

MOSS HOUSE / CALVERT HOUSE

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"The Moss house is a two-story, frame house with a metal, gabled roof that was remodeled in the mid-1950s and again in 1976. It receives its name from its Civil War owner, Alfred Moss, who was clerk of the circuit court in Fairfax County. Local tradition has it that, in the spring of 1861, as Union troops were advancing through Fairfax, there was concern over the safety of George Washington's will, which was housed in the Fairfax Courthouse. Mrs. Moss, the clerk's wife is said to have removed the will, hidden it in her clothing, and taken it to this house where it was kept until sent to the Virginia state capitol for the war's duration.