Boundary Stone of D.C. Rededicated

One of the 40 original District of Columbia boundary stones was rededicated yesterday in ceremonies at a new apartment project in Arlington.

The stone, designated “6S/W,” was placed in 1791 to mark a portion of the southwest boundary of the District. It was removed from its site on S. Jefferson Street off Columbia Pike in Arlington during the construction of the Wildwood Apartments.

Members of the Fairfax County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution reset the stone in the median strip of South Jefferson Street and rededicated it yesterday.

When the Virginia portion of the Federal District was retroceded to the state in 1846, 15 of the stones were included. Ten of them are in Arlington, preserved as a result of a DAR campaign begun in 1915.

The DAR found the neglected stones in underbrush and thickets; one was discovered in a farmer’s pigpen. Today most of the stones are enclosed by iron picket fences and marked with historical plaques.