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Standaway or Bennington
Near Rock Hall

For the past two generations this house has been referred to as the Jacquette House and has been owned in conjunction with the Shipyard Farm on the east side of Route 20 and Shipyard Creek.

Between 1882 and 1947 the two parcels were the property of Columbus Leary and his descendants. Well known in Rock Hall, the Leary family owned and operated the saw mill and basket manufacturing business at Greys Inn Wharf and George Leary's was pastor at M. E. Church in the 1870's.

On the 1860 Martinet Map, W. B. Everett is listed as the owner of the property and in the 1852 Tax Assessment, Mrs. Henrietta Everett was taxed on 161 acres of "Stan(a)way" and 25 acres of "Gresham's Levels." A "Brick House & other Buildings in Tolerable repair" were listed and the whole appraised for \$5022.00.¹

The house that was then occupied by Mrs. Everett was at that time about 60-70 years old. It may have been the home of one of the Hynson family, for there is mention of Standaway in Mary Hynson's will of 1807 where she bequeaths it and part of Arcadia to her son Ringgold Hynson.

The form of the house is similar to other buildings in the area, specifically, Rosedale, Greys Inn Point and to some extent, Bungay. Like the last two, the plan consists of a central stairhall with one room on either side and a service wing of two rooms. Its woodwork is well-executed, beginning

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with the paneled front door with paneled door jambs and transom and continuing into the stairhall. The stair has a three-run, open-string balustrade with delicately turned newels, square balusters and turned drop finials at the bottom of the upper newels. On one side of the stairhall, the room has recessed panel dado and a mantel with crossetted trim and shelf supported on small consoles. To the right, the mantel is slightly more refined, with dentil molding added. The house contains many original features typical of late 18th century vernacular interpretation of Federal period trim.

1. 1852 Tax Assessment.