

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Southold Milestone 7

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing:

Southold Town Milestones

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 450 Franklinville Road

City or town: Laurel State: NY County: Suffolk

Not For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☐

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

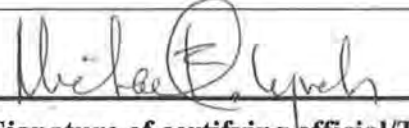
I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B C D

		<u>Deputy SHPO</u>	<u>3/24/17</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date	
<u>OPRHP</u>			
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government			

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
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Signature of commenting official:	Date
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Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

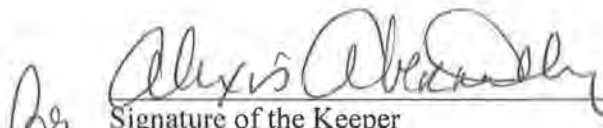
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1. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

5/15/17
Date of Action

2. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☐
Public – Local ☒
Public – State ☐
Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☐
District ☐
Site ☐
Structure ☐
Object ☒

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____1_____	_____	objects
_____1_____	_____0_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

3. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION / Mile Marker

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION / Mile Marker

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4. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

n/a

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: stone (granite)

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Milestone 7 is the first of a series of 23 historic granite wayfinding markers positioned at roughly one mile intervals along the route of the old Main Road in Southold Town. These markers were set by the Town of Southold (Suffolk County, NY) in 1829 to mark the distances in miles from the Suffolk County Hall/Courthouse in nearby Riverhead. The stone is located in Laurel, a hamlet that borders Riverhead Town to the west, and is now situated on a short stretch of the "old" road (Franklinville Road) that resulted from the straightening and widening of the original Main Road. The milestone is set on the south side of the road, partially obscured behind a split rail fence but within the right-of-way of this town-owned roadway. It faces north toward the roadway, its carved inscription meant to inform passersby of the distance from the county center. A private property (not included in the boundary of this nomination) that preserves an 18th century wood frame dwelling and a post-and-beam barn is situated directly behind (south) of the milestone. The marker is set within the right-of-way of Franklinville Road, a town-owned roadway.

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Narrative Description

The milestone is carved from granite and measures approximately five feet in length overall, with its inscribed upper portion set approximately two feet above grade and its lower, three-foot section anchored below ground level. The visible portion of the stone bears the inscription "7M/to Suffolk/C(ourt) H(ouse)," which signified the distance of the marker from the Courthouse or County Hall, then located at the Suffolk County center in Riverhead (building is no longer standing). The surface of the upper section is carefully tooled and measures 12" wide by 6" thick. The carved lettering is chiseled approximately 1/2" into the face of the stone; although weathered, it is clearly decipherable. Traces of white paint may be observed on the surface of the stone (application date unknown). The stone also preserves the evidence of having been struck, perhaps by passing vehicles, resulting in edge chips along its west-facing side.

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5. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

exploration &
settlement

transportation

Period of Significance

1829

Significant Dates

1829

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Milestone 7 is significant under Criterion A in the areas of settlement and transportation as one of a series of stone wayfinding markers installed in 1829 by Southold Town along its Main Road (formerly “King’s Highway”), and measuring distances in miles to and from the Suffolk County center at Riverhead. Along with the accompanying series of 23 historic wayfinding markers in Southold Town, Milestone 7 is a rare surviving object from the Republic’s early history of road-building. All but one of the original series of 24 stones survive that stretch the length of the town from Laurel (west) to Orient Point (east), of which Milestone 7 is numerically the first. Together with the additional markers in the series, it defines the route of the original roadway along which travelers passed by foot, horse or horse-drawn conveyances in the early 19th century. Its installation in 1829 was dictated by New York State law, which reflected a nationwide mandate to mark the wider, public highways which served as postal routes and as primary corridors between major population centers. The significance of Milestone 7 as an early 19th century wayfinding marker reflects the growth of the country in that period and the recognition that roadways had begun to replace inland and coastal waterways as a means of facilitating internal transportation, commerce and exploration.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Milestone 7 is located in the hamlet of Laurel. This rural area, known as the “Middle District” for its location at the boundary between Riverhead and Southold, developed into the hamlet of Franklinville during the nineteenth century; the hamlet was renamed Laurel when residents seeking a post office discovered that another “Franklinville” already existed in New York State. During the mid-twentieth century, the road was straightened and this stretch of Main Road was bypassed.

Milestone 7, which was placed seven miles from the Suffolk County court house or county hall in Riverhead, is coincidentally set near the boundary between Southold and Riverhead Towns. Its placement on the south side of the road, with its inscription facing north toward passersby, fulfilled a New York State Session Law passed in 1827 mandating that municipalities install such markers to inform travelers of the distances between their destinations, and the progress they had made along the way.

Milestone 7 meets the following registration requirements:

The stone is one of 23 such markers set at approximately one-mile intervals along the original Main Road, which now includes sections of Franklinville Road (town), Route 48 (county) and Route 25 (state) as a result of road straightening in the 20th century.

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The stone is carved from granite and measures 27" high by 12" wide and 6" thick above grade, with a lower section firmly anchored below grade. It retains a high level of integrity, and preserves carved lettering and numbering that is site-specific to its distance from the 19th century county center in nearby Riverhead. Its physical integrity is determined by the extent to which its above-grade section retains sufficient mass and carving to identify it as one of a series of such historic markers.

Finally, Milestone 7 preserves the integrity of its location as a wayfinding marker set within the right-of-way of the historic Town roadway. Its placement at the edge of Franklinville Road, within eyesight of passersby, retains its association with this remnant of the old Main Road, which has since been straightened. Milestone 7 remains a highly visible feature of this section of the road.

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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 # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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7. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than one acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: **-40.9695702** Longitude: **-72.561409**

2. Latitude: Longitude:

3. Latitude: Longitude:

4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☐ NAD 1983

1. Zone: Easting: Northing:

2. Zone: Easting: Northing:

3. Zone: Easting: Northing:

4. Zone: Easting : Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary is indicated by a heavy line on the enclosed map with scale.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary for Southold Milestone 7 is limited to the land that the stone marker occupies, and includes all of the property historically associated with this resource.

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Laurel, NY 11948



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Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 18N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: North American 1983
Units: Meter

0 30 60 120 Feet

Mile Marker No. 7



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8. Form Prepared By

name/title: Zachary N. Studenroth, Director
organization: Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council
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city or town: Cutchogue state: NY zip code: 11935
e-mail studenroth@aol.com
telephone: (631) 275-3374
date: _____

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Milestone 7
City or Vicinity: Laurel
County: Suffolk State: NY

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Photographer: Zachary N. Studenroth

Date Photographed: March 3, 2017 (except as noted)

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

NY_Suffolk Co_Southold Milestone 7_0001

Front (north) face of milestone, view facing southeast, showing roadside "Mile Marker #7" sign at left and historic timber-framed barn (adjoining property) at right.

NY_Suffolk Co_Southold Milestone 7_0002

Reverse (south) face of milestone, view facing northeast, showing milestone during repairs (straightening, resetting in protective gravel bed), and in relationship to adjacent roadway. Joel Snodgrass (right), materials conservator; Sam Basel (left), Eagle Scout candidate. (September 14, 2015)

NY_Suffolk Co_Southold Milestone 7_0003

Front (north) face of milestone, view facing southeast, close-up showing south face of stone with minor edge damage due to vehicle strikes.

NY_Suffolk Co_Southold Milestone 7_0004

Reverse (south) face of milestone, view facing northeast, showing tooled surface of narrow south side and back surface.

NY_Suffolk Co_Southold Milestone 7_0005

Side (west) face of milestone, view facing east, showing minor surface damage resulting from vehicle strikes.

NY_Suffolk Co_Southold Milestone 7_0006

Front (north) and side (east) faces of milestone, view facing southwest, showing tooled surfaces and minor edge wear, with mid-18th century timber-framed house in rear (adjoining property).

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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MILE MARKER #7
ACCORDING TO LOCAL LEGEND,
POSTMASTER GENERAL BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN SET MILESTONES IN
1755 THAT MARK THE POST ROAD
FROM HERE TO ORIENT POINT
TOWN OF SOUTHOOLD
2015













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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



**Parks, Recreation
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ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner



24 March 2017

Alexis Abernathy
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye St. NW, 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: National Register Nomination

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am pleased to submit the following MPDF and seven nominations, all on disc, to be considered for listing by the Keeper of the National Register:

Southold Town Milestones, Suffolk County
Southold Milestone 7 (Southold Town Milestones), Suffolk County
Winans-Hunting House, Dutchess County
Reformed Church of Melrose, Bronx County
PS 186, New York County
Henry's Garage, Essex County
Nelson Methodist Church, Madison County
John S. Tilley Ladders Company, Albany County

This is the last batch until your move is completed. Please feel free to call me at 518.268.2165 if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

Kathleen LaFrank
National Register Coordinator
New York State Historic Preservation Office