

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Northwest #3 Boundary Marker of the Original District of Columbia
 other names/site number NW3, Jurisdiction Stone
DHR File 00-22

2. Location

street & number 4013 North Tazewell Street N/A not for publication
 city, town Arlington N/A vicinity
 state Virginia code VA county Fairfax code 059 zip code 22101
Arlington 013

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Boundary Markers of the Original District of Columbia Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 19 Dec 1990
 Signature of certifying official Date
Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
 State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

 Signature of commenting or other official Date

 State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 Other: boundary marker

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 Other: boundary marker

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

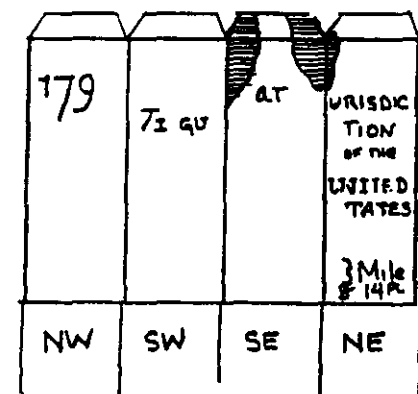
other Stone: sandstone


Metal: iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

NORTHWEST NO. 3 MILE MARKER

Visible Parts of Inscription



 sections of marker missing

The historical physical appearance is delineated in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Boundary Markers of the Original District of Columbia in Section F, Item II, Description.

Located in the center of the backyard of a private residence on 4013 North Tazewell Street, Arlington, Virginia, Northwest No. 3 Mile Marker of Aquia sandstone was the last stone set in Virginia and was placed slightly beyond its mile distance from the Northwest No. 2 Mile Marker because the higher, firmer, ground provided a more permanent site.¹ It is said to have been broken off its base by a Union Army Wagon

during the Civil War; the broken part lay twenty to thirty feet from its base, which had become buried in the ground. Surveyors developing the water power at Little Falls made a concerted search for the stump in 1894 and found it.² The inscription reads "3 Miles & 14p" (14 poles). The bronze plaque reads: ORIGINAL FEDERAL BOUNDARY STONE/ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA/ PLACED 1791-1792/ PROTECTED BY/ ARLINGTON HOUSE CHAPTER/ DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. The boundary marker and plaque stand within a wrought iron fence. The property is owned by Carroll Burtner and Susan Burtner, of the Tazewell Street address. They gave permission for this survey. Stewardship of this stone rests with Arlington House Chapter, VADAR, Arlington, VA, and the survey was done 10 December 1989, by Miss Rebecca R. Dyer and Mrs. John Harris, members of Arlington House Chapter.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development
Politics/Government

Period of Significance

1791-1940

Significant Dates

1791

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The significance of the Boundary Markers as a group is stated in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Boundary Markers of the original District of Columbia, Section F, Item III, Significance. The justification of criteria and areas and periods of significance are stated in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Boundary Markers of the original District of Columbia, Section E, Statement of Historic Contexts.

The Northwest # 3 marker is significant because it marked the third mile on the northwest side of the District of Columbia, three miles from the West Cornerstone. It is the third stone in Virginia to be placed at other than equal miles from the other markers and also the last stone to be placed in Virginia.¹

In 1897 it was found broken off below the ground, with the broken part lying twenty to thirty feet from the base which was long buried and out of sight. It was thought to have been broken by an army wagon during the Civil War. Surveyors developing the water power at Little Falls diligently searched for the stump in 1894 and found it after much difficulty. The inscription reads 3 Miles & 14P, which means it was placed three miles and fourteen poles or rods from the West Cornerstone.²

Criteria Consideration B is applied because the marker has been relocated. It is exceptional, however, because it is an integral component of this important group of rare surviving resources.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 18 315080 4310370
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

C _____

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated area is that boundary stone in its small fenced area, approximately 3' x 3'.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the stone and its fence.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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ENDNOTES

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 *Photographs

The following information is the same for all the photographs listed:

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Arlington County, Virginia
Fairfax, County, Virginia
LeAnn F. Turbyfill
1989
Negative filed at VA State Library, Richmond, VA

1. View of stone and plaque within fence facing northwest
Negative No. 10703/0A
File No. 00-22
Photo 1 of 2
2. View of stone and fence enclosure facing northwest
Negative No. 10703/0
File No. 00-22
Photo 2 of 2