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

(1) NAME

**COMMON:**

John Waterman Arnold House

(2) LOCATION

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

11 Roger Williams Avenue

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Warwick

**STATE**: Rhode Island

(3) CLASSIFICATION

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PUBLIC ACQUISITION:

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(4) OWNER OF PROPERTY

**OWNER'S NAME:**

Warwick Historical Society

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(5) LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**

Registry of Deeds, Warwick City Hall

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

Main Street

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Apponaug, Warwick

**STATE**: Rhode Island

(6) REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Built before 1800, the John Waterman Arnold House is a simple, eighteenth century farmhouse of a type once common in Rhode Island. The two-and-one-half story, four-bay-wide, gable roof clapboard house is set on a stone foundation facing south. The five-room plan, with its large, central, brick chimney, provides two large front rooms to either side of the chimney, and three rooms across the back on each floor. A large fireplace with crane in the cellar suggests that the kitchen may have been located here, but there is a wide, paneled kitchen fireplace with a side oven in the central rear room on the first floor. A two-story ell was built to the rear of the house in the nineteenth century.

The six-light window sashes and the wide, flat, Greek Revival entrance, with its six-panel door and sidelights, appear to be later renovations. While several of the mantelpieces, composed of large, plain panels, appear to be original, as do the wide-board floors throughout, much of the interior was also altered in the first half of the nineteenth century. Although detail throughout is extremely simple, the entrance hall was altered to accommodate an extremely graceful, winding staircase.
The John Waterman Arnold House was built on part of the land granted to William Arnold, one of the earliest settlers of Pawtuxet, Rhode Island, in 1638. John Waterman Arnold, a carpenter by trade, was the last male Arnold to own the property. The simple design and detail of this early farmhouse were once common to Rhode Island. It is most significant as a typical, rural home of the late-eighteenth century which has been well preserved and is currently being restored by a local historical society as a museum.
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CODE COUNTY: 44 Kent

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Clifford M. Renshaw III

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Room 124, State House, Providence, Rhode Island 02903

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Fireplace, south-east parlor.
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Exterior, looking north-east.