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NAME: Budlong Farm  
LOCATION: 595 Buttonwoods Avenue  
OWNERS: Alice Hohler and Hope Maynard  
595 Buttonwoods Avenue  
Warwick, R.I. 02886  
CONDITION: Excellent; Altered; Original Site

DESCRIPTION:

The Budlong Farm comprises an early Colonial dwelling and early twentieth-century barns and other outbuildings set amid grassy fields and woodlands on the southwest side of Buttonwoods Avenue, opposite a tract built up with mid-twentieth-century suburban houses. The farmhouse is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story, gambrel-roofed, timber-framed, clapboard-sheathed structure with a brick center chimney, a fieldstone foundation, and early twentieth-century ells on the east and west sides. An asymmetrically placed door on the north side is the present main entrance but the house was apparently originally oriented to the south. The south side is five bays wide with a central entrance sheltered by a large screened porch.

The southern entrance opens into a small stair hall with a very steep, tight staircase in front of the chimney mass. The first-floor interior follows the typical Colonial five-room plan, with the north-central room now subdivided into a room and a hall connecting the south-east parlor and the north entrance. A large living room occupies the eastern ell while the western ell contains a kitchen and a laundry/storage room. Corner posts are visible in all rooms in the main block, all cased except for one rough-hewn post in the southeast parlor. Structural evidence seems to indicate that this parlor may have comprised a one-room, end-chimney dwelling which was later enlarged to form the present house. Fireplaces exist in the southeast parlor and the southwest ground-floor room, a dining room; the latter has a bolection molding around the firebox. The dining room also contains a corner cupboard with open shelves above and a bevel-paneled base with a door hung on butterfly hinges. On the second floor, the staircase opens onto an L-shaped hallway extending around the east side of the chimney. Rooms follow a configuration similar to those on the ground floor. The southwest chamber does not open off the hall but directly off the top of the staircase. It contains a kitchen fireplace with a side oven and a woodbox.

The outbuildings stand west of the house. There are two small, rectangular, one-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed barns; a larger one-and-one-half-story barn composed of two gable-roofed units with additions, linked by a connecting wing; a small gable-roofed shed; and a shed-roofed

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range of sheds or chicken coops. The outbuildings are all covered with clapboards.

PERIOD: 1700-1799

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

SPECIFIC DATES: Between 1700 and 1720 et seq.

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: Unknown

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

Budlong Farm is an architecturally significant property noteworthy for its association with local historical figures and its evocation of Warwick's rural landscape. The farmhouse, a rare surviving example of early Colonial domestic architecture, was begun by John Budlong between 1700 and 1720. The Budlong family was one of the first to settle in Nassauket (the section of Warwick including present-day Buttonwoods) after King Philip's War and was related by marriage to the Greene family, which owned the adjoining farm containing the Greene-Bowen House (a National Register property; see nomination). The property remained in the Budlong family through the early twentieth century. The last family owner, Henry Warner Budlong (1849-1929) was a prominent citizen noted for his civic involvement and philanthropic interests. The property, now used for boarding horses, is also important for being one of the few surviving farms in a heavily developed suburban city that was once an agricultural community.

ACREAGE: about 5.1 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME: East Greenwich, R.I.

UTM: 19 298000 4618000

**BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The nominated property encompasses lot 258 in Assessor's Plat 369, as defined by the City of Warwick, together with a portion of lot 111 delineated as follows: beginning at the northeasterly corner of lot 258; thence northerly in a straight line, which is an extension of the easterly lot line of lot 258, a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to a point; thence westerly in a straight line, parallel to the northerly lot line of lot 258, a distance of 430 feet, more or less, to the westerly lot line of lot 111, at Claypool Drive; thence southerly along part of the westerly lot line of lot 111 to the northwesterly corner of lot 258; thence easterly along the northerly line of lot 258 to the point of beginning. Lot 258 and the portion of lot 111 described above encompass a total area of approximately 5.1 acres. The nominated property includes the farmhouse and associated outbuildings together with

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nearby fields and wooded grounds that provide an appropriate rural setting.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

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