FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION Office of the Secretary. State House, Boston



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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	Source deeds, Waters' History	
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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

7.	Original owner (if known)		
	Original use residence	e	
	Subsequent uses (if any) and date	9	
8.	Themes (check as many as appl	cable)	
	Aboriginal Agricultural X Architectural The Arts Commerce Communication Community development X	Conservation Education Exploration/ settlement Industry Military Political Recreation Religion Science/ invention Social/ humanitarian Transportation	<u>x</u>

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

It is not known when or by whom this house was built, but probably John Blanchard did before 1680. In 1685 he was living in Dunstable, where he was one of the first church deacons.

In 1680 he sold his Chelmsford homestead dwelling house to Capt. Thomas Hinchman. The latter leased it and lived in present day Lowell (then part of Chelmsford), where he was a very influential man. He was often selected by his townsmen, and also the General Court, for the most delicate & responsible services. His influence helped greatly to secure relatively peaceful relations with the local Indians. He was a very modest man and shrank from accepting the office of deacon of the church because of his want of confidence in his fitness. In 1699 Capt. Hinchman deeded the house to the first Joseph Warren in consideration of the "good affection which I bare unto my kinsman" (by marriage).

The original house, one of Chelmsford's oldest, is disguised in a more modern dwelling. It is said that Indians used to peek in the windows. So large was the original farm that it admitted divisions and subdivions, and several Warren families built there in the enjoyment of a competence. For two centuries there was a Joseph Warren living in the old house.

The Warren family, including the owners of the old homestead, was very active during the Revolutionary period. Between 1767-1775 the 3rd Joseph (b.1724) served as selectman, as well as one year as assessor. On April 19, 1775 the local men gathered at the center of town, where he fired the minute guns. The following two years he was a member of the Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety. Throughout the war, town records credit him with supplying beef, bullets, lead & flints. etc., to the army. Joseph served in the Continental Army as a captain in Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex Co.) (see attached sheets)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Waters, <u>History of Chelmsford</u>
Notebook of Miss Frances Andrews

Chelmsford Town clerk's, Building Inspector's, & Assessors' records (including

1921 Boston Rd. plan)
Brown, Beside Old Hearthstones
Lowell Weekly Journal: Oct. 11, 1889

Middlesex North Registry Deeds: B.1, p.69; B.3, p.78; B.7, p.539; B.710, p.28 Beers Atlas, 1889 Atlas

1955 Chelmsford Newsweekly

Edwin Warren, Julia Fogg, 91 Boston Rd.; Mrs. Gordon Peck. 61 Charles St., Dracut

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Property Namejoseph	War	ren	House

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical Significance (continued)

Regt. A Joseph Warren was at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. Capt. Warren's son Jeduthan(b.1756) was a private in Col. Reed's Regt. in 1777, when it reinforced the Northern Army. In 1786 Jeduthan's brother Jeremiah(b.1763) was among those who were detached from the miltia to form a part of the army of General Lincoln to suppress Shay's insurrection.

In 1796, after the Captain's death, Jeremiah (b.1763) deeded to his brother Joseph (b.1769) his share of the north side of the house "wherein the said Joseph now lives with the cellar under the same....bounding acrost said house from the front foor running acrost said house by a partition taking the chimney and so on to the scink." In 1810 Jeremiah "hung himself by a rope in the barn."

The Joseph Warrens were all farmers, and most were active in church and civic matters as well. A grand-daughter of Captain Warren(b.1724), Mrs. Rizpah (Warren) Crocker, was a missionary in Africa and died there. Arthurm M. Warren(b.1870), the last Warren to own the house, went into the wood and lumber business, operating in a scientific manner, always leaving some fine trees for reforestation. He was instrumental in saving the famous "Carlisle Pines" (now State forest).

The house was sold out of the Warren family in 1910.

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3. Alterations

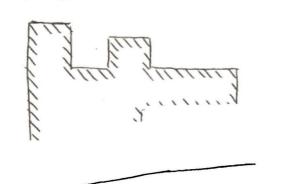
1889 Atlas



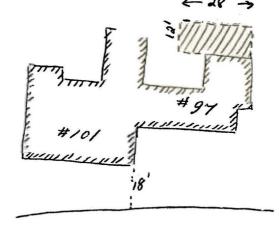
1875 Beers Atlas



1921 Plan 1 inch = 40 ft. County Commissioners (Original plan 1916)



April 24, 1975 Plot Plan Building Permit #168 1 inch = 40 ft.



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1979 Assessors' Diagram

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ca 1730 - enlarged

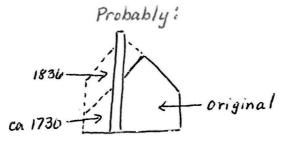
Probably to saltbox shape by Joseph Warren(b.1699), son of the first Joseph Warren(b.1670) to accommodate his growing family (6th child b. 1741) and his parents, who were probably still alive.

By 1796 the house had definitely been divided "acrost said house from the front door running acrost said house by a partition taking the chimney and so on to the scink."

1836 - enlarged

By Joseph(b. 1769) & his son Joseph(b. 1800); the latter was married at this time.

The house was made into a full 2 story building with ell, and remodelled. The north apartment kitchen was put in the south part of the ell (2 story); the remainder of the ell was a 1 story shed.



Between 1875-1889

1 story shed, southwest corner of house - added by Joseph (b.1800)

1912-14

Arthur M. Warren(b. 1870) - converted house into 4 apartments (2 apartments south side of main house, 1 each floor; north side of main house, both floors & south end of ell; north end of ell & portion of north "jut")

 raised north end of ell to 2 stories - converted shed in north end to apartment

2. added north "jut" - rear portion shed

3. added 2 story bedroom/shed section of middle "jut"

ca 1915 - ell struck by lightning - little damage

after 1914 - 1 story shed added to middle "jut"

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Property Name: Joseph W	arren Hous

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3. Alterations

1959
Ralph House - converted house to 5 apartments (1, 6 rooms; 4, 3rooms)

1. south "jut" - shortened, new foundation, 2 story added

2. fireplaces reconditioned - dampers added

3. 2 exterior stairways added

a) south side, to 2nd floor of "jut"

b) front of ell, to 2nd floor apartment in south end of ell & north end of main house

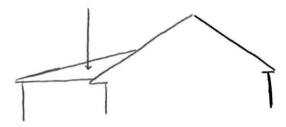
4. 5 new kitchens & baths, heating systems

1969 1 kitchen remodelled

1976 12'x28' open deck - added to rear of north "jut" (see plan)

1977 open porch (north east corner of ell) - enclosed into hall

1978 roof of south"jut" raised from flat



97-101 Boston Road Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds

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Middlesex Probate Docket #24366	1888	Estate of Joseph Warren to Joseph E. Warren all his real estate - 190½ acres $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres - homestead premises
Middlesex Probate Docket #43989	1858	Estate of Joseph Warren to Joseph Warren all real estate, but daughter Merriam - right to occupy my dwelling house where I now live
North: Bk. 11, pg. South: Bk.251, pg.	430 120 4/ 5/1823	Joseph Warren, yeoman, to Joseph Warren, Jr., husbandman \$1000 115 acres = all my lands & outbuildings 1/3-my dwelling house except: 1. plain field & swamp 2. land owned in common with Phinehas Whiting 3. land mortgaged to me by Sherebiah Spaulding
North: Bk. 10, pg. South: Bk.232, pg.		Ephraim Warren, yeoman, & Rachel Warren, widow, to Joseph Warren, yeoman \$200 south part - dwelling house in which Joseph Warren now resides, & cellar under the same being portion not conveyed to Joseph by Jeremiah Warren, 2/22/1796, in B.124,pg.289
Middlesex Probate Docket # 17029	1810	Estate of Jeremiah Warren to Ephraim Warren 2/3 all real estate widow Rachel - 1/3 all real estate
North: Bk. 7, pg. South: Bk.107, pg.	539 2/22/1796	Jeremiah Warren, yeoman, to Joseph Warren, Jr., yeoman \$2900 north half - dwalling been wherein Joseph now lives, & cellar under the same east half - corn barn whole of barn & shed 100 acres of land 1. field bounded by barn & road 2. piece of meadow land 3. piece of pine land called plainfield 4. piece of pasture - at swamp hill 5. west part of home orchard 6. west part of young orchard 7. whole of hill orchard 8. piece of Blanchard meadow

9. dam pasture

10. new pasture by round meadow 11. west part of wood lot North: Bk. 7, pg. 197 South: Bk107, pg. 306 3/28/1792 Sarah Warren, widow, to Jeremiah & Joseph Warren, yeomen 100 pounds real estate (land & buildings) of my late husband, Joseph Warren, gentleman, in Chelmsford & Billerica North: Bk. 7, pg. 195 5/25/1789 Joseph Warren to Joseph Warren, Jr. South: Bk107, pg. 304 400 pounds ½ of 200 acres & buildings in Chelmsford & Billerica other ½ - deeded today to Jeremiah Warren reserved - use & improvement to me & my wife during our natural lifetime. 5/25/1789 North: Bk. 7, pg. 196 South: Bk107, pg. 305 Joseph Warren to Jeremiah Warren 400 pounds ½ of 200 acres & buildings in Chelmsford & Billerica other \frac{1}{2} - deeded today to Joseph Warren, Jr. reserved - use & improvement to me & my wife during our natural lifetime. 1769 Estate of Joseph Warren to Joseph Warren ? Estate of Joseph Warren to Joseph Warren Thomas Hinchman to North:Bk. 3,pg. 78 6/12/1699 South: Bk. 34, pg. 48 Joseph Warren "for good affection which I bare unto my house - leased to Daniel Galutiah ½ of orchard adjoining Planchards arable land - east side of highway except - 4 acres next to land given Benjamin Parker uplands - on south side of my meadows & orchard & fence around it 1/3 of my Blanchards meadow 6 acres - Wamessatt Neck

7 acres town right

North: Bk. 1, pg. 69 South: Bk. 8, pg. 113 12/27/1680

John Blanchard to Capt. Phomas Hinchman 95 pounds homestead

- 1. 16 acres: dwelling house and orchard
- 2. 18 acres: meadow except what John Blanchard sold J. Parker
- 3. 10 acres: upland, east side of highway

J. Warren House 101 Boston Road

Waters, "History of Chelmsford"

Pg. 536 - 539

"Of those who settled within the present limits of the City of Lowell, prior to the year 1700, Maj. Thos. Hinchman was, without doubt; the most influential person. He was often selected by his townsmen, and also by the General Court, for the most delicate and responsible services a study of the history of the town at that period cannot fail to inspire a genuine respect for the character of this man. He was withal a very modest man. He shrunk from accepting the office of deacon of the church because of want of confidence in his fitness (Fiske Records).....

Major Hinchman died in 1703....His will does not disclose the amount of his property. It was doubtless large, as he was a very extensive land owner. He left the bulk of his estate to his wife. Elizabeth. There were two other bequests, one of five pounds and an interest in his lands at Nashoba, to his minister, Rev. Thomas Clark; and another to Joseph Warren, 'my kinsman (by marriage), and Ruth, his wife, my dear kinswoman, ye house and all those Lands, at my tenement at Blanchards (as commonly called), &c. This farm bequeathed to Joseph Warren, is new the one now owned by Joseph E. Warren at Chelmsford Centre. It has been continuously in the Warren family. It is pleasant to know that the memory of Thomas Hinchman is still kept green in the Warren family. Mr. E.H. Warren, the present town treasurer of Chelmsford (1892), was named in his homor, E. Hinchman Warren."

Warren Family, as mentioned in Diary of Rev. Ebenezer Bridge

Oct. 20, 1755	Tow'd night I went to raising of Eph ^m Warren Jun ^r his house and supp'd with him, at his Father's.
June 5, 1759	PM. Attended the raising of a Dwelling house of Ben Warren's.
December 6, 1759	Visited Eph ^m Warren and Eph ^m Warren Jun ^r in the Even ^g .
January 24, 1760	Visitėd also Benj ^a Warren, my first Visit in his new house.
March 22, 1760	Very much Indisposed and Unsettled in mind, yet PM Tow ^d night Visited Oliver Spaulding taken sick at Eph ^M Warrens Jun ^r and prayed with him.
April 24, 1760	Tow ^d night went over to Eph ^m Warren's Jun ^r who had raised a Barn this afternoon. They had done Supper.
March 3, 1763	Died wife of Joseph Warren Jun She was an agreeably Woman and one I have good reason to hope is gone to an everlasting rest.
April 30, 1764	Deacon Warren visited me (A.M.) who is going to move wth his family to Townsend tomorrow.
May 29, 1764	Attended the raising of a Cyder house, at Joseph Warren's. Rev. Mr. Maccarty went wth me - Supp'd there and when I came home, my brother Samll Bridge was at my house.
December 20, 1764	Discoursed wth Thos Warren, and exhorted him to watch agt the Seducements of a set of irregular young men in this neighborhood.
July 7, 1765	Deacon Jn ^O Warren was dismissed by a Vote of the chh after service AM to the chh in Townshend.
December 11, 1777	In the Eveng Visited Lieu t Isaac Warren lately returned from the Army.
June 11, 1782	Visited Lieu ^t Benj ^a Warren AM his wife lately recovered fm sickness.
September 23, 1756	PM Visited Wid Cory and discoursed with her, by way of reproof for an unseemly frolick at her house last night and intended to discourse with Ephraim Warren and wife about the same, but they were not at home.
September 24, 1756	Toward night visited Ephraim Warren and discoursed with her as to some treatment of her father - and with them as to frolicking of young people at their house etc.

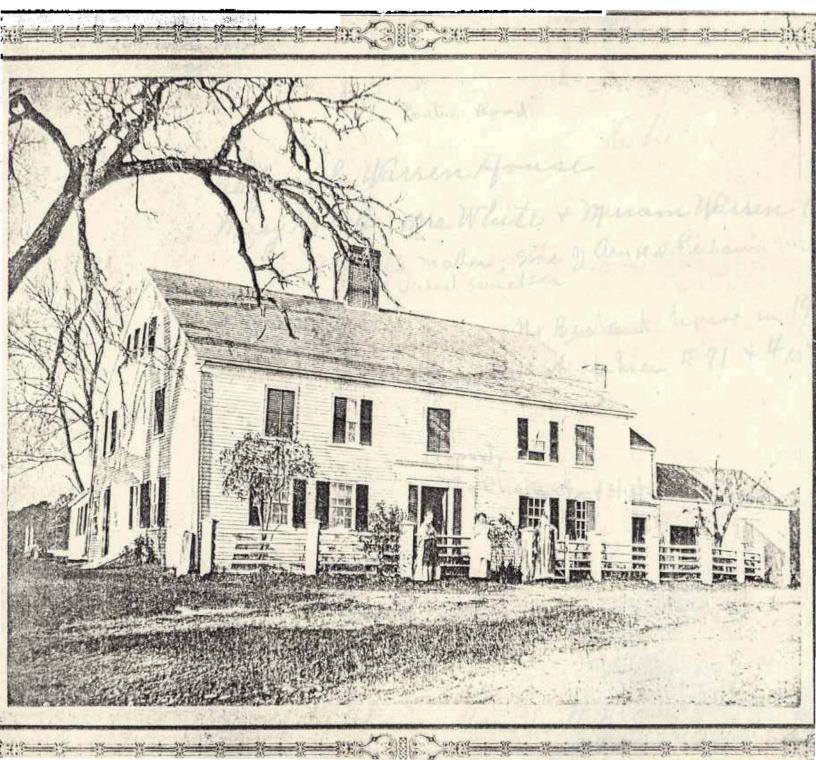
June 15, 1888

In the death of Mr. Joseph Warren, which occurred Saturday morning last, a long, useful and honorable career has been brought to its earthly close. Mr. Warren had nearly reached the advanced age of 88 years, having been born August 17, 1800, upon the homestead where his long life passed. Two months ago he suffered a slight attack of paralysis - a premonition that the vital forces had nearly reached the limit of resistance to old age and its attendant infirmities. His last days were comparatively free from pain and his mental powers remained undimmed until very near the close. Mr. Warren had but little taste for public positions; he was, however, in early manhood greatly interested in educational matters, having been a successful teacher and afterwards serving upon the school board of the town. In theological belief he was a Unitarian and for more than a half a century a regular attendant upon the services of the sanctuary. For twenty-five years he was a prominent member of the choir and for a long term the parish treasurer. Mr. Warren has been recognized for many years as one of the most industrious and successful farmers of the town. All his affairs, whether upon the farm or in monetary matters, were conducted in the most systematic and methodical manner. Of him it was literally true that he had a place for everything and everything in its place. He had a particular date for planting the various field crops and very determined indeed must have been Nature's protest to cause the slightest deviation from his settled plans. In horticulture he was a high authority, and to the very last years of his life he was interested in testing new varieties of fruit and vegetables. While with many men advancing years too often chill, if they do not practically extinguish, the benevolent impulses of earlier life. Mr. Warren was a notable exception to this tendency. Possessing through his own industry and by inheritance a competency, he-wasever-ready-te-aid-werthy as pecuniary resources are usually rated in country communities, he was ever ready to aid worthy public enterprises and lend a helping hand to the deserving poor and unfortunate. Few indeed have been the public charities and the less widely known appeals to the benevolent in this community for the past 25 years, that have not been largely indebted to his assistance. Two years ago, desiring to give further proof of his regard for the religious society with which he had so long been connected, he paid into its treasury the sum of \$1000 to be held as a fund, and at the same time made a gift of \$500 to the Social library. Mr. Warren's nearest surviving relative is a sister, several years younger than her brother, and who like him has been a life-long resident of the towm, sharing the occupancy of the old homestead and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. Deceased left no children and his wife died in 1879; but since that time two young relatives have been members of his household and have well supplied the place of son and daughter. As a man of the highest integrity, systematic, untiring industry, correct habits of living and wise benevolence this venerable atizen leaves an example worthy of imitation by the young people of this community who are just assumin the active responsibilities of life. The funeral services were held at his late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J.A. Chase, pastor of the Unitarian society, officiated, assisted by Rev. N.C. Saunders of the Baptist church.

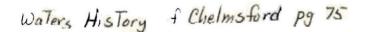
Lowell Weekly Journal

Oct. 11, 1889

Miss Miriam Warren, one of the oldest residents of the town and highly esteemed by all who knew her, died at her home on South street Monday, Oct. 7, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, aged 87 years, 7 months and 17 days. Miss Warren died in the house where her long life was passed with the exception of a few years spent in Carlisle in caring for aged relatives. She was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Warren, and the last of a family of five children. Her only brother, Mr. Joseph Warren, also a life-long occupant of the old homestead, passed away in June, 1888, at the ripe age of 87 years. One of her sisters, Mrs. Rizpah Crocker, was a missionary to Africa and died there. In early womanhood Miss Warren was a school teacher, and subsequently pursued a calling now nearly obsolete in country communities - that of tailoress. In early life she became a member of the Baptist church in the south village, but upon the organization of the Central Baptist society she transferred her membership to the latter, and to the end of her life was one of its most regular useful and devoted supporters. She was a regular attendant upon all church services up to the last few weeks of her life, and was an efficient worker in the Sunday school. For many years she was president of the church sewing circle, and was re-elected to the same position a short time before her death. Although deeply devoted to church work, she was in active sympathy with all movements for the promotion of public welfare, to which she gave substantial aid. She was a warm friend of the Village Improvement association and annually remembered it with a generous gift. Possessed of a competence and ever kind to the poor and unfortunate, there are many who will now miss her timely benefactions. A long and useful life is ended, and a truly good woman had gone to her reward.









Warren Homestead, 101 Boston Road.

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101 Boston Road

"Beside Old Hearthstones," by Abram English Brown, 1897

286 Warren Homestead

Very near the centre of Chelmsford is the Warren homestead. This estate belonged to Thomas Hinchman, who was an influential man in the early days. In the year 1699 he deeded it to the first Joseph Warren. A portion of the original house, more than 200 years old, is disguised in a more modern dwelling, which indentifies the spot where the first hearth-stone was placed. So large was the original farm that it admitted divisions and subdivisions, and several families of the name or blood are settled there in the enjoyment of a competency. For nearly two centuries there has been a Joseph Warren on the farm. The donor of the farm is pleasantly remembered in the name of one of the present generation, who is Edwin Henchman Warren. The family has enjoyed the confidence of its contemporaries, each generation doing the part of true patriotic citizens. Among the treasures of early military service held by the family at the old homestead are a musket and a halberd, which doubtless date back to the time when Jeduthan Warren served in the northern campaign in 1776, with a large company, under Captain John Ford. The Lexington alarm called Sergeant Benjamin Warren from the old home. He was in Captain Oliver Barron's company, and actively engaged in the running fight of April 19, 1775.

Chelmsford Eagle, December 15, 1883:

The following interesting revolutionary incident is related by Mr. Joseph Warren of this town, now in his 84th year. It shows the marked contast between the postal facilities of that day and the present: On the day the news of Burgoyne's surrender reached Boston, Mr. Warren's grandfather, Joseph Warren, who in turn, with a few other citizens, went on horseback once in two weeks to that city for the mail, brought a paper containing the news to "Parson Bridge", then the only minister in town. The parsonage was the house now known as the Railroad house. On reaching home, Mr. Warren called his son Joseph, father of the narrator then a lad of 9 or 10 years, to make haste and carry the paper to the Farson. This he did, and on being shown into his room, passed the paper to Mr. Bridge, who, upon reading the joyful news, jumped and capered about in a manner surprising to the boy. The happy Parson awarded the boy with a pistareen.

Rev. Ebenezer Bridge's Diary:

Oct. 23, 1777 - This morning assurtained of the news of General Burgoyne's surrendering himself and Army to General Gates. Blessed be the Lord.

THE OLD JOSEPH WARREN HOUSE called THE HENCHMAN PLACE South St.

Major Thomas Henchman (died 1703) in his will dated Jan. 1699 bequeathed to Joseph Warren

"ye house and all these lands at my tenement now leased to Daniel Galutian at Blanchard's 'as commonly called)"

Joseph Warren married Henchman's niece, Ruth Wheeler, in 1696. Joseph was born in Chelmsford in 1670.

The house was enlarged about 1730 and again in 1836.

At present it is a long gray painted building; is owned and occupied by Susan F. Burbank, retared school teacher. Now numbered 99 Boston Rd.

It is said that Indians used to peek in the windows. In April, 1775, the Patriot troops were mustered here before their march to Concord and Lexington.

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