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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME **

HISTORIC LeGore Bridge
AND/OR COMMON LeGore Stone Arch Bridge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *N of Woodsboro*
LeGore Bridge Road over the Monacacy River
CITY, TOWN Woodsboro VICINITY OF
STATE Maryland CODE 024 COUNTY Frederick CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth
CODE 021

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Frederick County Roads Board
c/o Mr. William S. Fout, County Engineer
STREET & NUMBER Winchester Hall
CITY, TOWN Frederick VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

- CHECK ONE**
- UNALTERED
 - ALTERED

- CHECK ONE**
- ORIGINAL SITE
 - MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The LeGore Bridge carries the LeGore Bridge Road across the Monocacy River three miles north of Woodsboro in Frederick County, Maryland.

Built in the late 19th century, it is a closed spandrel filled stone arch bridge of five spans supported by stone piers. The deck consists of approximately three inches of bituminous concrete. The overall length of the structure is 248 feet with a clear roadway width of 20.7 feet between four foot high stone parapet walls. It is fifty feet high.

The bridge is currently used as a main traffic carrier. The daily traffic across it averages approximately 400 vehicles per day. The load limit of the structure is 12 tons.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT **James W. LeGore**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The LeGore Bridge is the only five-span stone arch bridge in Frederick County. It is located strategically, being the crossing of the Monocacy River between the New Midway, Woodsboro, LeGore Quarry area on the south and the Thurmont, Rocky Ridge area on the north.

The construction of this bridge is the result of the vision of one man, James William LeGore. Using limestone and workmen from the LeGore Lime and Stone Plant, he engineered and built this very large stone bridge in the late 19th century.

LeGore was born near New Oxford in Adams County, Pennsylvania in 1854. His family moved in 1861 to Woodsboro, Frederick County where his father, John LeGore, burned lime.

LeGore's brother, John, founded a lime quarry company circa 1860 which LeGore took over in about 1880 after his brother's death. The business was incorporated in 1899 as the LeGore Combination Lime Company with James LeGore as president, Eugene Hammond, Vice President, and George R. LeGore, Secretary and Treasurer. By 1910 the company was, to quote the county history, "one of the largest enterprises of its kind in Frederick County and a leader in its line in Maryland." (p. 1480). In that year LeGore employed 100 workers and shipped the largely magnesia free lime of the area to South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The plant of seventeen kilns produced 100,000 bushels of lime per month. This agricultural lime was used by farmers for many years.

In addition to his quarries and agricultural lime business, LeGore was a member of J. W. LeGore and Company, dealers in lumber, coal, wood, plaster, cement, stone and general merchandise.

In the 1910 county history, LeGore was described as follows:

He is a self-made man in every sense of the word, beginning life without a penny. Today he is one of the wealthy, influential, and most progressive citizens of Frederick County. He is a practical man of business. He possesses great executive ability, good common sense, and is a hustler.

In the same volume, the building of the LeGore Bridge is termed a "mammoth undertaking." It was constructed at a cost of more than

See continuation sheet #1.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C. and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, Maryland. Vol. II. n.p.: L. R. Titsworth & Co., 1910, p. 1480.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	301280	4383560	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE njm
William S. Fout, County Engineer/Mrs. Charles S. V. Sanner, Trustee
 ORGANIZATION DATE
Frederick County Roads Board/Maryland Historical Trust
 STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Winchester Hall/ 21 State Circle (301) 269-2438
 CITY OR TOWN STATE
Frederick/Annapolis Maryland 21701/21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE John N. Pearce DATE 3/15/78
 TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>R. B. Rettig</u>	DATE <u>9/18/78</u>
<u>William W. Weaver</u>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <u>William W. Weaver</u>	DATE <u>9/13/78</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, continued

\$100,000 by a "large number of men." LeGore had even grander ideas, planning for a dam 40 feet high and an electric plant about 150 feet farther up the Monocacy. This did not come about and he lost a good deal of money because of it. (The Six Bridges Dam was later constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in this area).

The construction of the bridge has several stories connected with it locally, as do most such undertakings. While the structure was under construction, some malcontents dynamited one of the main piers. Several years after it was completed, LeGore's son committed suicide by jumping off the bridge.

