

1. STATE Virginia COUNTY Fairfax TOWN VICINITY Pender STREET NO Adjacent to 4126 West Ox Road Fairfax, Virginia ORIGINAL OWNER Reid Family ORIGINAL USE Farm land PRESENT OWNER Robert R. Smith, et al PRESENT USE Memorial site WALL CONSTRUCTION --- NO. OF STORIES ---	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Ox Hill Memorial Markers DATE OR PERIOD c. 1915 STYLE --- ARCHITECT --- BUILDER ---
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

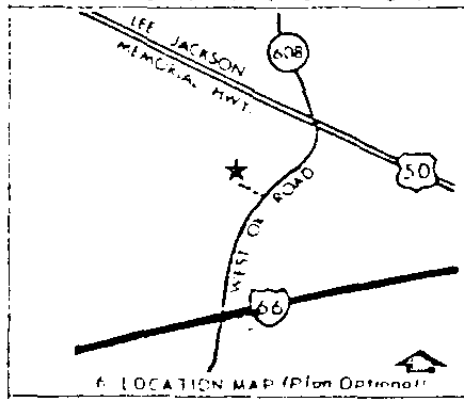
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **Yes**

The Ox Hill memorial marker stones commemorate the deaths of the two Union Generals (General Isaac I. Stephens and General Philip Kearny) who were killed near that spot during the Civil War Battle of Ox Hill. The stones were erected by Kearny's First New Jersey Brigade and friends, on land donated to the New Jersey group in 1915 by John Ballard and Mary Reid Ballard, his wife. The Reid family acquired the land before the Civil War, and maintained the site as a memorial following the war. The deed conveyed the land to six trustees for the express purpose of commemorating the death of any soldier, Federal or Confederate, who fell in that battle. The markers are stone with bronze plaques, surrounded by an iron railing about 10 feet long by five feet wide.

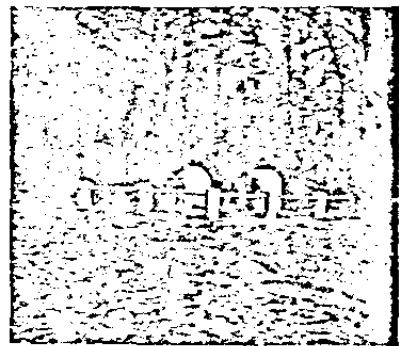
The Battle of Ox Hill, according to military historian Robert Ross Smith, was the largest and most important action of the Civil War to take place in Fairfax County. More significantly, it led to major changes in the strategy of both sides. The battle convinced General Lee that he could not cut off General Pope's troops and attack the city of Washington. Instead Lee entered Maryland and met the Union forces at Antietam. The loss of Generals Stevens and Kearny was a serious one. Mr. Smith indicates that Kearny, had he lived, might well have become Commander of the Army of the Potomac.

The Kearny Society of New Jersey was active until 1925. In 1961, in connection with the celebration of the Civil War Centennial, the question of ownership of the property was raised and six new trustees were appointed by the Fairfax County Court, three from New Jersey and three from Virginia. As part of the centennial celebration a wooden marker sign describing the battle was erected on neighboring property. It is now in need of repair or replacement. There are at present no provisions made for individual or group responsibility for the maintenance of the property.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE **Endangered No Interior Exterior Good**



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)



7. PHOTOGRAPH **N. Netherton, 1970**

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Page)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC
 See Virginia Collection files, Fairfax County Public Library.
 Lt. Col. R.R. Smith, "Ox Hill", Fairfax County and the War Between the States, Vienna, Virginia, 1961.

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