

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

Property/District Name: Foursquare Survey Number: PG-72-23

Project: Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant/Demolition Agency: FEMA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended X

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)

Located in Capital Heights, the building located at 6600 Central Avenue is a large, two story frame house. Exhibiting characteristics of the American Foursquare style, the dwelling measures four bays by two, is capped by a hip roof, displays a one story porch. The American Foursquare is a popular style built throughout the County and the state from the 1910-1930s. Better examples exist such as the Baker Holliday House (PG-66-27-24). The building does not exhibit any features which appear to make it eligible for the National Register. No surrounding historic district exists but rather the setting has been altered by modern transportation improvements.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MD Inventory of HP

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L. Bowlin 5/15/95  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ not applicable  
Orlando Redout ✓ 9-28-95  
Reviewer, NR program 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: suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic/ single dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Foursquare

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 6600 Central Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Capitol Heights \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 4

state MARYLAND \_\_\_\_\_ county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status                                       | Present Use       |   |
|---|--|--|-------------------|---|
| ___ district                                    | ___ public   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | ___ agriculture   | ___ museum  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | ___ unoccupied                               | ___ commercial    | ___ park  |
| ___ structure                                   | ___ both   | ___ work in progress                         | ___ educational   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| ___ site  | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                            | ___ entertainment | ___ religious   |
| ___ object                                      | ___ in process                                     | ___ yes: restricted                          | ___ government    | ___ scientific  |
|   | ___ being considered                               | ___ yes: unrestricted                        | ___ industrial    | ___ transportation                                    |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no       | ___ military      | ___ other:  |

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

name Charlie A. Palmer

street &amp; number 6600 Central Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town Capitol Heights \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 20743

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber 8719

street &amp; number 14735 Main Street (moved to CAB) \_\_\_\_\_ folio 530

city, town Upper Marlboro \_\_\_\_\_ state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state

# 7. Description

|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> good            | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    | date of move _____ |
| <input checked="" 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.

The house at 6600 Central Avenue is a large frame, two-story house, Foursquare in plan. It is four bays by two, with its principal facade fronting south onto Central Avenue. The entrance is sheltered by a hip-roof porch supported by Tuscan columns. The house is sheathed with narrow horizontal board painted beige; its hip roof is covered with green shingle, and there is a brick chimney nearly centered at the ridge. There is a hip dormer centered in the south (principal) plane of the roof.

The house is located at the corner of Central Avenue (MD 214, a divided highway) and Soper Lane, a small subdivision street. The area around the building seems to be used for parking and storage of vehicles and equipment.

6600 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights

PG#72-23

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Domestic/Single dwelling

Design Source: unknown

# 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 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"/> human. an       |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

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**Specific dates** ca. 1910 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

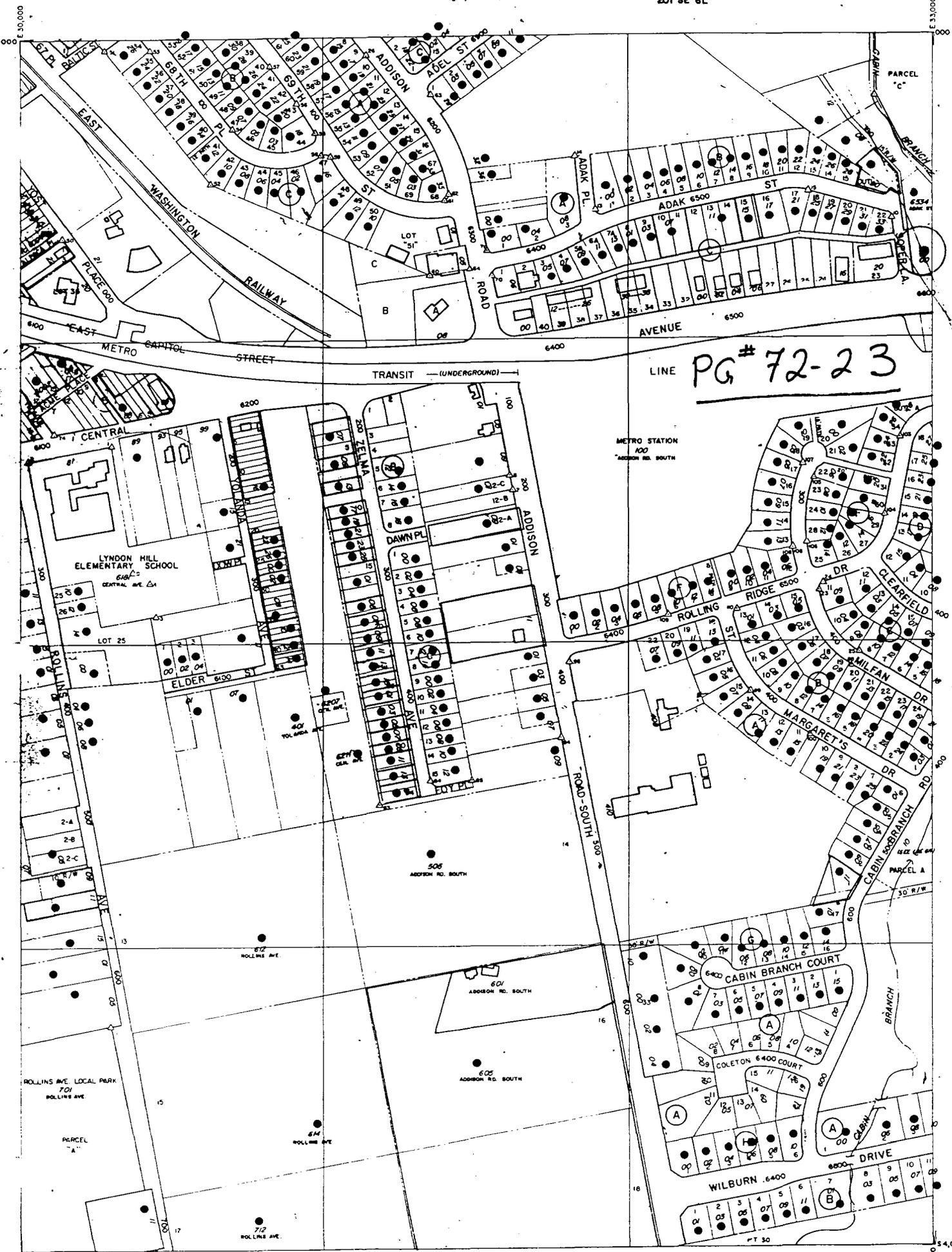
The house at 6600 Central Avenue was built around the turn of this century, in a form and style typical of the popular Foursquare houses of the period; it represents one of the more substantial house forms of the period, and one of the larger examples of this type. It is, therefore, significant in the historical sequence of domestic architecture in Prince George's County, and is an important representative of this type of residential architecture in an area which was developing rapidly at the beginning of this century.

This particular building, however, appears to be in deteriorating condition; because the County has many other documented examples of the type,<sup>1</sup> it should not be considered eligible for listing in the National Register.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. MIHP forms for PG#66-27-24, the Baker-Holliday House; PG#71A-30, the Goodloe House; PG#68-12-7, the C. Lightbown House; PG#68-12-8, the Pribula House; PG#68-61-9, the Gigous House, etc.







6600 Central Ave.

PG: 72-23

House #4

Rear and side of structure  
left

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6600 Central Ave PG: 72-23 House #4  
Right Side of structure

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