

F-8-81

Ca. 1895

Legore House

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Legore House is a large frame Queen Anne style house with a central cupola and turret located at the edge of the Legore Quarry near Woodsboro. It features the typical characteristics of Queen Anne buildings in its irregular massing, many window styles, textural variety, and visually diverse roofline. It is associated with James W. Legore who expanded the quarry established by his father and brother in 1861.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance - 1870 - 1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Industrial)

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/dairy  
Domestic/secondary structure/meathouse  
Domestic/secondary structure/barn  
Domestic/secondary structure/carriage house

Known Design Source: None

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**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Legore House

*Demolished*

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 11638 Woodsboro Pike  not for publication

city, town Woodsboro  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Phoenix, Inc.

street & number 11640 Woodsboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Keymar state and zip code Md. 21757

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 5

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** Ca. 1895      **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-81

Smith, F.M. Woodsboro Remembers, privately published, 1976.

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, Vol. 2,  
L.R. Titsworth & Co. Hagerstown, 1910, p. 1480.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre around the house and outbuildings; part of tax map 34,  
parcel 112.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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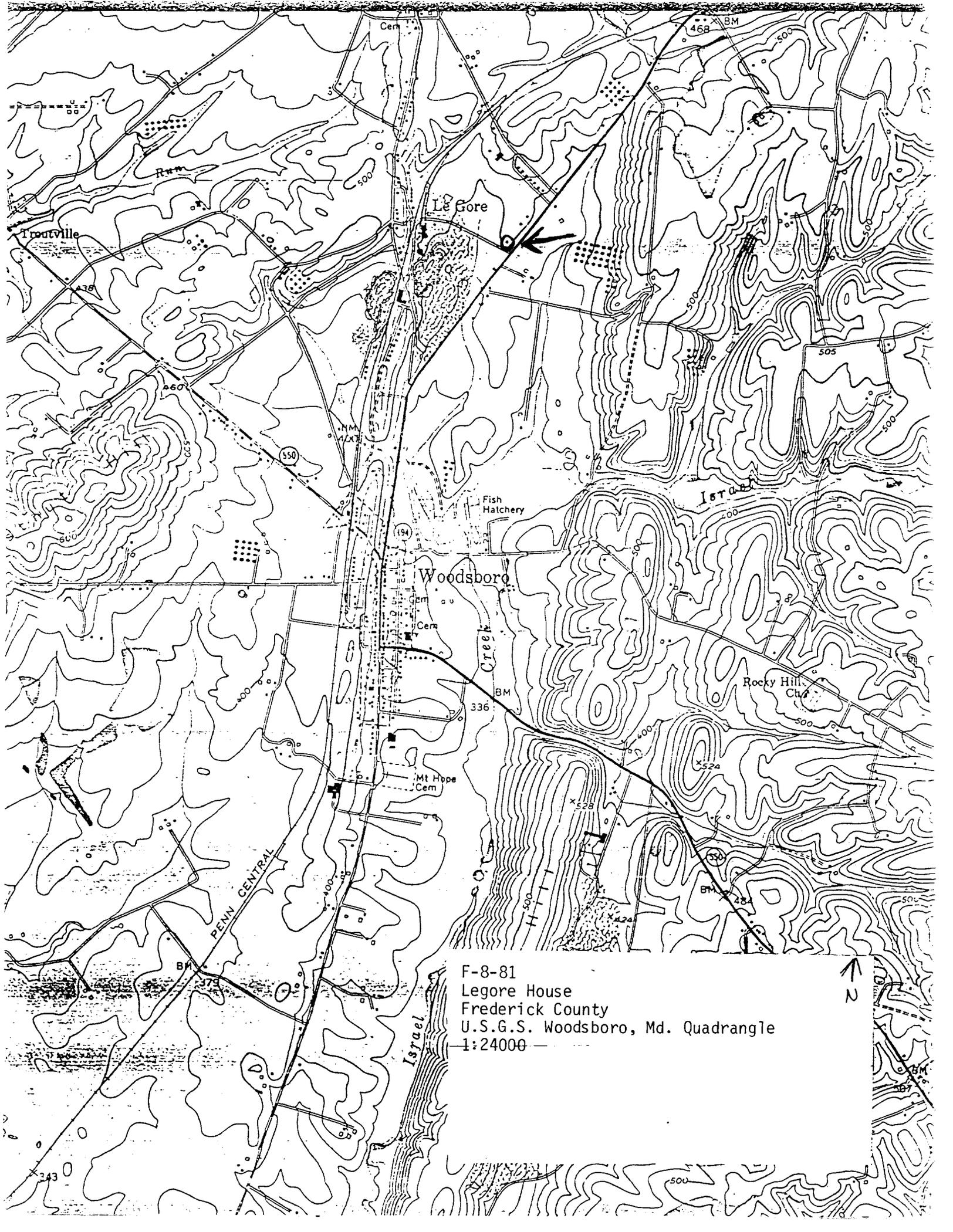
### 7.1 Description:

The Legore House is a large frame vernacular Queen Anne style dwelling built about 1895 on the west side of Woodsboro Pike about a mile north of Woodsboro at the entrance to the Legore Quarry. The building has an irregular floor plan typical of the Queen Anne style and its exterior is characteristically a mass of projecting gables, polygonal bays, porches with scroll-sawn trim, and varied window styles. Its most prominent feature is a central polygonal cupola on the hipped roof with a conical turret roof and diamond patterned wood siding. The overall siding is white clapboard and the foundation is stone. The slate roof is broken by two tall interior chimneys. Associated with the house are a probable meathouse, a dairy, a horse barn with connecting shed between the barn and a carriage house or garage. The dairy has a gambrel composition roof and german siding. The meathouse is windowless and almost square in plan, with a hipped corrugated sheet metal roof. The barn, shed, and carriage house are arranged in a "U" with the open end to the south. The carriage house has horizontal wood siding and double doors on the south. The barn and shed have vertical flush board siding. All three have standing seam tin roofs. The barn and carriage house have small louvred cupolas on the center of the roof ridges.

### 8.1 Significance:

The Legore House is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style in Frederick County. The style in the vernacular form is characterized by the irregular massing of the interior spaces, resulting in facades which totally lack symmetry. The Legore House features a pedimented projecting bay and a porch extending on two elevations, and a central observatory cupola. The varied surface textures of the style are well-represented in the Legore House, which has clapboard siding, patterned wood shingles, and slate roof shingles, as well as scroll sawn decorative trim on its porches. The Legore House is also significant in the industrial theme as the residence of James W. Legore, who expanded the Legore Lime Quarry founded by his father and brother. The quarry itself is located immediately west of the house and its distinctive cupola undoubtedly served as a viewing feature for the quarry owner.

Examples of the Queen Anne style in the Woodsboro area are rare. A less important representative of the style is located just north of the house and was probably another Legore family house. One known example of the Queen Anne style is the John C. Motter House (F-3-519) in Frederick City which is listed in the National Register for its rarity of architectural style and association with a prominent local judge and railroad magnate. As these areas of significance are similar, the Legore House is almost certainly eligible for National Register listing. Further research on the Legore Quarry, the Legore family, and their properties remains to be accomplished.



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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle  
1:24000





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View from southeast

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Boon, view from east

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