

Chapter 5

Cultural Heritage

A wealth of cultural features and sites are situated within the municipal limits of Woodsboro and contribute significantly to community identity, character, and sense of place. This chapter reflects on Woodsboro's unique history and offers recommendations for historic preservation and education efforts.

Cultural Heritage Goals

- Increase participation in programs promoting Woodsboro's cultural heritage.
- Protect and promote Woodsboro's historic charm by improving the condition and care of structures in its historic core.

Cultural Heritage

Primarily German immigrants settled this portion of Frederick County in the mid 1700s; however, it was an Englishman, Joseph Wood Jr., who developed the original town plan in 1786 then referred to as Wood's Town. Wood's Town "consisted of eight lots, each 247 feet by 66 feet, and Frederick, Second, Third, and Elizabeth were the principal streets," according to historian Lawrence Dorsey, Jr.

Woodsboro developed as a typical crossroads town along what was initially an Indian trail heading west to the mountains; it was later developed as the Monocacy Road. The north-south link created by the Woodsboro and Frederick turnpike made Woodsboro a popular stagecoach stop. Additional improvements to the transportation facilities came in the 1870s with the construction of the Frederick and Pennsylvania Railroad, which connected with the City of Frederick to the south and the Town of Hanover, Pennsylvania, to the north.

While primarily serving the agricultural community, Woodsboro supported a number of important businesses including hotels, the Glade Valley Mill, Woodsboro Livestock Sale, Woodsboro Savings Bank, the Rosebud Perfume Company, and three limestone quarries.

Mining History

Historically, the LeGore Lime Company quarry and plant was located on the west side of the Pennsylvania Railroad at LeGore adjacent to the smaller Barrick operation. Operations commenced in 1861 on approximately 200 acres. This quarry exhibits the most complete section of Grove limestone from white fine-grained limestone to marble and shaly dark limestone. Lime was sold principally to the agricultural trade. Crushed stone and agricultural limestone were also produced.

Samuel W. Barrick erected three pot kilns and sold lump lime by the bushel to local farmers at his S. W. Barrick and Sons quarry established in 1874. Later, the output of the quarry included both agricultural lime and crushed stone. The strike of the beds at Barrick quarry carries the white limestone under the limekilns toward the south limiting future expansion toward the north.

The most recently established quarry is the Lehigh Portland Cement Company located south of MD Route 550 east of Laurel Hill. This is geographically the largest quarry in the Woodsboro area. Shale was crushed and ground at the plant, which was equipped to manufacture all types of Portland cement. Operations ceased in 2007.

Recent Efforts

Historic Sites Inventory

In 1991, Frederick County initiated the Historic Sites Inventory project to identify historic sites throughout the County. Over a four-year period, 5,170 sites were identified, 1,742 of which are located in the Walkersville Planning Region. The Woodsboro Survey District was recognized based on the original town plan of 1786. The architectural and historical significance of residential, commercial and industrial buildings and sites of the original town plan are incorporated as well as those along old MD 550 to the northwest end of Main Street and from South Main Street to Barrick Lane. Table 5 indicates those properties in and around Woodsboro, Maryland that were identified as historic sites, eligible for the inventory.

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA)

In August of 2006, the Town of Woodsboro signed a resolution to amend its comprehensive plan to incorporate the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Management Plan. The plan serves to promote heritage tourism and encourage awareness and education about the Civil War in Washington, Frederick and Carroll counties.

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program, a state program facilitating economic development through heritage tourism, certified the HCWHA as a Recognized Heritage Area; this designation is necessary in order to access state resources such as grants, loans and technical assistance. Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for non-capital projects that advance the goals of the HCWHA at a 50% match. Tax credits and low interest loans may also be available.

Prior to Woodsboro's participation, Frederick County incorporated the HCWHA amendment into the Countywide Comprehensive Plan. At present, all Frederick County municipalities excluding Walkersville have joined the program.

**Table 5: Frederick County Inventory of Historic Properties List
Woodsboro Area**

Inventory #	Name	Address
F-8-048	George F. Smith House	4 N Main Street
F-8-072	E. Gilbert House	110 Main Street
F-8-135	War Memorial	MD 550 & MD 194
F-8-150	Woodsboro Train Station	
F-8-073	G. P. Barrick House	2 S Second Street
F-8-074	Frees-Reifsnider House	2 N Main Street
F-8-007	Nothing Venture, Nothing Gett Farm	9731 Oak Hill Road
F-8-047	Nelson Trout House	11143 Dublin Road
F-8-049	LeGore Stone Arch Bridge	LeGore Bridge Road & Monocacy River
F-8-054	Woods Mill Farm	11210 Cash Smith Road
F-8-056	Stony Ridge	Creagerstown Road
F-8-057	Trout House	Creagerstown Road
F-8-058	Dorcus Dwelling	Woodsboro Pike
F-8-059	Quakers good will	
F-8-060	Myers House	10708 Woodsboro Pike
F-8-061	Woodsboro Historic District	Woodsboro Pike
F-8-062	LeGore Quarry Worker's Housing (demolished)	Good Husband Row
F-8-064	Geiselman House	305 N Main Street
F-8-065	Glade Valley Milling Company	100 Creagerstown Road
F-8-066	St. John's Reformed Church	Second Street
F-8-067	Stimmel House	111 N Main Street
F-8-068	Smith-Wickless House	Main Street
F-8-069	L. C. Powell House	301 S Main Street
F-8-070	Rosebud Building	6 N Main Street
F-8-071	Woodsboro Savings Bank	3-7 N Main Street
F-8-075	M. Beard House	10000 Pine Tree Road
F-8-076	Saltbox House	Pine Tree Road
F-8-077	Ernst-Duncan Farm	10102 Woodsboro Road
F-8-078	Elsie M. Beard House	10205 Woodsboro Road
F-8-079	Lucky Discovery House	10328b Woodsboro Road
F-8-080	Danner-Poffenbarger farm	10905 Coppermine Road
F-8-081	LeGore House	11638 Woodsboro Pike
F-8-084	Centerville Survey District	Coppermine Road
F-8-085	LeGore Quarry - LeGore Junction	11607-11619 LeGore Bridge Road
F-8-086	Barrick Lime Works Company Housing	9837-9852 Barrick Road
F-8-088	Rocky Hill Church	Coppermine Road
F-8-089	New Midway Consolidated School	12226 Woodsboro Pike
F-8-098	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church	Nicholson Road & Haughs Church Road
F-8-099	Oak Hill Survey District	Oak Hill Road & LeGore Bridge Road
F-8-100	Troutville Survey District	Oak Hill Road & Clyde Young Road
F-8-101	Creagerstown Road Survey District	11238-11342 Creagerstown Road
F-8-107	Dublin Road Lime Kiln	Dublin Road
F-8-139	Bridge #100095	Creagerstown Road Israel Creek Bridge
F-8-141	Spring Plains Mill House Property	10302 Coppermine Road

Cultural Heritage Goals, Objectives and Action Items

Goal 1: To increase participation in programs promoting Woodsboro's cultural heritage.

Objective 1: Better understand the federal, state and local programs available to Woodsboro.

Action Item: Invite the County Historic Preservation Planner and other local or regional experts to a meeting to discuss programs and available options.

Objective 2: Work with the Woodsboro Historical Society to develop an action plan for preservation activities in Woodsboro.

Goal 2: To protect and promote Woodsboro's historic charm by improving the condition and care of structures in its historic core.

Objective 1: Continue to implement Town-sponsored beautification projects, which instill a sense of pride and identity for the historic downtown.

Action Item: Solicit the assistance of volunteer organizations to achieve the above objective, as needed.

Objective 2: Develop a set of design guidelines for Woodsboro's neighborhood districts to preserve the Town's historic character.

Action Item: Pursue organizing a series of presentations or workshops with outside experts to assist the Town in developing design guidelines and standards.

Action Item: Investigate grant opportunities to cover the costs associated with the design guidelines workshops.

Objective 3: Encourage residents to pursue recognition of historic properties through local, county and state programs.

Action Item: The Woodsboro Historical Society will coordinate the acquisition of funding and resources to help finish the restoration of Woodsboro's Train Station.