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## INTRODUCTION

The Town of Warren is the twenty-fourth largest municipality in the State of Rhode Island. Warren, enjoying a colorful history, is continually growing in population, industry and commercial establishments.

When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, the eastern shore of Narragansett Bay was occupied by the Wampanoag Indians ruled by Massasoit and later by King Philip. Warren is a portion of their lands. Warren, like Tiverton, was transferred from Massachusetts to Rhode Island in the settlement of a boundary dispute in 1746 and incorporated the following year. The town's name, Warren, shows the popularity of Admiral Sir Peter Warren who commanded the British fleet which co-operated with the New England troops in the capture of the fortress of Louisberg. The town was pillaged and partially burned by the Hessian troops during the Revolutionary War. Warren held its place in world commerce in the early days (privateering and ship-building), and its plentiful water supply from the Warren and Kickamuit River, together with its location on Narragansett Bay soon helped to make it thrive as an industrial center.

Rhode Island College (now Brown University) was founded in the Town of Warren in 1746 and had its first commencement there before moving to its present location in Providence.

The southern portion of the town is situated on the picturesque Mount Hope Bay, giving the town a panoramic view of the water. Residents enjoy a variety of aquatic activities including boating, fishing and bathing.

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November 1, 1982

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1980 CENSUS UPDATE

Population: (source: PC80-1-B41)

The final population count for Warren as of April 1, 1980, was 10,640. This represented a + 1.1% change from the 1970 population of 10,523. Warren ranks number 26 in population among Rhode Islands 39 cities and towns.

Housing Units: (source: HC80-1-A41 & PC80-V-41)

The final count of housing units in Warren was 4,151 as of April 1, 1980. This represents a +17.2% change from the 3,543 housing units in 1970. Of the total housing units, 133 were seasonal units.

In 1980 there were 4,018 year round housing units in Warren. 3,843 were occupied and 175 were vacant. 12 of the vacant units were held for occasional use. There were 12 condominium units.

<u>Year Round Housing Units:</u>	
Single Units	2,259
Multi-units	
2 to 9 Units	1,429
10 or More Units	326
Mobile Homes	4

In 1980 1,667 of the 3,843 occupied housing units were renter occupied and 2,176 or 56.6% were owner occupied. The median value of owner occupied housing (excluding condominiums) was \$49,900. The median rent of renter occupied housing units (excluding condominiums) was \$154.

Households: (source: HC80-1-A41)

By definition the total number of households equals the total number of occupied housing units. Warren had a total of 10,400 persons in 3,843 households. This was an average of 2.71 persons per household. There were 240 persons in group quarters.

Population Density: (source: "Area Measurement Reports" GE-24-41)

Warren has a total area of 8.2 square miles; 5.8 square miles of land area and 2.4 square miles of inland water. The 1980 population density is 1,835 persons per square mile of land area.

Race and Spanish Origin: (source: STF 1A)

White 10,526; Black 18; American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut 21; Asian and Pacific Islander 33; Other 42.  
In 1980 There were 152 residents of Spanish origin in Warren.

Education: (source: STF3A)

In 1980 50.5% of the persons over 25 in Warren had completed high school, and 9.9% were college graduates.

Highest Year of School Completed by persons 25 years old and over:

Elementary grades 0 thru 8	2,106	31.6%	70
High School 9 to 11	1,207	18%	70
High school grade 12	2,009	30%	70
		College 1 to 3	701
		College 4 and over	664

Source: 1980 U.S. Census of Population and Housing

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1980 CENSUS AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION

The following age breakdown for Warren, located in Bristol County is from the 1980 U. S. Census.

	<u>Total persons</u>	<u>Female</u>
Under 1 year	114	64
1 and 2 years	267	124
3 and 4 years	232	111
5 years	113	65
6 years	113	58
7 to 9 years	413	209
10 to 13	622	325
14 years	162	82
15 years	191	93
16 years	211	102
17 years	190	92
18 years	182	97
19 years	177	86
20 years	194	107
21 years	188	93
22 to 24 years	579	306
25 to 29 years	829	402
30 to 34 years	681	334
35 to 44 years	1,086	563
45 to 54 years	1,170	602
55 to 59 years	662	353
60 and 61 years	249	139
62 to 64 years	382	211
65 to 74 years	947	551
75 to 84 years	519	347
85 years and over	162	124
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,640</u></b>	<b><u>5,640</u></b>
<b>Total Male Population</b>	<b>5,000</b>	
Median age	33.8	
Median age male	31.9	
Median age female	36.0	

Source: 1980 U.S. Census of Population and Housing  
 Summary Tape File 1A (STF1A) and  
 General Population Characteristics (PC80-1-B41)

1980 FAMILY INCOME DISTRIBUTION

<u>Income Bracket</u>	<u>No. of families</u>	<u>% of families</u>
Less than \$ 2,500	25	0.9%
\$ 2,500 to \$ 4,999	104	3.6
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	226	7.9
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	237	8.3
\$10,000 to \$12,499	239	8.4
\$12,500 to \$14,999	247	8.7
\$15,000 to \$17,499	252	8.8
\$17,500 to \$19,999	298	10.4
\$20,000 to \$22,499	273	9.6
\$22,500 to \$24,999	218	7.6
\$25,000 to \$27,499	160	5.6
\$27,500 to \$29,999	110	3.9
\$30,000 to \$34,999	202	7.1
\$35,000to \$39,999	104	3.6
\$40,000 to \$49,000	85	3.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	36	1.3
\$75,000 or more	37	1.3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,853</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

The median family income for Warren in 1979 was \$18,310.

Source: 1980 U.S. Census of Population and Housing  
Summary Tape File 3A (STF3A)

1980 LABOR FORCE FOR PERSONS 16 AND OLDER

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>2,834</u>	<u>2,403</u>	<u>5,237</u>
Persons in Armed Forces	12	0	12
	<u>TOTAL LABOR FORCE</u>		<u>5,249</u>
Not in Labor Force	1,043	2,110	

EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 AND OVER

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CIVILIAN EMPLOYED</u>	<u>2,642</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>4,817</u>
Civilian Unemployed	192	228	420
	Civilian Unemployment Rate		8.0%

INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT OF EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 AND OVER

Agriculture, For., Fish & Mining	86
Construction	252
Nondurable Manufacturing	892
Durable Manufacturing	1,080
Transportation	148
Communications & Utilities	84
Wholesale Trade	160
Retail Trade	654
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	225
Business Services	105
Personal Services	92
Health Services	370
Educational Services	300
Other Professional Services	179
Public Administration	190

OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 AND OVER

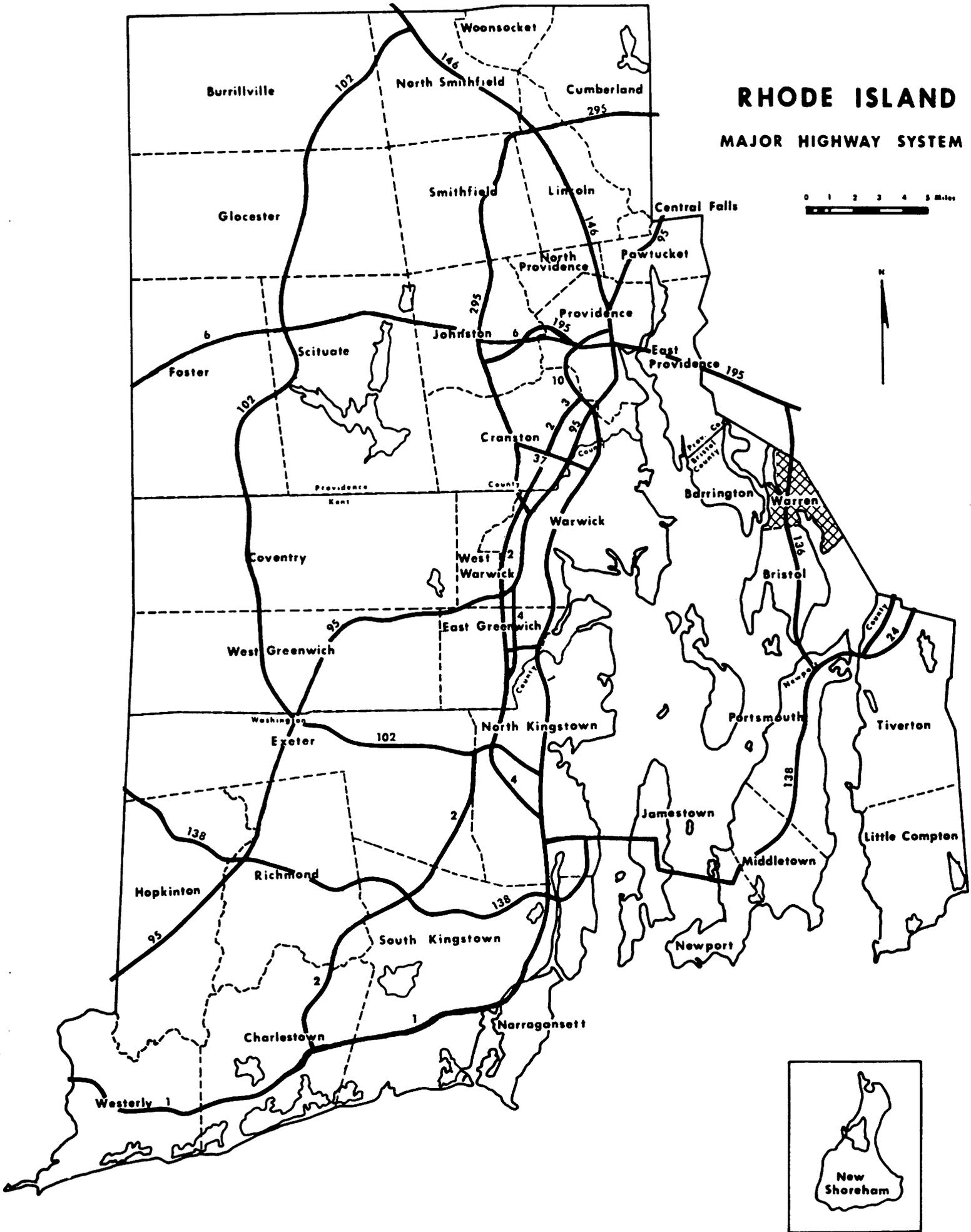
Executive, Administrative & Managerial	346
Professional, Technical, Sales Administrative Support	401
Technicians and Support Occupations	107
Sales Occupations	375
Administrative Support & Clerical	721
Private Household	17
Protective Services	48
Service Occupations	538
Farming, Forestry and Fishing	78
Precision Production and Craft	813
Machine Operators and Assemblers	1,040
Transportation and Material Movers	115
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Laborers	218

CLASS OF WORKER, EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 AND OVER

Private Wage and Salary	3,939
Federal Government	171
State Government	201
Local Government	280
Self Employed	209
Unpaid Family Worker	17

# RHODE ISLAND

## MAJOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM



WARREN, RHODE ISLAND  
GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Town: Warren
2. County: Bristol
3. Location: About 12 miles southeast of Providence. Bounded by the State of Massachusetts on the north and on the east; by the Warren River on the west; and partly by the Town of Bristol and partly by Mount Hope Bay on the south.
4. Population: 1960 U.S. Census -- 8,750  
1970 U.S. Census -- 10,523  
1975 Estimate -- 10,600 1/

1/ Statewide Planning Program Office.

5. Area: Total: 8.2 square miles  
Land Area: 5.8 square miles  
Inland Water: 2.4 square miles
6. Density: 1,814 inhabitants per square mile of land area (1970).
7. Climate: Mean Temperature in January -- 29.9 degrees (approx.)  
Mean Temperature in July -- 72.8 degrees (approx.)  
Mean Annual Precipitation -- 39.41 inches (approx.)
8. U.S.G.S. Survey Topographical Plates: Bristol, East Providence and Fall River.
9. Aerial Survey Photos: On file at the Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program Office and the Warren Town Hall.
10. Established: 1746. Settled in 1621, knows as Sowams.
11. Incorporated as a Town: 1747.
12. Types of Government: Five member Town Council headed by a Council President.

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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

A - Rank

Ranked twenty-fourth among the thirty-nine cities and towns in Rhode Island, Warren experienced a population increase of 1,773 or 20.3 percent from 1960 to 1970. According to the U.S. Census of April 1970, 10,523 inhabitants resided within the town as compared to 8,750 in April 1960.

The town is part of the Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, which had a population of 908,887 in 1970, an increase of 10.7 percent since 1960.

B - General Characteristics

1 - Number of Inhabitants (1920-1975) 1/

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1920	7,841
1930	7,974
1940	8,158
1950	8,519
1960	8,750
1970	10,523
1975 Estimate	10,600 2/

1/ Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

2/ Source: Statewide Planning Program Office.

2 - Age Composition (1970) 1/

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 5 years	442	426	868
5 - 14 years	1,015	1,036	2,051
15 - 24 years	758	871	1,629
25 - 34 years	588	614	1,202
35 - 44 years	564	589	1,153
45 - 64 years	1,086	1,281	2,367
65 years and over	473	780	1,253
Totals	4,926	5,597	10,523

According to U.S. Census figures, 33.3 percent of Warren's inhabitants in 1970 were under 18 years of age, 54.8 percent were between 18 and 64 and 11.9 percent were 65 years and over. The median age for all residents in Warren was 30.4 years in 1970.

**3 - Resident Births and Deaths in Warren (1960-1974) 3/**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Natural Increase (Difference)</u>
1960	193	96	97
1961	187	92	95
1962	192	94	98
1963	195	132	63
1964	192	95	97
1965	204	95	109
1966	173	87	86
1967	171	107	64
1968	179	118	61
1969	153	106	47
1970	185	115	70
1971	169	115	54
1972	161	119	42
1973	135	104	31
1974	115	93	22
Totals	2,604	1,568	1,036

3/ Data from the Division of Vital Statistics, Rhode Island Department of Health.

**C - Nativity**

The 1970 U.S. Census revealed that of the 10,523 residents in the Town of Warren, total foreign stock was 3,946, including 848 foreign born. Predominant country of origin of foreign stock was Portugal, followed by Canada and Italy.

**D - Housing**

According to the 1970 U.S. Census, there was a total of 3,543 dwelling units in the town in April 1970 as compared with 3,025 in 1960, an increase of 518 units or 17.1 percent:

In addition to the above, building permits issued from January, 1970 to December, 1975 totaled 410. Occupied housing units totaled 3,265 in April 1970, an increase of 600 from the 2,665 occupied units reported in 1960. In 1970 59 percent of the occupied housing units were owner occupied. Seasonal units in 1970 totaled 154. In 1970 the median value of owner occupied housing was \$18,000 and the median value of contract rent was \$66.00 per month.

**ECONOMY****A - Labor Force**

According to data from the 1970 U.S. Census, Warren had a total resident civilian labor force of 4,296, an increase of 424 or 11 percent since 1960. In 1970 59.9 percent of the resident civilian labor force was male; female 40.1 percent. Of the employed civilian labor force in 1970 26.6 percent were operatives and kindred workers; 19.5 percent were sales and clerical workers; and 16.3 percent were craftsmen and foremen.

Bristol County, which includes Warren as well as two other communities, had a total resident civilian labor force of 18,942 in 1970 for an increase of 3,765 or 24.8 percent from 1960.

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The Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket SMSA which includes Warren, had a resident civilian labor force of 386,696 in 1970, as compared to 332,992 in 1960.

In 1975 the Department of Economic Development estimated the Warren Civilian Labor Force at 4,300, consisting of 2,600 male and 1,700 female workers.

**B - Total Employment**

Available information indicates the following employment in the Town of Warren:

<u>Employees of Private Business and Industry</u>		4,315
(Covered by Employment Security, December 1975)		
<u>Self-Employed</u>		
<u>Proprietors of Unincorporated Business (1972)</u>	1/	146
Retail Trade	73	
Wholesale Trade	13	
Selected Services	60	
<u>Professions (approx. 1976)</u>	2/	19
Physicians	4	
Dentists	11	
Lawyers	4	
<u>Government</u>		306
Town (Fulltime Sept. 1976 incl. school Department)	274	
State (approx. 1976)	12	
Federal (approx. 1976)	20	
<b>Totals</b>		<u>4,786</u>

1/ From the 1972 Census of Business, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1974. The 1972 data is the latest available.

2/ While all professions are obviously not included, those listed are numerically most significant.

**C - Covered Employment and Payrolls in the Town of Warren Subject to Employment Security, December 1975.**

Code Number	Industry	4th Qtr. 1975 No. of Firms	1974 Annual Payroll	Dec. 1975 Number of Employees	% of Total Covered Employees
01-14	Agr., For., Fish, & Min.	9	\$ 260,390	30	0.7%
15-17	Construction	28	724,773	80	1.9
19-39	All Manufacturing	37	19,409,580	3,117	72.2
40-49	Trans., Comm., & Util.	9	300,820	43	1.0
50-59	Whol. & Retail Trade	109	3,954,370	616	14.3
60-69	Fin., Ins., & R.E.	13	153,021	21	0.5
70-89	Service Industries	60	1,759,869	408	9.5
	<b>Totals</b>	<u>265</u>	<u>\$26,562,823</u>	<u>4,315</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

As shown by the table, manufacturing firms are the leading employers in Warren. In December 1975 72.2 percent of all covered workers were employed by manufacturing establishments.

**D - Economic Development****1 - Industrial Construction**

In the period from 1969 through 1975 80,600 square feet of new industrial space has been built or committed for construction in Warren, representing a total investment of over \$1,200,000 in plant construction. Major industrial projects in this period include:

a - Tillotson-Pearson, Inc. - In 1971 this industrial fiberglass products manufacturer constructed a new 19,200 square foot addition to its existing facility on Market Street in Warren. The new addition cost \$225,000 to construct.

b - Royal Machine Company, Inc. - In 1973 this manufacturer of industrial piercing pins constructed a new building at 285 Market Street in Warren. The new facility measured 20,000 square feet and cost \$250,000 to construct.

c - R.J. Manufacturing Company, Inc. - In 1974 this manufacturer of costume jewelry built a new 9,000 square foot addition to the already existing facility at 560 Metacom Avenue in Warren. The new addition cost \$150,000 to build.

d - Taylor Box Company - In 1975 this manufacturer of set-up boxes, displays and die cutting constructed a new building at 293 Child Street in Warren. The new building measured 10,000 square feet and cost \$250,000 to construct.

**2 - Commercial Construction**

From 1971 through 1975, over 148,000 square feet of new commercial space has been built or committed for construction in Warren, representing a total investment of over \$3,100,000. Major new commercial starts in Warren include:

a - Intercoast Development Corporation - In 1971 the Intercoast Development Corporation built a new shopping center at Metacom Avenue and Vernon Streets in Warren. The entire project measured 111,000 square feet and cost \$2,000,000 to build.

b - DeSilets Nursing Home - In 1973 the DeSilets Nursing Home was constructed at 512 Metacom Avenue in Warren. The new nursing home measured 26,435 square feet with a total construction cost of \$900,000.

**3 - Chamber of Commerce and Development Groups**

Bristol County Chamber of Commerce  
Warren Planning Board  
Warren Housing Authority

**4 - Industrial Sites and Space****a - Market Street Site**

This site consists of approximately 48 acres of partially cleared level land located in the Town of Warren on Market Street. The site is 9 miles from Providence. Electricity and water are available at the site. Nearby railroad facilities in Warren are available for use.

The Theodore Francis Green State Airport is 16 miles west. Interstate Route 195 is 1 mile north.

Existing manufacturing space is also available in the town.

For further information on industrial sites and factory space contact the Warren Planning Board, Warren Town Hall, Warren, R.I. 02885, or the Rhode Island Department of Economic Development, One Weybosset Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

### E - Income (Calendar Years 1959 and 1969)

According to the U.S. Census, the median family income for the Town of Warren was \$9,218 in 1969 as compared to \$5,344 in 1959. This constituted an increase of 72.5 percent. The median family income for Bristol County which includes Warren as well as two other communities, increased in the decade by 75.4% from \$6,169 in 1959 to \$10,818 in 1969. The median income for families and unrelated individuals in Bristol County increased by 65.5 percent from \$5,682 in 1959 to \$9,402 in 1969.

The following distribution of income for 1959 and 1969 in Warren indicates the change for the decade.

<u>Income Group</u>	<u>Percent Distribution</u>	
	<u>Families 1959 (1960 Census)</u>	<u>Families 1969 (1970 Census)</u>
Under \$1,000	3.4%	1.1%
\$1,000 - \$1,999	4.8	4.0
\$2,000 - \$2,999	9.8	4.1
\$3,000 - \$3,999	11.8	4.5
\$4,000 - \$4,999	14.6	4.5
\$5,000 - \$5,999	16.1	5.6
\$6,000 - \$6,999	10.5	5.4
\$7,000 - \$7,999	11.5	9.9
\$8,000 - \$8,999	5.5	9.1
\$9,000 - \$9,999	3.3	8.6
\$10,000 - \$14,999	7.4	28.2
\$15,000 - \$24,999	0.6	13.4
\$25,000 and over	0.7	1.6
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

### F - Retail Sales

#### 1 - Sales Subject to Rhode Island Sales and Use Tax

Total retail sales subject to Rhode Island Sales Tax in Warren for the calendar years 1963 to 1975 were as follows:

<u>Calendar Years</u>	<u>Total Retail Sales Subject to Tax</u>	<u>% of State Total (Excl. Out-of-State)</u>
1963	\$8,432,000	0.9%
1964	9,404,000	0.9
1965	10,101,000	0.9
1966	10,295,000	0.9
1967	11,018,000	0.9
1968	11,436,000	0.8
1969	12,711,000	0.9
1970	13,130,000	0.9
1971	14,610,000	0.9
1972	18,196,000	1.0
1973	18,533,000	1.0
1974	19,227,000	1.0
1975	17,078,000	1.0

#### 2 - Rhode Island Retail Sales and Use Tax

Rhode Island's 6% retail sales and use tax applies to sales and rentals of tangible personal property, to purchase of such property out-of-state for use in Rhode Island, to utility bills (business and industry), to hotel-motel rentals (first 30 days) and food sold by eating establishments. Principal exemptions are: food, except restaurant purchases; goods consumed in manufacturing; periodicals, drugs; gas; electric and fuel bills for residential use; and separately taxed gasoline; cigarettes and other tobacco products.

3 - Warren Sales and ServicesRetail Sales, Wholesale Sales, and Selected Services 1/

Receipts in retail sales, wholesale sales and selected services for the calendar years 1967 and 1972; the types of establishments; the total personnel for each major group; and their number for 1967 and 1972 appear below in tabular form:

<u>a - Retail Sales</u>	<u>Number of Establishments</u>		<u>No. of 2/ Employees</u>		<u>Receipts (\$1,000)</u>	
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1967</u>
<u>Types of Establishments</u>						
Food Stores	16	15	NA	NA	\$4,024	\$2,927
Eating and Drinking Places	31	35	NA	NA	3,217	1,643
General Merchandise Group	6	7	NA	NA	3,190	D
Apparel & Accessories	9	9	NA	NA	D	630
Furniture, Home Furnishings & Appliance Dealers	11	10	NA	NA	1,076	969
Automotive Group	8	11	NA	NA	5,440	3,303
Gasoline Service Stations	18	16	NA	NA	1,587	1,343
Lumber, Bldg. Matis.						
Hardware & Farm Equip.	6	4	NA	NA	522	341
Drug & Proprietary Stores	3	5	NA	NA	D	604
Other Retail Stores	28	22	NA	NA	3,759	D
Retail Totals	136	134	725	421	\$25,133	\$13,910
<u>b - Wholesale Sales</u>						
Merchant Wholesalers	12	7	NA	NA	\$ D	\$ D
Other Operating Types	1	1	NA	NA	D	D
Wholesale Totals	13	8	51	35	\$2,606	\$1,802
<u>c - Selected Services</u>						
Auto Repair Services	15	8	NA	NA	\$ D	\$ NA
Misc. Repair Services	9	8	NA	NA	168	NA
Hotel & Motels	1	1	NA	NA	D	NA
Amusements	2	6	NA	NA	D	NA
Other Selected Services 3/	53	54	NA	NA	D	NA
Selected Services Totals	80	77	160	122	\$2,316	\$1,364
Grand Total	229	219	936	578	\$30,055	\$17,076

1/ Source: "1972 Census of Business", U.S. Department of Commerce, 1974 and the "1967 Census of Business", 1969.

2/ Paid Employees workweek ended March 12, 1972 and March 12, 1967.

3/ Other Selective Services includes legal services, personal services and business services.

D - Withheld to avoid disclosure.

NA - Not Available.

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### G - Transportation

#### 1 - Railroad

Passenger service to Boston and New York is available via Amtrak from the City of Providence.

The Providence and Worcester Railroad supplies a freight train weekly to the Town of Warren. Providence is one of the main freight terminals in New England.

#### 2 - Bus and Truck Service

The City of Providence is a major terminal for bus lines to and from principal cities. Interstate bus companies with terminal facilities in the city include: Greyhound Lines, Bonanza Bus Lines, Inc., ABC Bus Lines and Crosstown Bus Line.

Contract carriers located in East Providence provide trucking service to the area.

#### 3 - Air

The Theodore Francis Green State Airport, a stop for five major airlines, is located in the City of Warwick, a 20 mile drive from Warren via Interstate Route 195 and Interstate Route 95. The five airlines -- Allegheny, American, Eastern, National and United -- provide excellent passenger and cargo service between Rhode Island and other points throughout the country, with an average of over 80 flights daily.

#### 4 - Water

The Port of Providence has 25 wharves and docks for accommodating medium and deep-draft vessels, and slightly more than 10 miles of commercial waterfront almost evenly divided between the Cities of East Providence and Providence.

The principal public facility is the Municipal Wharf, adjacent to Fields Point. The port has a 35 foot channel and is provided with rail service and a dockside terminal shed of 80,000 square feet.

Dock facilities are available for pleasure craft at several salt water marinas in Warren. These are privately owned but may be let out for general use.

#### 5 - Streets <sup>1/</sup>

There are 54 miles of streets and highways in Warren. Approximately 10 miles are state-owned and maintained.

Route 136, a primary highway, provides access from Warren to the City of Providence via Interstate Route 195, which ties in with the North-South Freeway, Interstate Route 95, the principal interstate route through the metropolitan area. In the southerly direction Route 136 provides access to Newport County, via Route 114 and the Mount Hope Bridge. To the north, Route 114, also a primary highway, provides an alternate route to Providence through Barrington and East Providence.

U.S. Route 6 connecting with Route 136 provides access to Fall River and Cape Cod.

<sup>1/</sup> Street Mileage data from the R.I. Department of Transportation,  
January 1, 1976.

### H - Power and Fuel

#### 1 - Electricity

The Narragansett Electric Company, part of the New England Electrical System, serves the Town of Warren and surrounding communities and maintains its main plant and offices in Providence.

Information concerning rates may be obtained from the Narragansett Electric Company, 280 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02901.

2 - Gas

Natural gas is supplied by the Bristol and Warren Gas Company.

Information concerning rates may be obtained from the Bristol and Warren Gas Company, Gooding Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809.

3 - Oil and Coal

Industrial oil and coal is obtained in sufficient quantities from local distributors. Fuel may be obtained through the Port of Providence by low cost water transportation. Major oil companies have storage and distribution facilities in Providence and nearby East Providence.

I - Supervised Financial Institutions Located in Warren

1 - National Banks

Industrial National Bank of Rhode Island (branch)

Resources (12-31-75)\*  
\$2,134,320,000

2 - Savings Bank

Citizens Savings Bank (branch)

Resources (12-31-75)\*  
\$ 461,848,505

3 - Banks and Trust Companies

Citizens Trust Company (branch)  
Old Stone Bank (branch)

Resources (12-31-75)\*  
\$ 132,001,589  
916,626,634

4 - Credit Unions

Columbus  
Lloyd

Resources (12-31-75)\*  
\$ 5,190,710  
134,073

\*Includes resources of parent bank and all branches.

Sources: Rhode Island Department of Business Regulations -- Banking Division  
-- 1976 Annual Report.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

A - Town Government

The Town of Warren is governed by a five-member Town Council headed by an appointed Council President.

The Town Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. The Financial Town Meeting is the third Monday in May.

B - Municipal Finance

1 - Property Taxes

The 1976 tax rate on real estate and tangible personal property is \$46.67 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. New real estate is assessed at about 70 percent of market value, giving an effective real estate tax rate of \$32.67 per \$1,000 of present value.

2 - Automobiles

Automobiles are given assessed values as listed in the "Average Retail Value" column of the Automobile Guide (Recording and Statistical Corporation).

### 3 - Business Inventory and Equipment

State legislation in 1974 provided for the elimination over ten years, of the local property tax on manufacturers machinery and equipment. For existing machinery and equipment the total tax levy as of December 31, 1972 is being reduced 10 percent per year with total exemption after 1982. New machinery and equipment purchased after December 31, 1974 is totally exempt. Local communities are reimbursed by the State for the resulting loss of revenue. Also manufacturers' inventories are tax exempt in Rhode Island.

### 4 - Taxable Assessed Valuations and Receipts and Expenditures <sup>1/</sup>

a - <u>Taxable Assessed Valuations</u>	<u>12-31-72</u>	<u>12-31-73</u>	<u>12-31-74</u>
<u>Total Taxable</u>	<u>\$58,090,450</u>	<u>\$59,982,535</u>	<u>\$62,429,650</u>
Real Estate	\$46,259,250	\$47,266,450	\$48,533,330
Tangible Personal Property	11,831,200	12,716,085	13,896,320

### b - Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Years Ending as Shown

	<u>6-30-72</u>	<u>6-30-73</u>	<u>6-30-74</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$ 3,379,052</u>	<u>\$ 3,627,749</u>	<u>\$ 4,075,366</u>
Property Tax	\$ 2,012,036	\$ 2,221,785	\$ 2,309,988
Local Taxes	7,566	7,299	7,782
Licenses & Permits	20,572	21,088	19,953
Fines & Penalties	4,223	6,804	6,128
Rents & Interest	49,741	53,966	61,856
Shared Taxes	52,055	50,283	36,318
Grants	1,212,822	1,242,381	1,223,652
Departmental Revenue	16,046	17,784	10,350
Miscellaneous	3,989	6,360	399,341

	<u>6-30-72</u>	<u>6-30-73</u>	<u>6-30-74</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,443</u>	<u>\$ 3,594,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,051,317</u>
General Government	\$ 72,038	\$ 79,430	\$ 96,191
Finance	38,636	43,912	44,616
Public Safety	260,711	279,614	294,488
Public Works	239,955	249,473	269,192
Sanitation	60,405	67,844	75,573
Public Health	2,015	215	215
Public Welfare	83,751	99,007	58,014
Libraries	18,683	19,687	23,683
Parks & Recreation	12,185	13,025	15,820
Debt Service	399,047	357,223	413,295
Public Schools	2,014,506	2,211,941	2,365,866
Miscellaneous	225,511	172,893	404,363

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>1/</sup> Source; Annual Reports on Local Government Finances and Tax Equalization -- Rhode Island Department of Community Affairs.

5 - Debt and Tax Trends (1966-1976) 2/

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Net Debt.</u> (Excl. Water & Tax Anticipation)	
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Tax Rate per \$1,000</u>
1966	\$1,079,052	\$42.00
1967	1,845,901	45.40
1968	1,954,000	48.40
1969	2,024,500	55.00
1970	2,871,000	33.50*
1971	2,867,500	36.10
1972	2,617,000	39.60
1973	2,572,911	39.40
1974	2,291,000	43.40
1975	NA	43.15
1976	NA	46.67

The 1974 net debt of \$2,291,000 represents 3.7 percent of the taxable assessed valuation as of December 31, 1974.

2/ Annual Reports on Local Government Finances and Tax Equalization -- Rhode Island Department of Community Affairs.

\* Revaluation.

C - Municipal Planning and Development1 - Planning Board

The town has a planning board that was organized in 1945. The nine-member board hold their meetings the second Monday of each month. The planning board receives its legal authority from a State Enabling Act.

2 - Zoning

Zoning laws were adopted by Warren in 1937 by a special act of the state Legislature. A new zoning ordinance was adopted by the Town Council in 1971. The Building Inspector enforces the zoning ordinance.

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Minimum Lot Area</u>	<u>Minimum Front</u>	<u>Minimum Side</u>	<u>Minimum Rear</u>	<u>Minimum Width</u>
R-40	40,000 sq. ft.	40 ft.	30 ft.	60 ft.	150 ft.
R-20	20,000 " "	35 ft.	20 ft.	40 ft.	120 ft.
R-10	10,000 " "	25 ft.	15 ft.	35 ft.	90 ft.
R- 6	6,000 " "	20 ft.	10 ft.	30 ft.	60 ft.
LB (Limited Bus.)	20%*	30 ft.	20 ft.	35 ft.	---
GB (General Bus.)	30%*	---	10 ft.	30 ft.	---
W (Waterfront)	30%*	15 ft.	10 ft.	30 ft.	---
M (Manufacturing)	25%	40 ft.	30 ft.	40 ft.	---

\* Maximum percent of lot covered by building.

3 - Comprehensive Community Plan

The Warren Comprehensive Community Plan was financially sponsored by the Federal Government in conjunction with the State of Rhode Island and the Town of Warren. In 1965 the Planning Division of the Rhode Island Department of Economic Development in cooperation with the Warren Planning Board, completed a Comprehensive Community Plan for Warren. The study included a major thoroughfare plan, a community facilities plan, a land use plan, and a view of housing. The Comprehensive Community Plan is being revised with the cooperation of the Warren Planning Board.

4 - Community Development

A housing rehabilitation program is underway in the town. Neighborhoods are studied and rehabilitation loans are granted to home owners who fall under certain categories.

5 - Subdivision Regulations

Subdivision regulations were enacted in 1950. Regulations have been revised on several occasions. It is the duty of the Planning Board to administer the subdivision rules and regulations.

6 - Building Code

The town has its own building code modeled after the B.O.C.A. Code. The building inspector enforces the code.

7 - Electrical Code

Warren has an electrical code which was adopted within the last 18 years. The town has an electrical inspector.

8 - Plumbing Code

Warren has a local plumbing code which was adopted within the last 13 years. The Building Inspector enforces the plumbing code.

9 - Minimum Housing Code

The town has a State Minimum Housing Code which was adopted in 1972. The Minimum Housing Code is enforced by the Building Inspector.

10 - Fire Prevention Code

The State Fire Safety Code is used in providing Warren's fire prevention code. Warren has a fire inspector enforcing the Fire Prevention Code.

11 - Recreation Programs

The Town of Warren provides recreational programs which include activities such as softball, tennis, little league, swimming, baseball and basketball.

12 - Capital Improvement Program

Warren has a Capital Improvement Program under the direction of the Warren Town Council. For further information on the Capital Improvement Program in Warren contact the Warren Planning Board, Warren Town Hall.

D - Municipal Services

1 - Water

The Bristol County Water Company serves the Town of Warren as well as Barrington and Bristol. The water company has a daily pumping capacity of 13,000,000 gallons and a daily average consumption of 5,000,000 gallons. The minimum rate charge is \$11.61 per quarter which allows the use of 1,200 cubic feet without additional cost.

The prevailing quarterly rates are as follows:

For the first	1,200	cubic feet	--	\$0.912	per 100	cubic feet	
For the next	8,700	" "	--	0.823	" "	" "	" "
For the next	20,100	" "	--	0.734	" "	" "	" "
For all over	30,000	" "	--	0.339	" "	" "	" "

WARREN

2 - Sewers

The Warren Sewer System was established in 1913. The Sewer System serves most of the town except the Touisset Point area. Average daily flow is approximately 1,500,000 gallons. The current capacity of the system is 3 million gallons.

Warren is in the process of developing a secondary sewer treatment plant, and expanding current sewer facilities within the town.

3 - Police and Fire Protection

The Warren Police Department consists of 19 regular policemen including a chief, a deputy chief, three sergeants, 3 detectives, one police matron, and ten patrolmen. Equipment includes 4 patrol cars and 2 detective cars. The town is patrolled 24 hours a day.

The Warren Fire Department consists of: 300 volunteers, including a chief, a deputy chief and 6 captains. Equipment consists of 5 pumper engines, 1 tank truck, 1 ladder truck, and 2 rescue units. There are six volunteer fire stations in Warren located on Joyce Street, Water Street, Miller Street, Vernon Street, Metacom Avenue and Maple Road.

Warren is rated "C" by the Insurance Services New England Regional Office.

4 - Health Facilities

a - General

Public Health is the responsibility of the State of Rhode Island.

The town's school department serves the school health program.

Rescue units are provided by the town's fire department.

There are 7 nursing homes located in Warren accommodating 299 people.

Rubbish is collected once a week by the Town of Warren.

Garbage is collected once a week except at certain periods during the year when a double collection is made each week. Garbage is collected by a private contractor.

EDUCATION

A - Public (School Year (1974-1975)) 1/

1 - Public School Statistics

The public school system of the Town of Warren consists of 3 elementary schools, 1 junior high school, 1 middle school and 1 senior high school.

The average daily membership in the public schools of the town was 2,126 for the school year 1974-1975.

<u>Schools</u>	<u>No. of Schools</u> <sup>2/</sup>	<u>Average Membership</u>	<u>Professional Staff Members</u>	<u>Pupil-Teacher-Ratio</u>	<u>Per Pupil Cost</u>
Elementary	3	782	NA	NA	\$ NA
Middle School	1	539	NA	NA	NA
Junior High	1	363	NA	NA	NA
Senior High	1	442	NA	NA	NA
Totals or Average	6	2,126	131	16.2	\$1,245

1/ Source: 1974-1975 Statistical Tables -- R.I. State Department of Education.

2/ Rhode Island Education Directory 1975-1976 -- R.I. Department of Education.

2 - Public School Costs 1/

The cost of operating the school system for the 1974-1975 school year was \$2,594,192 according to the Rhode Island Department of Education data.

The minimum salary for teachers in Warren in the 1976-1977 school year was \$9,000 and the maximum was \$15,275. 3/

3/ Source: Rhode Island Education Association. Amount does not include extra stipend for advanced study and/or degrees.

B - Parochial School

Our Lady of Fatima High School for girls is located on Market Street in Warren. There are 220 students enrolled at the school.

C - Provincial Houses, Novitiates

There is one Catholic religious center located in the town, the Society of Christ Mission House at 15 Asselin Street.

D - Median School Year Completed

The median school year completed for residents of Warren 25 years of age and over, according to the 1970 U.S. Census, was 10.7 years. Sixty-one percent of those persons 25 years old and over had attended high school, and 12.8 percent of those over 25 had attended college.

RECREATION

A - Parks, Playgrounds, Swimming, Boating

The Town of Warren offers an elaborate program of diversified recreational activities such as swimming, skating, tennis, playground programs and canteens.

Warren is bounded by about 6 miles of coastline on Mount Hope Bay providing facilities for boating, bathing and fishing.

Residents enjoy salt-water bathing at the Warren Town Beach and fresh-water bathing at Burr Hill Park. Recreation facilities are available at various playgrounds and parks in the town.

B - Yacht Club

There is one yacht club located in Warren, the Kickamuit Yacht Club.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

A - Churches

There are 8 churches in the town representing all of the major denominations, including Roman Catholic, Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist faiths. The Towns of Bristol and Barrington, together with the City of East Providence, provide churches of most all denominations within the area.

B - Libraries

Warren has one public library, the George Hail Public Library, located on Main Street.

C - Hotel

There is one hotel located in the town with a total capacity of 20.

D - Newspapers

The town is served by the Providence Journal (every morning) and the Evening Bulletin (Monday through Friday). There is also one weekly, the Warren Times Gazette.

E - Points of Interest

Massosoits Spring - marked by a bronze tablet. Site of the first white settlers (1632) in what is now Rhode Island.

The King's Rock - a landmark on the boundary line of Massachusetts. Furrows on the rock said to be where the Indians ground corn-- also believed to be glacial furrows.

Windmill - Camping ground of American forces under General Lafayette.

Charles R. Carr Collection - pre-Columbian, Peruvian and North American Indian artifacts, George Hail Free Library.

First Methodist Church (1844) - 25 Church Street, Established 1789. Tri-level Georgian spire rises 160 feet.

Masonic Temple (1789) - Power Street. Oldest Masonic Temple in New England.

St. Mark's Church (1829) - massive Ionic columns and cantered enframements of the double doors.

Warren Baptist Church (1844)- Main Street, replaced earlier structure burned in 1776 during a British-Hessian raid.

Warren Town Hall (1890) - Two revolutionary war cannons captured at British surrender of General Burgoyne in 1777 are displayed on the front lawn.

Points of Interest in WARREN

CHARLES R. CARR COLLECTION. (\*#) 530 Main, St. Pre-Columbian, Peruvian and North American Indian artifacts. Items include utensils, farming and fishing implements, glass beads and wampum (Indian currency).

FIREMEN'S MUSEUM. (\*#) 42 Baker St., Housed in the old Narragansett Steam Fire Company Station Number 3. The early Victorian building houses, among its fire department memorabilia, the "Little Hero", the town's first fire engine purchased in 1802.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH. (\*) 25 Church St., Established 1789. Tri-level Georgian spire rises 160 feet.

MASONIC TEMPLE. (\*) Baker St., Oldest Masonic Temple in New England. In the 19th Century, ground floor was used for town offices and the Warren Academy. Among architectural distinctions are twin doorways and elaborate Federal period carpentry using timbers from Revolutionary War British frigates sunk in Newport Harbor.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH. (\*) Lyndon St., Designed by Russell Warren, architect of Providence Arcade and DeWolf residences in Bristol. Distinguished by massive Ionic columns and canted enframements of the double doors. Rectory (c.1751), final residence of Rhode Island's last Colonial Governor, Josias Lyndon. Parish House (c.1860). All three on National Register of Historic Buildings.

THE MAXWELL HOUSE. (\*#) 59 Church Street., A two and one half story brick Colonial gable house, believed to have been built by the Rev. Samuel Maxwell and the home of James and Level Maxwell, prominent ship owners and merchants. The house features a massive central chimney with two beehive bake ovens. Fireplace and bake oven cooking are periodically demonstrated. The house is currently under restoration and is open by appt at times other than for special events, 245-5077.

WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH. (\*) Main St., Russell Warren, architect. Replaces earlier structure burned in 1778 during a British-Hessian raid. Tower bell recast from original Paul Revere. Rhode Island College, now Brown University, was established in the earlier Baptist Meeting House, 1764.

WARREN TOWN HALL. (\*) Main St., Designed by William R. Walker and Son, of Providence.

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