

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

Excerpted from Woodward, Fred E. "The Recovery of the Southern Corner Stone of the District," a paper read before the Columbia Historical Society, 18 March 1913. Published in *Records of the Columbia Historical Society*, Volume 18, 1915, pgs. 16 - 25.

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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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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

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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

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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

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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

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**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.

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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."

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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.

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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.

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**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.)
