

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

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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.

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(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

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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

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

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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.