the usual 12x12 inches of the remainder.

Almost Illegible.

The inscriptions are almost illegible, only portions of the letters being visible, these being on the southwest side, the southeast side bears a part of the date, the figure "7" being discernible. This was undoubtedly a part of 1791, the year when the stone was set in place.

The two remaining sides are unmarked and bear no evidence of ever having been inscribed.

A prediction made a year ago that the nearest corner of the stone would be found about twelve inches in from the face of the wall, and the top of the stone about two feet and six inches below the top of the wall, was practically