

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Wilburn House #1, 6811 Central Ave. Survey Number: PG: 75A-30

Project: Metrorail Extension: Addison Rd. to Largo Agency: MTA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Wilburn House #1 is located at 6811 Central Avenue, just outside Seat Pleasant, in Prince George's County, MD. The single-family dwelling is one of a group of three dwellings lining the north side of Central Avenue and built as part of the mid-20th-century growth of the Town of Seat Pleasant. The dwelling is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places, nor is it eligible as part of an historic district.

The Wilburn House #1 is a modest, American four-square-type house built ca. 1936. It is a two-story, two-bay building constructed of oversized bricks, and covered with a hipped roof with a hipped dormer on the front slope of the roof. The house is characterized by its form, and by its craftsman-like detailing, including, most notably, a wide, encompassing roofline; decorative brickwork forming a watertable; windows grouped singly and in pairs and featuring multi-paned upper sash over single-pane lower sash; and a front porch with brick piers and hipped roof.

The Wilburn House was built by the brother of Howard Wilburn who erected an almost identical house at 7400 Central Avenue in 1936. The house is a good example of the dwelling form and features an uncommon use of oversized bricks; however, the American four-square-type house is a common dwelling form from the period and is well-represented in this area of Prince George's County. The dwelling therefore does not qualify for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and does not, therefore, qualify for listing under Criteria A or B. The group of three dwellings found on this side of Central Avenue does not constitute a significant concentration of historic buildings and is not eligible for listing as an historic district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

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Kimberly Prothro Williams Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services June 20, 1996 Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter E. Kuntz Reviewer, NR program 6/21/96 Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

PROPERTY: 6811 Central Avenue, Vicinity Of Seat Pleasant, Prince Georges County

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods: Modern

Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Functions/Uses: Residence

Design Source: unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. P-75A-30

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilburn House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6811 Central Avenue not for publication

city, town Seat Pleasant vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Lewis Caswell

street & number 6811 Central Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Seat Pleasant state and zip code MD 20743

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's Co. Courthouse liber 5042

street & number Main Street folio 662

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

< 7. Description

Survey No. 75A-30

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The James Wilburn House at 6811 Central Avenue is a 1930s American Foursquare standing on the south side of the six-lane Central Avenue.

The house is single family dwelling on an urban lot with ornamental landscaping and some mature trees to the west and to the rear (south). The house is an American Foursquare built on a raised foundation. It is two stories in height with an asphalt shingled hipped roof with wide overhangs, a brick chimney, and a hip roofed dormer with two four-pane side-by-side windows and weatherboard sheathing. The house is sided with oversized bricks and there is a decorative water table of standard sized bricks. Projecting window sills under all the six over one windows are header bricks. The front (north) elevation has an entrance with its original wood paneled door and a triple window to the west on the ground floor and two paired windows above. A one story porch spans the full front elevation. It has a raised foundation, concrete steps sided by a solid brick rail, a wood deck, wood porch rail and balusters and square brick posts on brick bases supporting a plain frieze and overhanging hipped roof. The east elevation has a central ground level door with a six-pane window flanked by two small windows, a window lighting the interior staircase, and two windows on the second floor. The west elevation has two windows per floor. On the rear of the house is a one-story original hipped-roof section that has a below-grade garage and a paired window on the west, and on the rear is a triple window on the west end and a screened in porch wrapping around the south and east corners. Two windows are on the second story of the rear of the main block. The interior of the house appears relatively unaltered and retains its original woodwork such as hardwood floors, door and window surrounds and staircase in the entry hall.

The house appears unaltered and is in good condition.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates _____ **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.

The Wilburn House is an example of the American Foursquare, a very common house type in this area of Prince George's County.

The house was constructed by James Wilburn whose brother, Howard, built a nearly identical house at 7400 Central Avenue in 1936. The house has has a succession of owners and was purchased by the present owner, Louis Caswell, from Willaim Wyles in 1974.



PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF COMPUTATION SHEET

Wilburn House #75A-30

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Prince George's County

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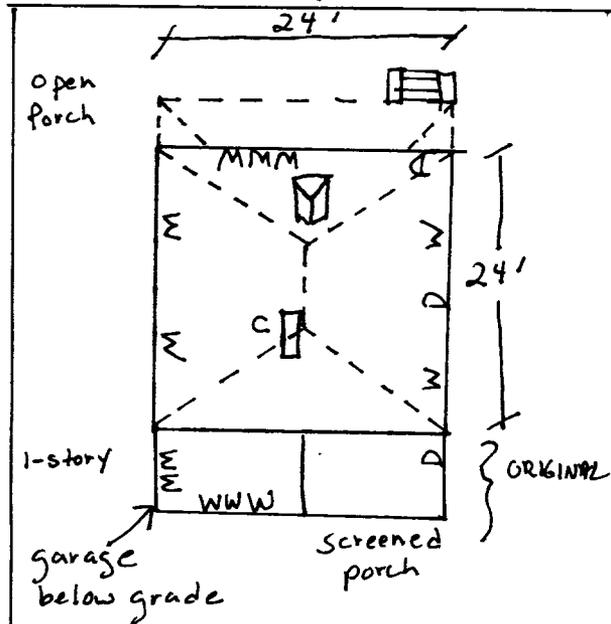
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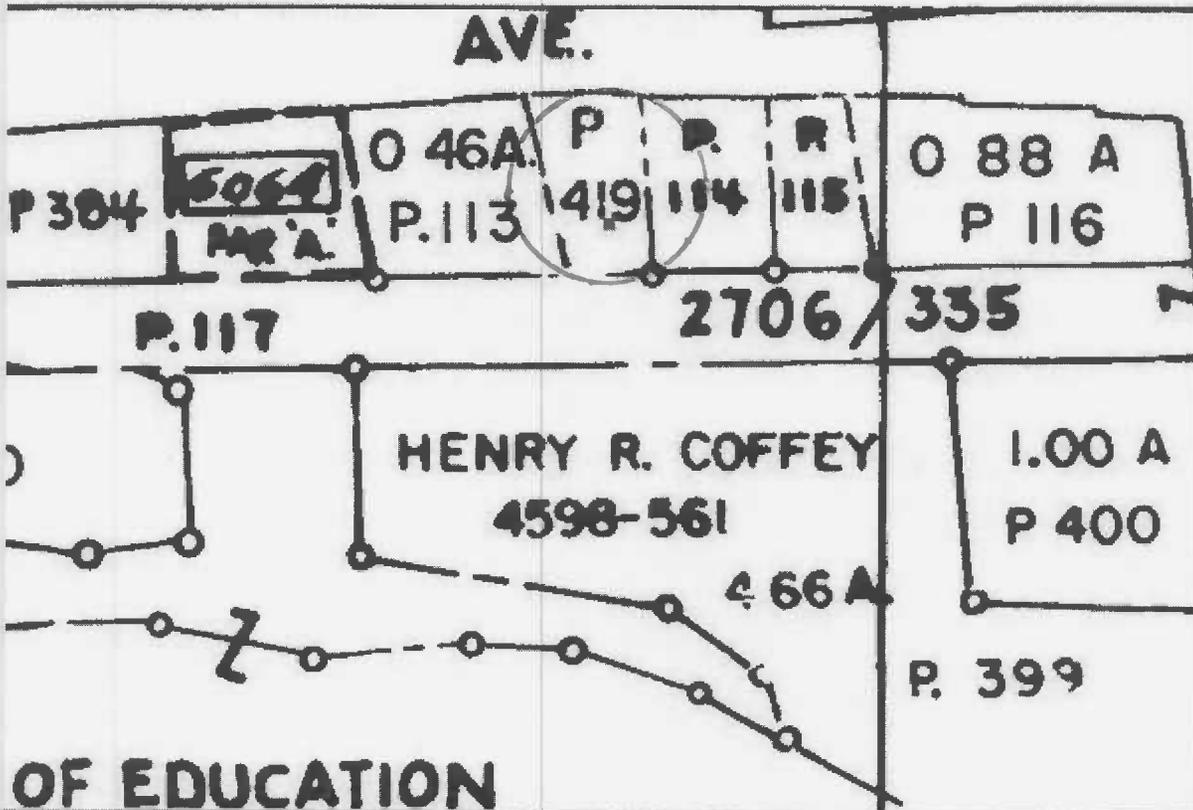
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 U.S.G.S. Quadrangle
 1979 Edition
 6811 Central Avenue



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View SW at front and east side elevation

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Looking east from Central Ave at front
and east elevations

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Looking NW at rear and east elevation

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View NE at west elevation

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