

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

Property/District Name: Wilburn House #2, 7400 Central Ave. Survey Number: PG: 72-46

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 #2 is located at 7400 Central Avenue, just west of the intersection of Central Avenue and Hill Road, outside Seat Pleasant, in Prince George's County, MD. The property encompasses 1.5 acres and consists of a primary residence and three outbuildings. It is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places, nor is it eligible as part of an historic district.

The Wilburn House #2 is a modest, American four-square-type house built in 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 roof; 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 a hipped roof.

Outbuildings contemporaneous to the construction of the main house include a small frame barn with a gable roof and vertical board siding; a gable roofed garage of frame construction with novelty board siding and double garage doors. A concrete block garage, built in 1952, is located to the west of the house.

Once part of a larger farm complex, this property was purchased by Howard Wilburn in 1936. Wilburn built the existing house and the two outbuildings and added the garage in 1952. Wilburn's brother built an almost identical house at 6811 Central Avenue. 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.

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

Prepared by: Margaret Slater, Historic Preservation Specialist, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.

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

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Peter G. Kuntze 6/21/96  
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: Urban

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

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

**PROPERTY:** 7400 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/Agriculture |
| Resource Type:                     |                          |
| Category:                          | Buildings                |
| Historic Environment:              | Transitional Rural/Urban |
| Historic Functions/Uses:           | Residence<br>Barns       |
| Design Source:                     | unknown                  |

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilburn House

and/or common 7400 Central Avenue

## 2. Location

street & number 7400 Central Avenue  not for publicationcity, town Landover  vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    | <input type="checkbox"/> educational                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                            | <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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted   | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial                   |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no       | <input type="checkbox"/> military                     |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> park                         |
|   |  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                   |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

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

name Mt Sinai Holy Church of America

street &amp; number 1469 N. Broad Street telephone no.:

city, town Philadelphia state and zip code PA 19122

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6930

street &amp; number Main Street folio 639

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. 672-46

|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                              | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> altered              | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                 | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   | date of move _____                                |

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

The Wilburn House at 7400 Central Avenue is an American Foursquare built in 1936. It stands just west of the intersection of Central Avenue and Hill Road. Located on the north side of Central Avenue, the property encompasses 1.5 acres (.6 ha). The yard contains the house and three outbuildings and has ornamental landscaping. To the west is commercial development (daycare, office building, church), to the north is farmland, to the east are mature trees between the house and Hill Road and across central Avenue to the south is modern residential and commercial development.

The house is an American Foursquare. It is built on a raised foundation and rises two stories to an asphalt shingled hipped roof that has wide overhangs and a central hipped roof dormer with asphalt shingle siding and a six-pane window. The frame house is sided with oversized bricks and both the decorative water table and window sills are standard sized bricks. The front (south) elevation has an entrance with its original wood door and modern aluminum storm door and abank of three six over one windows. A one-story porch spans the full facade. It has a raised foundation, concrete steps with a brick parapet rail, wood porch rail and balusters, and square brick piers on brick bases supporting a plain frieze and the overhanging hipped roof. On the second floor are two paired six over one windows.

The west elevation has a basement window, two six over one windows, and a door with a hipped roofed portico that has brick pier supports, a plain rail and a trellis on the first story and; on the second story are three six over one windows. The east elevation has six over one windows on the first and second floors and an original one-story brick wing that wraps around to the rear of the house. The rear elevation has windows on the second floor and a one-story brick section that is partially enclosed on the west end and an open porch on the east end. With the exception of a remodeled kitchen, the interior of the house appears unaltered. Among the original features are hardwood floors, door and windows surrounds, staircase and mantel.

Outbuildings dating from around the time the house was built include a small frame barn with a gable roof, exposed rafters, vertical board siding and two doors on the west gable end; and a gable roofed frame garage with novelty board siding and double leaf garage doors. A garage, built in 1952, stands to the west of the house and is of concrete block construction.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. 72-46

| 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               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input checked="" 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 |
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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

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

The Wilburn House at 7400 Central Avenue is an American Foursquare, a common house type in Prince George's County.

Once part of the larger Kaldenbach Farm, this property was purchased in 1936 by Howard Wilburn. Wilburn built the existing house and two outbuildings and added a garage in 1952. Wilburn's brother built an identical house at 6811 Central Avenue. Wilburn had a small farm on his land and lived in the house until 1988.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 2-46

Prince George's Co Land Records  
Interview with property owner, Mrs. Byrd.  
Files Prince George's Co. Historical Commission

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.49 1.25 Tax Map # 66, Parcel 184  
Quadrangle name Washington DC East-MD Quadrangle scale 1:24

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map 66, Parcel 184

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

|       |      |        |      |
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Parsons Brinckerhoff date 11/95

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city or town Nashville state TN 37203

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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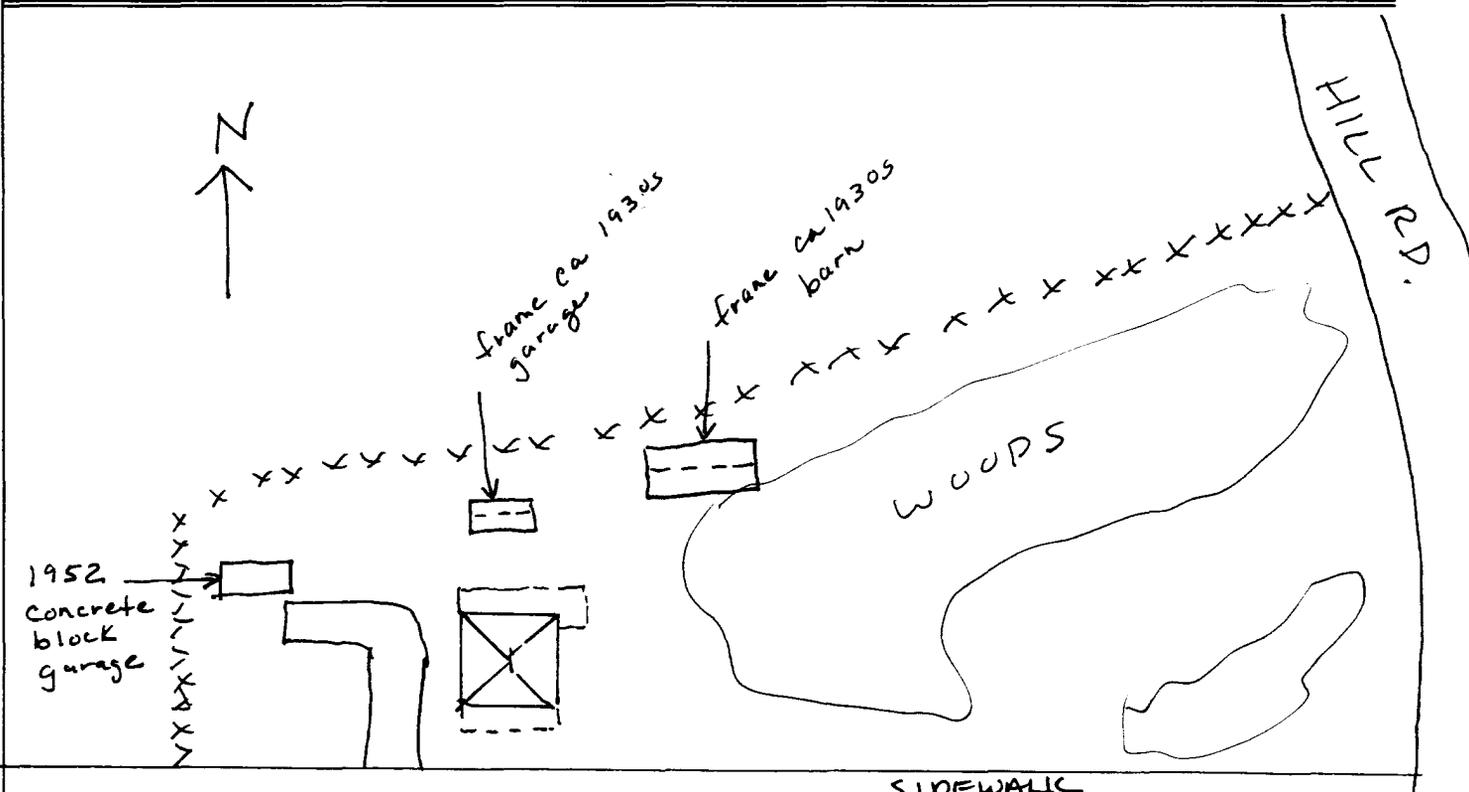
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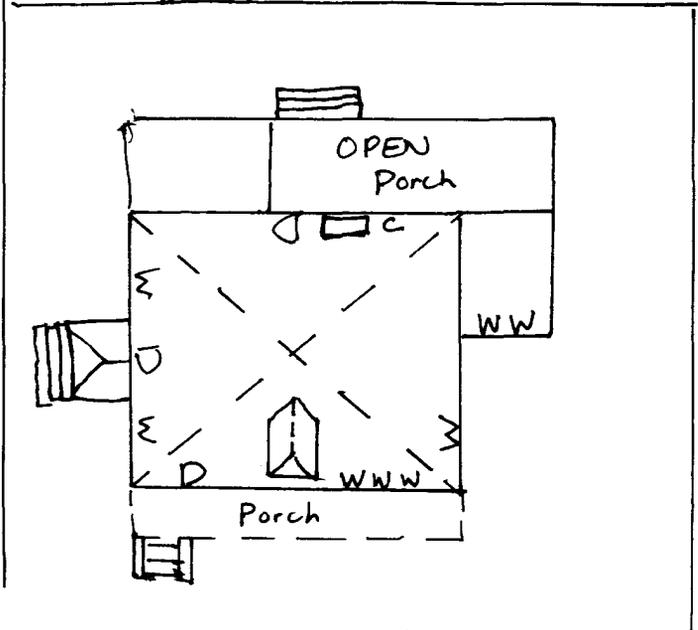


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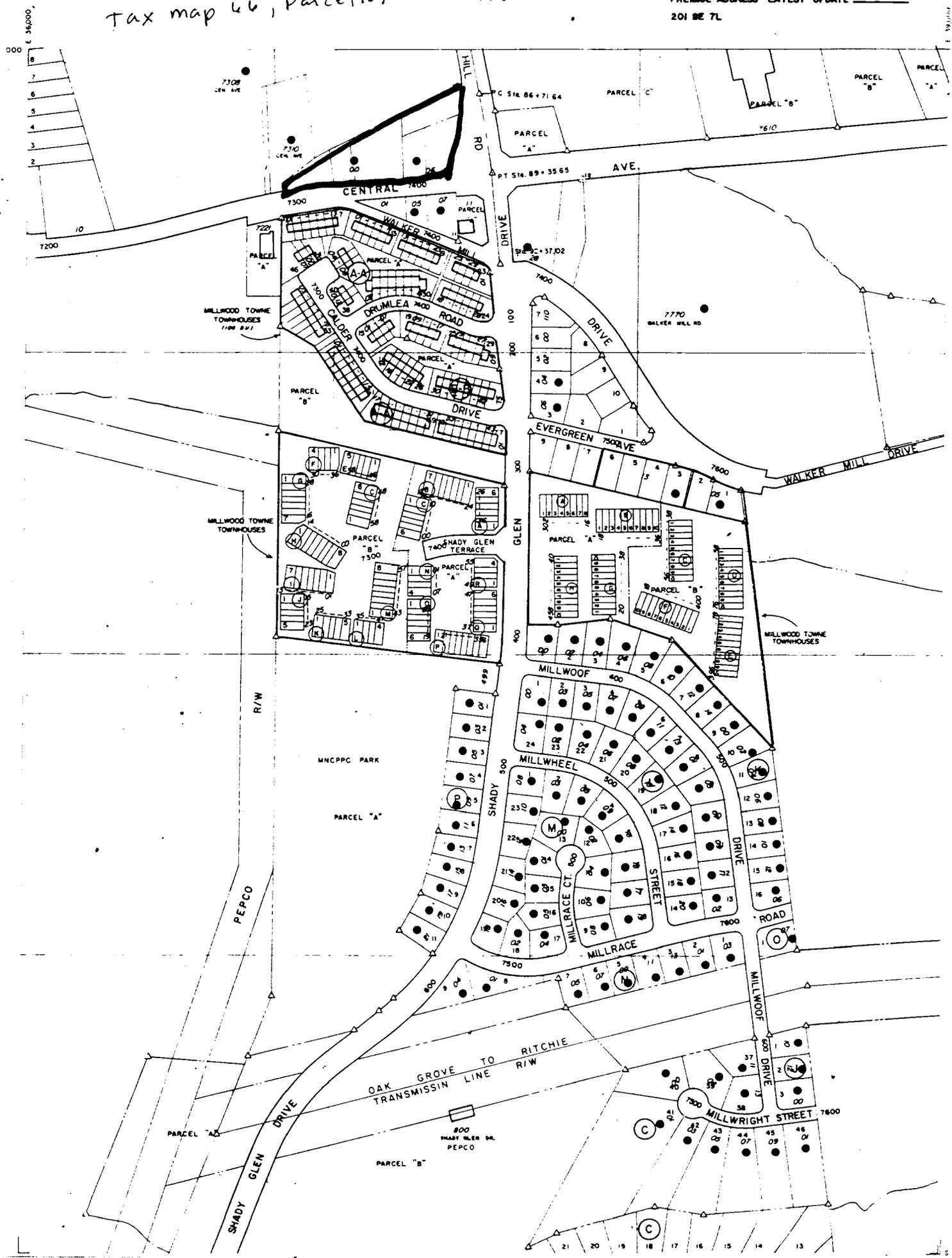
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Wilburn House  
Tax map 46, Parcel 184

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 U.S.G.S. Quadrangle  
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View north at front (south) elevation

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garage to north of house, view north

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View west at garage to west  
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Wilburn House

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View NE at barn to north of house

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