

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87A-26 Building Date: 1934

Building Name: Tahwahchee (Wilson House)

Location: 17310 Milltown Landing Rd., Brandywine

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Tahwahchee is a two-story, frame dwelling built in 1934. It is three by two bays, with a center front cross gable. The house faces Milltown Landing Road, to its south. The three-bay south facade has central entrance through a door with 12 upper glass lights and a lower, horizontal wood panel. The four-light sidelights have a lower wainscot panel. Windows are 6/6 with a crown molded wood surround and louvered shutters. Centered above the entrance is a cross gable at attic level. The first story is shaded by a screened porch that wraps around the southeast corner and continues across the east facade. The house rests on a poured cement foundation is sided with horizontal wood siding. The crown molded, boxed cornice has returns in the gable ends. The three bay north (rear) gable end has a second story built-in porch beneath the roof overhang, and a double door garage entrance into the foundation below the second bay. The interior has a central stairhall with 2 parlors flanking it. The kitchen is to the north, opposite the entrance door. North of the house is a one-by-one bay gable roof meat house of rock-faced cement block.

Summary

Tahwahchee was built in 1934 by Kenneth G. Wilson, the son of James Burnes Wilson, builder of Vine Cottage. Tahwahchee is on 36.5 acres, a part of the tract James Burns Wilson inherited from his father. The Wilson family has held and farmed land in the vicinity since James Wilson acquired 655 acres in 1739. Tahwahchee has stylistic elements of a late-nineteenth century building, including a center front cross gable, 6/6 windows, crown molded cornice returns, and a wrap-around entrance porch. It is significant for association with the Wilson family and well-designed use of nineteenth century stylistic elements. Tahwahchee is one of three Wilson family dwellings on Milltown Landing Road. They are local land marks due to their architecture and association with the Wilson family.

Acreage: 36.5 acres

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic (Wilson House) Tahwahchee

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 17310 Milltown Landing Rd. not for publication

city, town Aquasco vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's County

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 Kenneth and Edna C. Wilson

street & number 17310 Milltown Landing Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Md. 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 417

street & number Main Street folio 08

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. 87A-26

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

Tahwahchee is a two-story, frame dwelling built in 1934. It is of irregular plan, roughly three by two bays, with a center front cross gable. The house faces Milltown Landing Road, to its south. There are mature cedars, pines and hardwood trees in its surrounding yard.

The three-bay south (main) facade has central entrance through a door with 12 upper glass lights and a lower, horizontal wood panel. The four-light sidelights have a lower wainscot panel. The windows on the facade are 6/6 double-hung-sash with a crown molded wood surround and wooden louvered shutters. Double 6/6 windows flank the entrance door. Centered above the entrance is a cross gable at attic level with a centered 6/6 window.

The first story is shaded by a facade-wide shed roof screened porch that wraps around the southeast corner and continues across the east facade. The porch roof is supported on square wood posts. Decorative pilasters are applied to the posts, on the exterior of the screening.

The house rests on a poured cement foundation, with a full basement beneath it. The house is sided with horizontal wood siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The crown molded, boxed cornice has returns in the gable ends. A wide plain board "frieze" runs around the house beneath the cornice, giving a pedimented appearance to the gable ends.

The three-bay east facade is shaded by the screened porch on the first level. The first two bays are surmounted by a gable end at the attic level. The third bay has a side entrance into the kitchen. The three bay north (rear) gable end has a second story built-in porch beneath the roof overhang, on the northwest corner. There is a double door garage entrance in to the foundation below the second bay.

The two bay west gable end has an exterior brick chimney with corbelled weathering centered on the facade. Two 4/4 windows flank the chimney.

The interior of Tahwahchee has a central stairhall with a parlor flanking it on the east and west. The kitchen is to the north, opposite the entrance door. There are wide crown molded wood door and window surrounds, varnished rather than painted.

North of the house is a one-by-one bay gable roof meat house of rock-faced cement block. There is a cement-capped well with the original iron hand pump directly east of the house.

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"/> humanitarian
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates 1934 **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.

Tahwahchee was built in 1934 by Kenneth G. Wilson,¹ the son of James Burnes Wilson, builder of Vine Cottage, located just south across Milltown Landing Road. Tahwahchee is situated on 36 and one-half acres, a part of the tract James Burns Wilson inherited from his father William James Wilson.² The Wilson family has held and farmed land in the vicinity since James Wilson acquired 655 acres of tracts called Hadington, Dunbar, Trent and Good Luck, in 1739.³

Tahwahchee has stylistic elements which give it the appearance of a late-nineteenth century building. These include a center front cross gable, 6/6 double-hung-sash windows, crown molded cornice returns, a high exterior corbelled brick chimney and a wrap-around screened one-story entrance porch.

Tahwahchee is significant for its association with the Wilson family and for its well-designed use of nineteenth century stylistic elements in a twentieth century vernacular farm dwelling. Tahwahchee is one of three Wilson family dwellings within eyesight of each other on Milltown Landing Road. They are local land marks due to their architectural style and association with the Wilson family.

Notes

- 1 Conversation with Enda Connick Wilson, January 1986.
- 2 Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB 38:203.
- 3 Ibid. Y:100.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 36.5 acres

Map 175 P. 5

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro H

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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date April 1986

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Shaw House
 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Tahwahchee
P.G. #87A-26

417:08
16 Feb. 1934
Deed

James B. Wilson and Henrietta Wilson to Kenneth G. and Edna M. Wilson. For \$5.00 grantors convey that parcel beginning at stone on south side of road leading to residence now occupied by James R. and Henrietta Wilson. Contains 36-1/2 acres. A part of lot conveyed to James B. Wilson by deed of partition from William Walter Wilson and Emma G. Wilson, 21 Aug. 1886, JWB 38:203.

417:82
16 Feb. 1934
Deed

James B. Wilson and Henrietta Wilson convey to Ellen Wilson, Esther Wilson and Mary E. Wilson that parcel containing 59.7 acres. Same conveyed to James B. Wilson by deed of partition from William Walter Wilson and Emma G. Wilson, 21 Aug. 1886, JWB: 38:203.

JWB 38:205
21 Aug. 1886
Deed

William Walter Wilson and Emma G. Wilson to James Burnes Wilson. Both tenants in common of property inherited from parents, William James Wilson and Margaret Johns Wilson. James B. Wilson allotted eastern parcel of 96.20 acres, Lot 2 of this division. Same land inherited by William James Wilson from his father David B. Wilson. Dunbar, Tenant and Good Luck, purchased by James Wilson from Thomas Sheredine by deed dated October 30, 1739, Liber Y:100 and partitioned among his heirs in JRM 9:179.

JAMES W. ELLER
4954/969
32.85A.
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M. 174 -
P. 18

KENNETH G. WILSON
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36.50A.
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LANDING
ROAD

●
87A-25

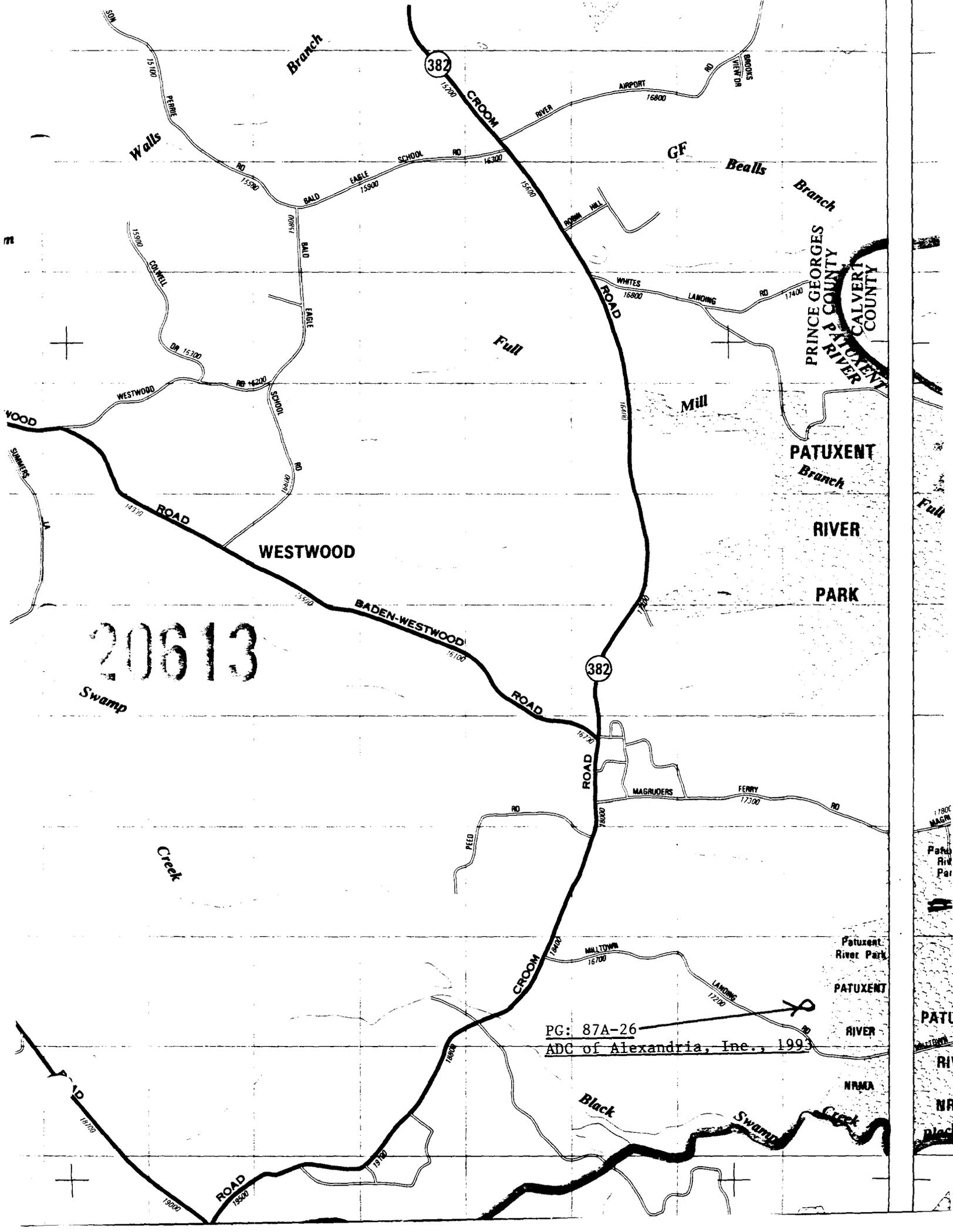
ROBERT B. WILSON, ETAL
5877/263
59.70A.
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CHARLES W. ELLIS
3126/135
95.29A.
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BENTON L. GRIMM



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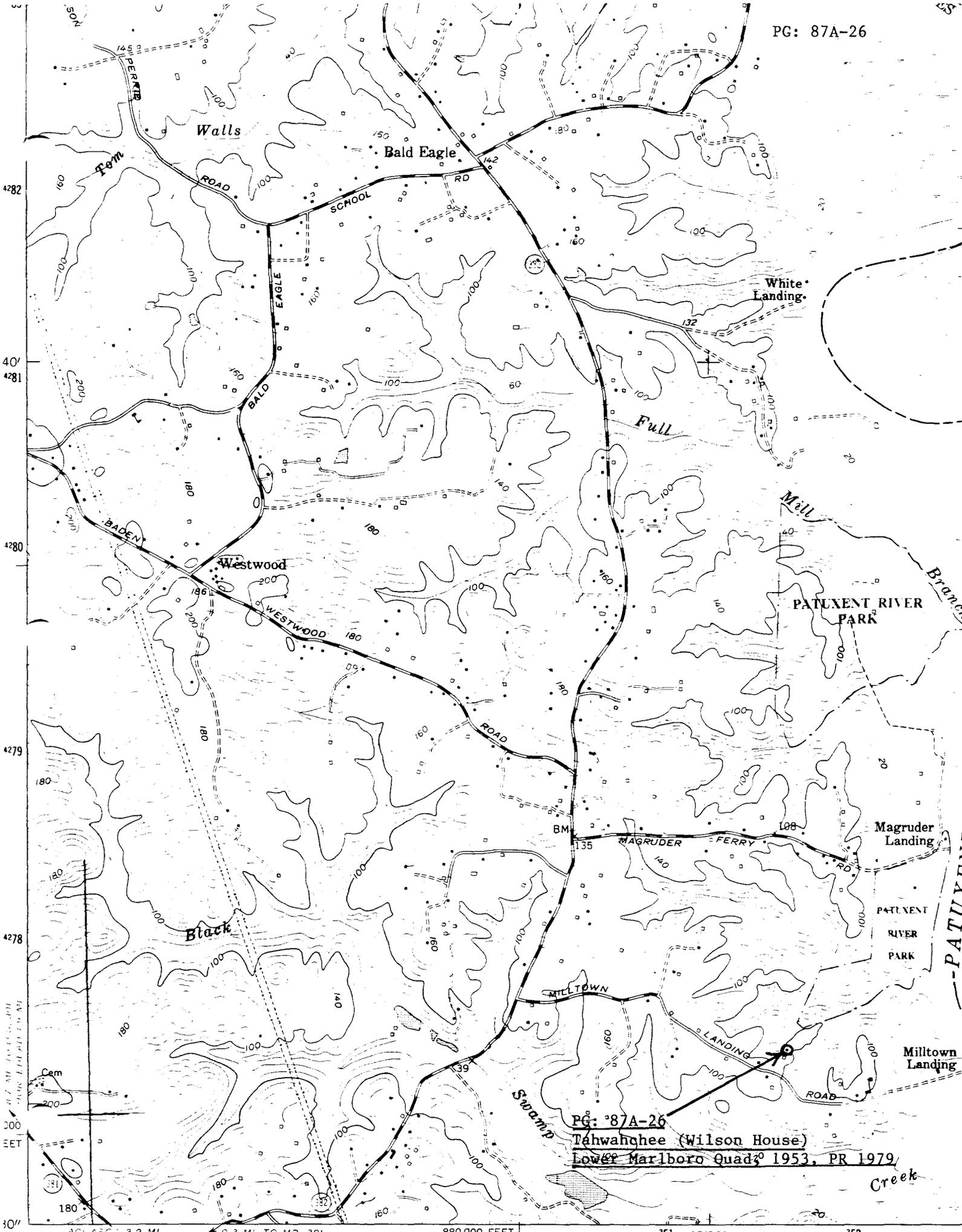
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PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY
CALVERT COUNTY
PATUXENT RIVER

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RIVER

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 Tahwahqhee (Wilson House)
 Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979



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Tahwahchee
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Tahwahchee
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Tahwahchee
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January, 1986
South elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Tahwahchee
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 2986
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Tahwahchee
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
Meat house, north
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD