

G-V-D-112  
George L. Mosser Farm  
Kempton  
Private

ca. 1888

The George L. Mosser Farm is a late nineteenth century site consisting of a house and bank barn. The house is a two story, gable-roofed ell-plan of vertical plank construction. Originally it had a symmetrical 3 bay, center door facade with a full length porch, but both the fenestration and the porch have succumbed to alterations. The building's siding - boards laid flush on the first floor level and German siding on the second floor level - has been covered with asphalt shingles. The barn is constructed of hewn timber, mortise and tenoned together, and is covered with vertical board siding.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George L. Mosser Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

Sam Sayers Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Kempton Rd. - W side, 1.2 miles north of Kempton

CITY, TOWN

Kempton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Sam Sayers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 385

Folio #: 82

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The George L. Mosser Farm is located on the west side of Kempton Road approximately 1.2 miles north of the town of Kempton. The house is set back from the road on a dirt lane with its facade pointing northeast.

The house is a two story, gable-roofed building of vertical plank construction. Its basic configuration is an ell-plan with facade and rear porches and a one story, gable addition on its northwest wall. The facade has a symmetrical, three bay, center door arrangement.

The coursed, roughly squared stone foundation has largely been replaced with cinderblock at the rear and endwalls. The exterior walls originally had five inch boards laid flat at the first floor level and German siding at the second floor level. The German siding has since been removed and the entire house has been covered with asphalt shingles with weatherboard at the gables.

Windows are two over two sash with plain board surrounds. In the late 1940's, however, paired six over six sash windows were installed on the first floor. There have also been some window alterations at the rear with a change to simple two pane casements. The facade door is topped by a transom light.

The asphalt-shingled roof has boxed rafter ends and an interior brick chimney on the southwest side of the ridgeline. A recent exterior brick chimney has been added to the southwest endwall of the rear wing.

Ca. 1950 the original facade porch was removed and a one bay entrance porch was put in its place. At this same time a gable wing was built on the northwest wall where a previous porch had sheltered the wall.

A frame bank barn is located northeast of the house across the dirt lane. Its timbers are hewn and mortise and tenoned. In 1935 a shed extension was added to the rear and its stone foundation was replaced with cinderblock ca 1975.

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 checked="" 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. 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is believed that George L. Mosser was born in Saxony, Germany and after emigrating to America settled in Cumberland and drove horses over the National Road. He then moved to the Gnegy Church-Red Oak area, and then to Table Rock. In the 1880's he purchased 150 acres of land from a Mr. Combs of Barton. Circa 1888 he built this house and barn on the site. Mosser died on his farm in 1905.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Kyle Bennett, October 6, 1980.

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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

March 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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George L. Mosser Farm  
Garrett County, Md  
Donna Ware 10-6-80  
Facade NE elevation



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NW elevation



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Rear Porch SE elevation