


WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address W side Lectown Road, S of Lectown	Common/Historic Property Name/ Both "Prato Rio" Gen. Charles Lee House	Field Survey # Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey No. 339	Site # (SHPO Only) JI-
Town or Community vic. Lectown	County Jefferson	Negative No. Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey Roll 27, Negative 3-5	NR Listed Date 4/11/73
Architect/Builder unidentified	Date of Construction c. 1742 and after	Style central-passage	
Exterior Siding/Materials stone; shiplap siding	Roofing Material asphalt shingles	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	UTM # 18/246912/4359201		
Survey Organization & Date Taylor & Taylor Associates, for the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission, 2005-2006	Quadrangle Name Middleway, WV		
Part of What Survey/FR# Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey			

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map

See Survey Report



Present Owners	Owner's Mailing Address
Phone #	
Describe Setting	_____ Acres
This property is located in rural Jefferson County, northwest of Shepherdstown.	
	_____ Archaeological Artifacts Present
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)	_____ 1½ _____ Stories _____ 6 _____ Front Bays
Built is several sections, the first of log, later clad in shiplap, then with 2 stone additions. Present facade clearly shows the building additions, with both north and south sections containing three bays with a centered entrance. Fenestration flat-topped, 6/6, without notable ornament. Stone chimneys, exterior gable-end and interior along the slope of the roof on the facade.	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe All appear to date from within period of significance
Additions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe At least two, all from within period of significance
Describe All Outbuildings	<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>
Statement of Significance	
Leetown is part of the former holdings of Jacob Hite who in the mid-eighteenth century acquired 2,668 acres along Hopewell Run. the settlement which grew up in this area became known as Hite's Town. Several years later he sold his holdings to General Charles Lee, a British soldier who fought on the side of the colonists in the American Revolution. Leetown Road was the Philadelphia Wagon Road, an early north-south overland route. The village name was eventually changed to Leetown. Originally built by Jacob Hite and later the home of General Lee. This property is individually listed in the National Register.	
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CONTINUATION SHEET**

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