

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Clifford-Warren House

AND/OR COMMON  
Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *E of Plymouth at*  
3 Clifford Road

CITY, TOWN Plymouth *vic.* VICINITY OF 12th

STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Plymouth CODE 023

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Charles R Strickland

STREET & NUMBER 3 Clifford Road

CITY, TOWN Plymouth VICINITY OF STATE Massachusetts

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Plymouth County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER Russell Street

CITY, TOWN Plymouth STATE Massachusetts

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #157

DATE 1978  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

## CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD             RUINS  
 FAIR              UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Warren House, which faces southwest on its lot toward Eel River Pond, is located in a residential area south of Plymouth Center. It is sited on 1.39 acres studded with large white ash and horse chestnut trees which give way to an orchard as the land slopes toward the pond. There are also landscaped terraces and flower and herb gardens.

The house is a one and one half story wood frame structure which rests on a fieldstone foundation and is enclosed by a low pitched gambrel roof. A large central chimney rises slightly in front of the ridge. The clapboarded facade is framed with wide corner boards and a simple overhanging cornice. The center entrance is flanked by two windows on each side and is approached by three concrete steps with no rail. The present treatment, with narrow full length side lights and plain architrave appears to date from an early-mid nineteenth century remodeling. Windows contain 2/2 sash and are framed with simple architraves. An entrance to the cellar has been cut into the foundation below the two western windows, and shed roof dormers with paired casement windows have been added above both pairs. The side elevations which are shingled contain two windows at each story. A one story ell attached to the north-west corner of the house contains a late nineteenth century kitchen and a 1957 living-room which replaced an early shed. The effect of this change was minimized by preserving the proportion and materials of the shed.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES                      1695/                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warren House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and is a good example of early wood frame construction. Located south of the town center in a rural residential area, it is representative of Plymouth's early agricultural character. Further, it is believed that more information about the history of the house may be gained through archeological investigation; this potential is heightened by the fact that a hearthstone and former foundation have already been located.

The parcel on which this house now stands, was part of a four hundred acre tract granted to Richard Warren in 1627. Warren was one of the first settlers of the Plymouth Colony and was also one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact. The original grant, which ran from Warren Cove west to the present Route 3, has now been reduced to 1.39 acres. It is believed that the present house, constructed c.1695, was preceded by two smaller dwellings; this may be confirmed by archeological research.

One of the most important occupants of the house was James Warren who was born in 1726. He was a representative to the General Court from Plymouth, a member of the Committees of Correspondence, President of the Provincial Congress, a Speaker of the Massachusetts House and a Paymaster in the Continental Army. He was also a signatory of the Declaration of Independence and of the Massachusetts Constitution and was a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1754 he married Mercy Otis of Barnstable, a woman active in governmental and revolutionary affairs. She wrote several plays, poems and political tracts as well as a history of the struggle for independence and observations on the New Federal Constitution and on the State Conventions called to ratify the Federal Constitution.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Old Corner Bookstore, A. Williams and Company. Boston  
 Bradford, History of Plimoth Plantation, 1901.  
 Fritz, Jean. Cast for a Revolution, 1728-1814. Houghton and Mifflin  
 Co., Boston, 1972.

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.1 (1.39 acres)

QUADRANGLE NAME Manomet

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 | 365890 | 4644050

B    |    |   

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary extends 230' in a southwesterly direction along Clifford Road; it then turns northwest for 60' to Ell River Pond and travels northwesterly along the shore of the pond; it then turns northeasterly for 269.94', and then southeasterly 121.93' to the beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles Strickland, Chrm.  
 PlmouthHistorical Comm.

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

(617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Petera H. Wadsworth*

10/24/79

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Sally G. Olden*

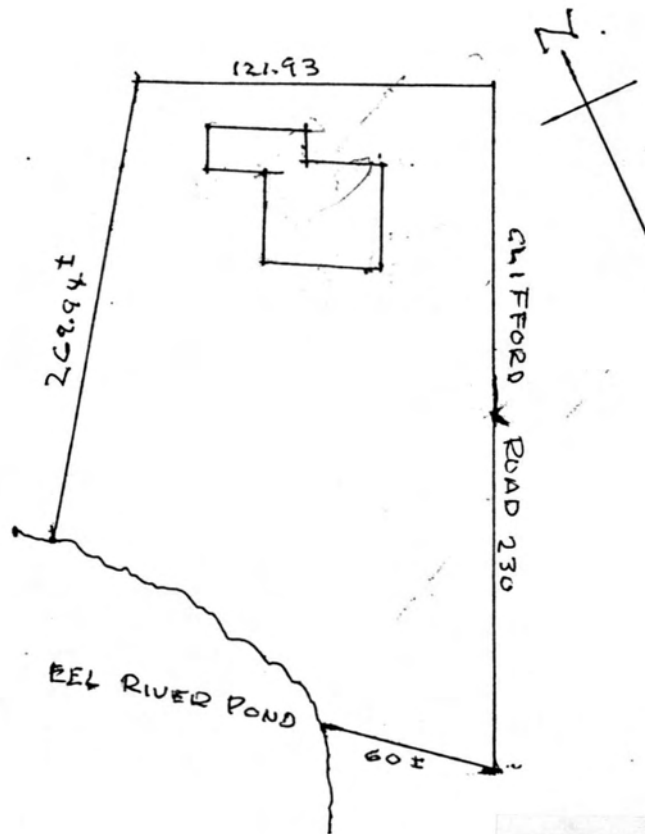
DATE 1/20/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 1/11/80



Plymouth, Mass.  
Clifford-Warren House  
Taken from Registry of Deeds  
Not To Scale



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Property

Clifford-Karson House

ref no

80000666

State

Ma (Plymouth)

Working Number

11-5-79 2656

**TECHNICAL**

Photos

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Maps

1

**CONTROL**

**HISTORIAN**

THE HOUSE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF EARLY WOOD  
FRAME CONSTRUCTION. ALTHOUGH THE NOMINATION DOES  
NOT SAY IT, ~~IT~~ IT IS A RARE SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

ACCEPT  
MADONNA  
1/8/79

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

ACCEPT  
MADONNA  
1/11/80

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Register Entry

2-3-81

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

INT:2106-74



Plymouth, Mass.

Clifford-Warren House

David Hussey

1978

Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth

County

Photo #1

South facade and east

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Plymouth, Mass.

Clifford-Warren House

David Hussey 1978

Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth *County*

Photo #2

Detail of entry

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 Clifford-Warren House  
 UTM REFERENCES:  
 19/365890/4644050

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 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
 Topography by planetable surveys 1933. Revised 1962  
 Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS charts 245 (1960) and 1208 (1961). This information is not intended for navigational purposes  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue

UTM GRID AND 1962 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 4.8 FEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- State Route

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MANOMET, MASS.  
 N4152.5—W7030/7.5  
 1962  
 AMS 6867 1 NE—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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Name

Location

Clifford- Warren House

Plymouth vicinity  
Plymouth County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
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NR Byers/bjr 1/24/80

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