

2 Pleasant Street, the Warren Tavern (circa 1780)

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Warren Tavern

1895



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Mid-late 20th C

The Warren Tavern is an extensively and sensitively restored (1972) late Georgian wood frame clapboard tavern. It is prominently sited at the Main and Pleasant Street corner and is a key component of the "Thompson Triangle" a remarkably unspoiled enclave of late 18th-century/ early 19th century structures. The Warren Tavern was one of the first buildings erected after the burning of Charlestown by the British. It was named in honor of General Joseph Warren, who had died in the battle of Bunker Hill. Hunnewell notes that the Warren Tavern exhibited a large sign, which swung from a high post and bore on either side the likeness of Gen. Joseph Warren in his Masonic insignia as a grand master. Attached to the house was a large hall called Warren Hall. Here the first Masonic Lodge in



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the town was formed. This Masonic Lodge was founded in 1784 and was known as King Solomon's Lodge. It was this Lodge that first commemorated the battle of Bunker Hill with a wooden column in what is now Monument Square.

Late 19th century owners included Abraham B Shedd, a "conveyancer and insurance agent, 25 City Square, his house at East Lexington" and John C Richardson (1870s, 1880s). From 1890 until circa 1905 the Warren Tavern was owned by Caleb T Sims. By 1911 this venerable building was owned by an Edgar N. Blood . (See notes for further information about the tavern)

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