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Ca. 1900

Legore Quarry Workers Housing - San Diego Road

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - San Diego Road is a group of seven identical plan frame houses built for the workers at the neighboring Legore Quarry. They are immediately identifiable by their similar exteriors, paint colors, and regularly spaced siting. They represent a period of paternalistic labor management in American industry.

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Frederick County

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: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/storage shed

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Legore Quarry Workers Housing - San Diego Road

Demolished

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11700 block San Diego Road, north side  not for publicationcity, 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 &amp; 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 &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state MD. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository 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: 7

(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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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. 1900 **Builder/Architect**

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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## 7.1 Description

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - San Diego Road is a row of seven identical plan two-story frame houses built about 1900 on the south side of Oak Hill Road near the intersection with Woodsboro Pike (Maryland Route 194). The principal elevations face southwest toward San Diego Road, a private road.

Each house has a T-shaped plan, with the bottom leg of the T a gable facade on the street elevation. A one-story porch wraps around the gable end on three sides. White painted german siding, green corner posts and trim, and red standing seam tin roofs are common to all the houses. Stone foundations are visible at each house. Two interior brick chimneys rise above the roofs. Most sash is 2/2, but some individual alterations are present. The porches are also slightly different, primarily in the railings. Most have no porch balustrades, but at least two have plain square post railings. One has scroll-sawn brackets.

No interiors were accessible for this survey.

Associated with some of the houses are small shed-like outbuildings located to the rear of the houses which may have once served as privies, meathouses, or other domestic outbuildings, but are now principally used for storage.

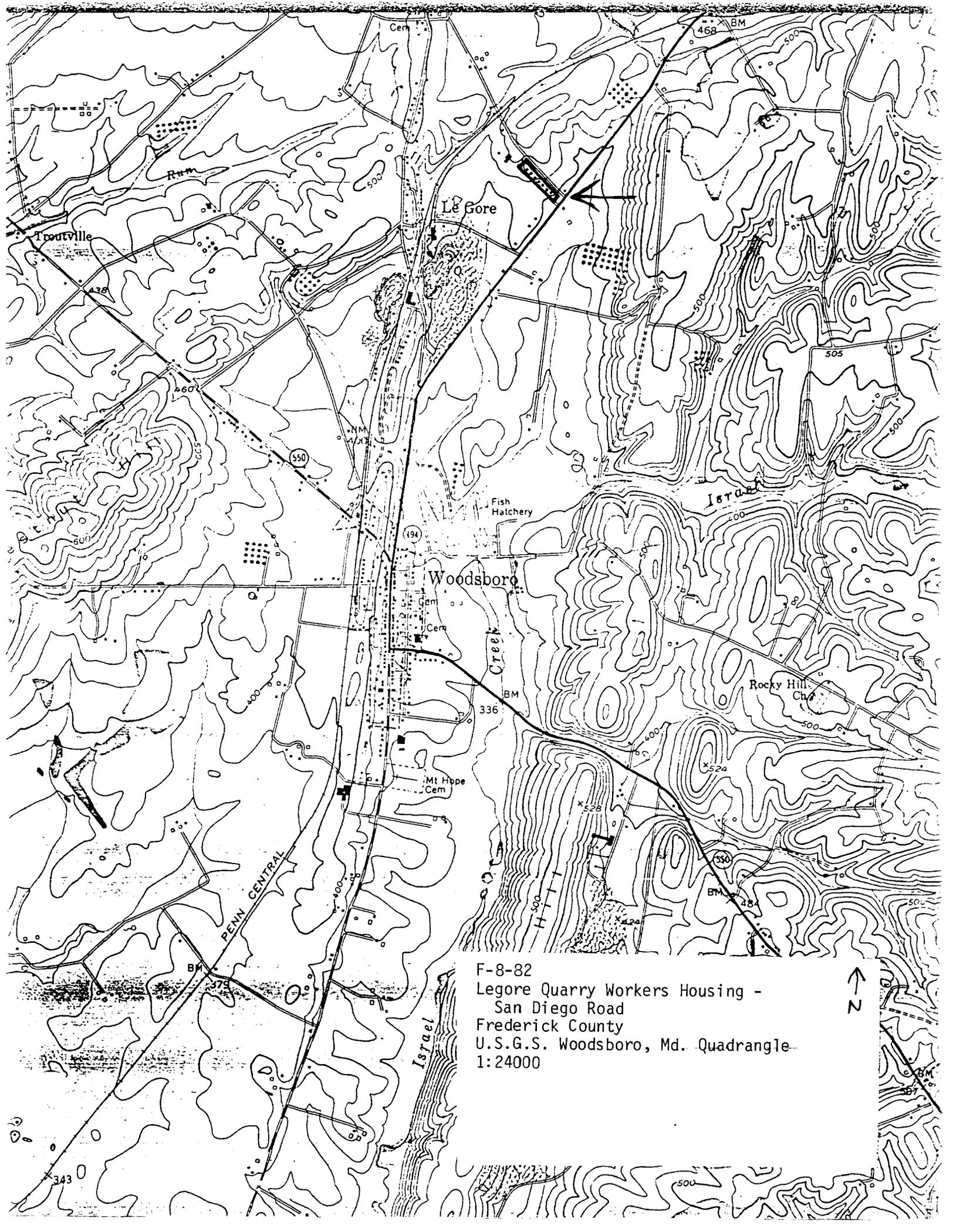
The setting of the houses is at the northeast edge of the quarry operation. The unpaved San Diego Road separates the evenly spaced houses from tailing dumps which screen views of the quarry from the houses.

The street addresses included in the survey district are: 11719, 11727, 11737, 11745, 11753, 11761, 11767 San Diego Road.

## 8.1 Significance

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - San Diego Road is one of 4 groups of company housing associated with the Legore Lime Quarry, established in 1861. The housing groups exemplify a paternalistic labor management policy common in American industry during the last quarter of the 19th and first decade of the 20th centuries. The housing groups are probably unique in Frederick County during this period. Architecturally, the San Diego Road houses reflect the form of the vernacular farmhouse of the period with an altered floor plan. In the community planning sense, the group is unified and distinguished by identical design, regular siting, and uniform color scheme. These factors set the houses apart from other rural vernacular dwellings and defines them as a "company town".

The workers housing groups differ slightly from each other in plan and siting and between the two companies which built them. In most cases, however, the groups are readily identifiable by the linear arrangement, proximity to the quarries, unified color scheme, and common plan within each group. The context of the mining industry in Frederick County is not fully researched, but the number of housing groups extant at the Legore site is probably significant, as is the continuing operation of the quarries. Further research needs to be done to identify construction dates of the housing groups, companies and their operating history, and interior plan and features.



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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle  
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General view from northwest

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Representative house - northwest corner view  
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