

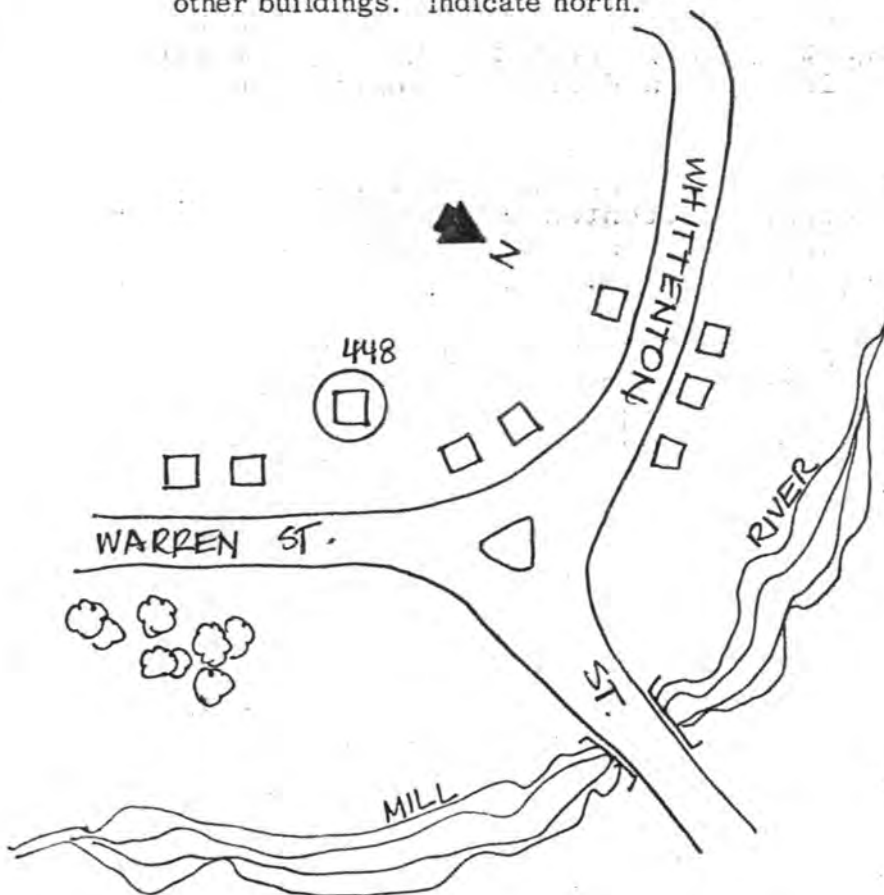
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. R	Form no. 448
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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



1. Town Taunton ✓
Address 3 Warren St. ✓
Name James Leonard House ✓
Present use Residence
Present owner Simeon & Margret Brar

3. Description:

Date 1752
Source Newspaper Article
Style Central Chimney Colonial
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric Wood Shingles
Outbuildings (describe) NONE
Other features See attached.

Altered Wood shingles Date 20th
added. century
Moved NO Date _____

5. Lot size: ^{PL 27} WARD 08^A BLK-46 LOT-6
One acre or less X Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 89.50'
Approximate distance of building from street 80'

6. Recorded by T.W.
Organization T.C.H.S.
Date 7/30/79

UTM: 19/325190/4643185

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Capt. James Leonard

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> x </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> x </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> x </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> </u>				

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

This Central Chimney structure may well be the oldest standing house on Warren St. and is associated with one of the most significant early industrial families in the city.

Built in c. 1752, it is reputed to have been the residence of Captain James Leonard, Muster Master for Britol County during the Revolution, and a descendant of James Leonard, who is credited with the construction of the first dam and iron "bloomerie" on the Mill River in 1670.

The Leonard family continued to be associated with the industrial development of "Ancient Whittenton" throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, owning land and operating numerous mills in the Whittenton/Warren Street area.

Description: The Central Chimney house features a facade of 5 regular bays, occupied with untrimmed windows and door. Second story windows abut the eaves. On the raking eaves ends, the wall surface under the gable projects slightly, a regional characteristic of 18th century origin.

The James Leonard House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places as one of a small number of well preserved houses of the Colonial period in Taunton and the most intact example of the unadorned vernacular

2 1/2 story, projecting end gable type.
10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Dunbar, 1836

Beers, 1871

Emery, History of Taunton, 1893

E. Russell Davol, "Wherefore Whittenton?", Unidentified newspaper article in Warner File, Taunton Public Library

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Leonard, James, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

42. Leonard School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

43. Lincoln, Ambrose Jr., House

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National Register

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44. Lincoln, Asa, House

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45. Lincoln, Gen. Thomas,
House

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National Register

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46. Lord-Baylies-Bennett House

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National Register

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47. Lothrop, H. B., Store

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48. Lothrop Memorial Building-
G.A.R. Hall

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49. Macomber, Calvin T., House

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50. Marvel, Theodore L., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Leonard, James, House (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.86
Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/5/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7-5-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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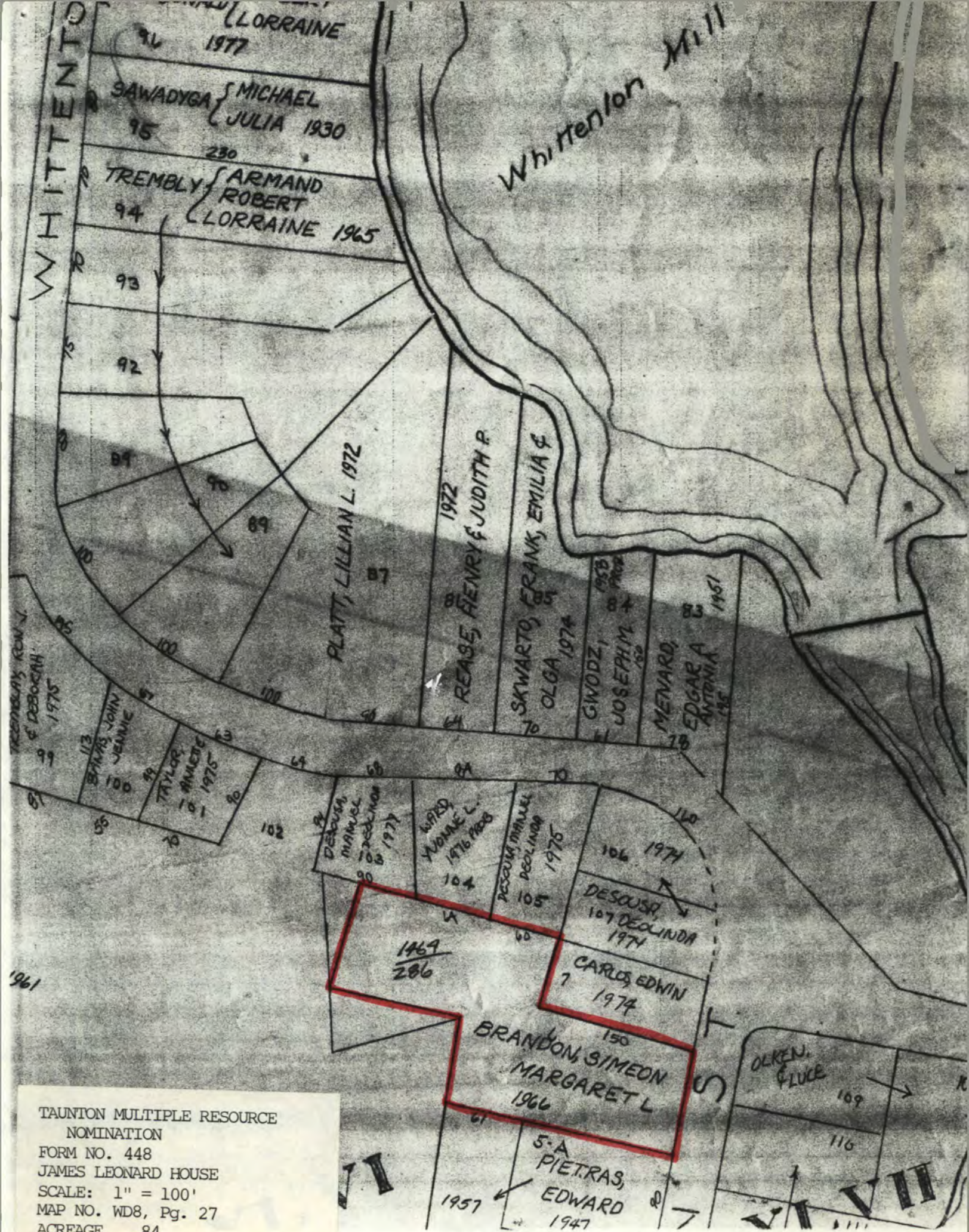
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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION

FORM NO. 448

JAMES LEONARD HOUSE

SCALE: 1" = 100'

MAP NO. WD8, Pg. 27

ACREAGE .84

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297