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
   city, town Cranston
   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
   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.

See continuation sheet
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 Wescott, 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.
9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: less than one.

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Verbal Boundary Description

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

11. Form Prepared By

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WESTCOTE
101 MT. LAUREL DRIVE
CRANSTON

Date: July, 1987
Photograph: Vivienne Laaky
Negative: Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

150 Benefit St. Prov.

View: Exterior, West elevation

Photo #1
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
151 MT. Laurel Drive
Cranston

Date: July, 1987

Photograph: Vivienne Losty

Negative: Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

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

Photo #4