

G-III-B-081  
Earl Selders House  
Bittinger  
Private

ca. 1875

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Earl Selders House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Foxtown Rd., E side, approximately .2 mile North of Beachy Road

CITY, TOWN  
Bitteringer

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Park H. Opel

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 196, 361

Folio #: 436, 153

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The house is a two-story, gable-roofed dwelling, measuring three bays on the facade, two bays on the gable ends, and four bays on the rear elevation. The facade points NW. One-story shed porches run the length of the facade and rear elevations.

The house rests on a low stone foundation and the frame walls are covered with white asbestos shingles over German siding. On the rear elevation the German siding is still visible. Windows are two over two sash with simple cornices and plain board surrounds. All trim is painted green. The facade door has four panels below a large glass panel. On the rear elevation, the two central bays on the first floor have doors.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house has a single interior brick stove chimney just left of center on the facade. At the NE gable end, the roof is patched at the ridgeline, possibly indicating the former position of a chimney. The porch roofs are covered with asphalt shingles and supported by chamfered posts. The SW side of the facade porch has been filled in to create an extra room and has been fitted with sliding glass windows.

West of the house is a rectangular, gable-roofed springhouse or storage building. It measures two bays long and one bay wide, and is covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. The NE gable end contains the door, the SW gable end an exterior brick chimney. The windows are two over two, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Immediately SE of the springhouse is a hollow or "well" for the spring. Some yards SE of this hollow is a banked opening, fitted with doors, which provides access to the spring.

Southwest of the house is a small one-story garage, said by the owners to be the upper half of the original house on the property. It measures three bays by two bays. The NE elevation contains a large garage door. The SE elevation contains a central door flanked by windows, the SW elevation contains two windows, and the NW elevation, three windows. All windows are two over two sash, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. An interior stove chimney is just SW of center at the ridgeline. The interior has been stripped.

East of the house are two one-story outbuildings. The one closer to the house has a shed roof and is covered with vertical boards. The one further away has a gable roof and, according to the owners, is two pantries from the main house stuck together. The northern half is covered with horizontal boards and the southern half is covered with brick-patterned asphalt siding.

South of the main house is a modern parabolic arch barn.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 ca. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to tax records, this house was constructed circa 1875. It is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block measuring three bays across the facade were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 2/18/81

Facade - NW; SW



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SE & NE elevs.