

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Westcote
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 101 Mountain Laurel Drive n/a not for publication
city, town Cranston n/a vicinity
state Rhode Island code RI county Providence code 007 zip code 02920

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	
	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

MID-19th CENTURY/Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD/weatherboard

roof ASBESTOS

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Originally situated at the top of a long steep drive from Oaklawn Avenue, Westcote stands on a small knoll in the midst of the large suburban subdivision known as Garden City. Built c. 1843, Westcote is a one-and-a-half story, five-bay frame house with two end chimneys. A typical rural Greek Revival structure, it has a flank gable roof and a wide plank cornice. The door in the large center entrance is surrounded by its original shutters, as are the windows. Some of the window sashes have been replaced; they are now mostly six-over-six, a pattern which probably repeats the original arrangement.

The interior of the house has a typical five-room plan, with a parlor on each side of the entry and a large keeping room across the back, flanked by a small room on each side. There is a narrow staircase rising from one side of the central hallway.

The house reflects the simplicity of its formerly rural location. Although the facade reveals the development of the Greek revival style, the interior owes more to the eighteenth century. Many of the interior walls are plank; the mantels are simple; the corner posts are encased. The only architectural elaboration evident is in the east parlor where the window and door enframements are reeded with bulls-eye corner blocks and a pulvenated frieze.

The only additions visible from the exterior are a rear kitchen ell and a dormer added in 1932 across the second floor on the rear of the house. On the interior, a narrow side staircase and hall (added in the late nineteenth century) now divide the west parlor from the room behind it. The fireplace opening in the west parlor has been bricked shut.

Two second-floor bedrooms flanking the central staircase have small shallow fireplaces served by the end chimneys. Early twentieth century cupboards are built in under the eaves. The addition of the rear dormer permitted the construction of a bathroom at the head of the stair and enlarged the master bedroom and a third previously unheated bedroom.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance
c. 1843

Significant Dates
c. 1843

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Westcote is significant to the architectural history of Cranston as a fine and intact example of a typical, rural vernacular building type. This small modest Greek Revival farmhouse is almost unaltered. Westcote is one of many simple, solid dwellings that help define the domestic experience on Rhode Island's farms throughout most of its history. While many of these houses have been destroyed or severely altered, Westcote remains an unusually intact example of the type.

The house was built by the Westcott family which descended from Stukely Westcott, an early Providence settler who was expelled from Salem with Roger Williams. In fact, the property was part of a land grant from Williams. In the early twentieth century Westcote was the home of Dr. Niles Westcott, a grandson of the builder, who served as Assistant Superintendent of Butler Hospital in Providence. It was he who converted the northeast room into an office and added the side stairway to accommodate the farmhand who slept in the upstairs bedroom.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Cranston, Rhode Island, Statewide Historical Preservation Report, P-C-1," Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, Providence, 1980.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of Westcote is the line surrounding Cranston Assessor's Plat 16/1, lot 825.

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Boundary Justification

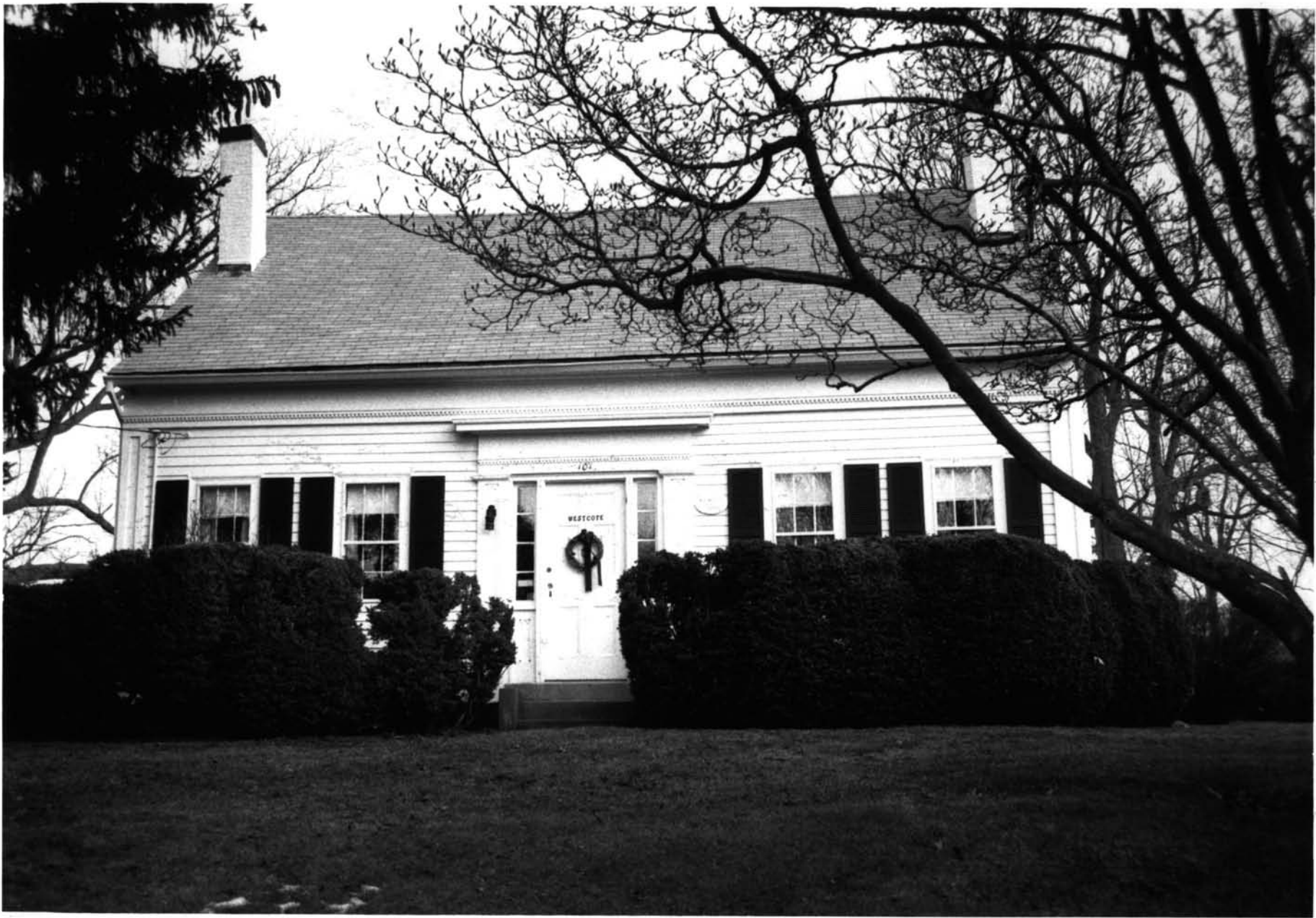
This boundary encompasses the resource and its immediate surroundings.

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WESTCOTE

101 MT. LAUREL DRIVE

CRANSTON

Date: July, 1987

Photograph: Vivienne Lasky

Negative: Rhode Island Historical Preservation

Commission

150 Benefit St. Prov.

View: Exterior, West elevation

Photo #1



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Westcote

101 Mt. Laurel Drive

Cranston

Date: July, 1987

Photograph: Vivienne Lasky

Negative: Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

150 Benefit St., Prov.

View: Exterior, west & south elevations

Photo # 2



Westcote

101 Mt. Laurel Drive

Cranston

Date: July, 1987

Photo: Vivienne Lasky

Negative: RI Historical Preservation Commission
150 Benefit St, Prov.

View: Interior, fireplace wall, keeping room.

Photo #3



Westcote

101 Mt. Laurel Drive

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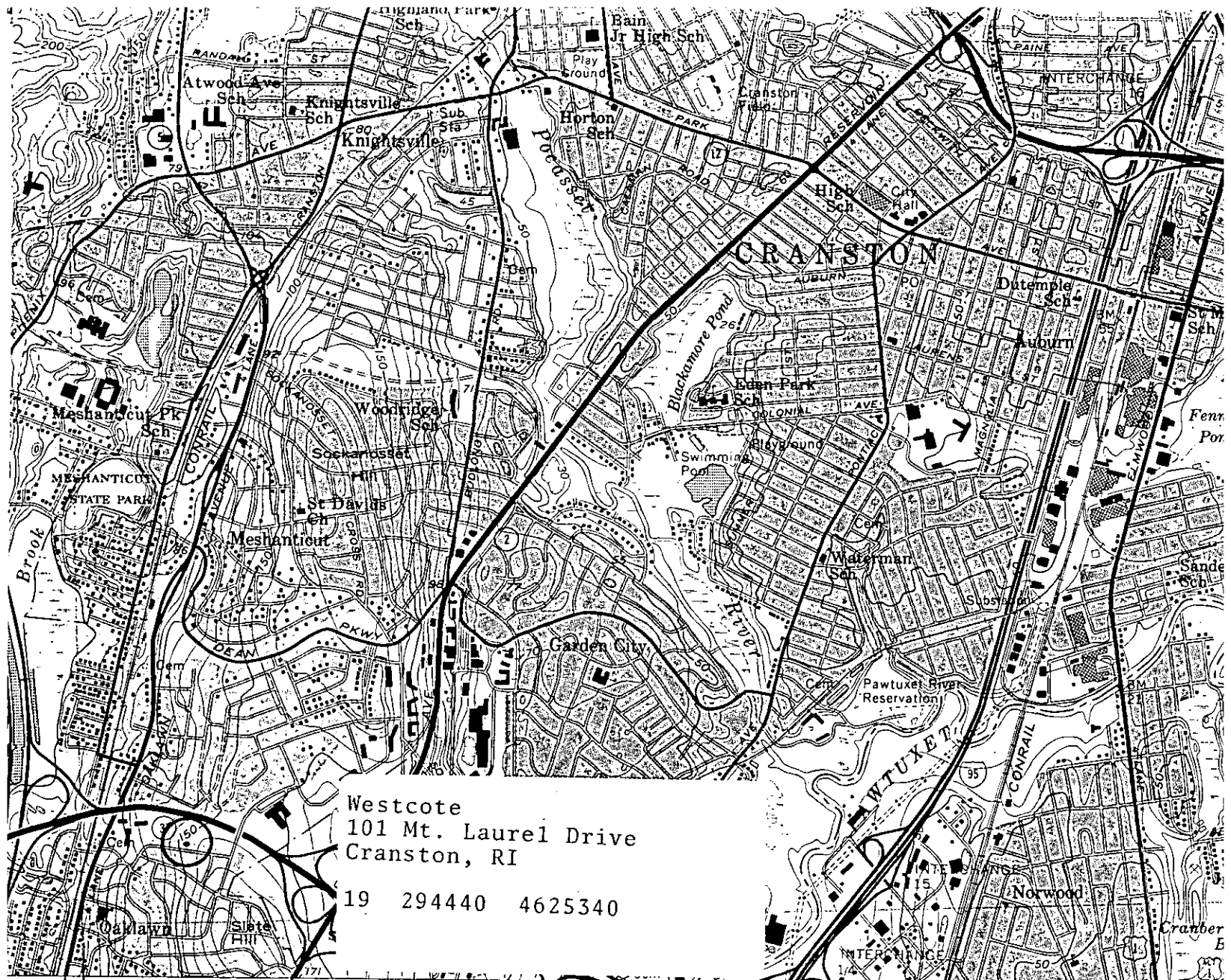
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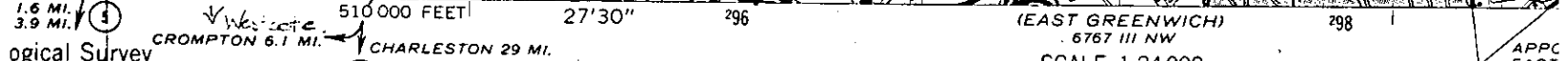
View: Interior, fireplace wall, front (north)
parlor

Photo #4



Westcote
 101 Mt. Laurel Drive
 Cranston, RI

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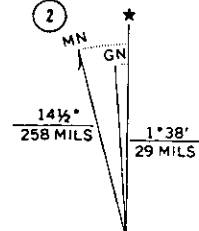


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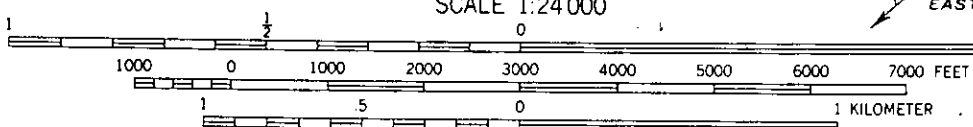
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