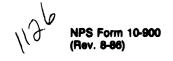
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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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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.

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1. Name of Property					
historic name Westcote					
other names/site number					
2. Location			_		
street & number 101 Mountain	La	urel Drive		n/	anot for publication
city, town Cranston				n/	dvicinity
	II	county Providence	code	007	zip code 02920
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3. Classification					
Ownership of Property	Ca	tegory of Property	Number of Resources within Property		
x private	X	building(s)	Contributing Noncontributing		
public-local		district	_1		buildings
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Name of related multiple property listing	1:		Number of c	ontrib	outing resources previously
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4. State/Federal Agency Certificat	tior	1			
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Signature of commenting or other official Date					Date
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5. National Park Service Certificat	lia-				
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.		Beth Laurg			<u>8/3/88</u>
removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)					
		Signature of the	Keeper		Date of Action

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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 proposition in a significance of the significance of	perty in relation to other properties: statewide X locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B C C	D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	□D □E □F □G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) ARCHITECTURE	Period of Significance <u>c. 1843</u>	Significant Dates <u>c. 1843</u> <u>c. 1890</u> 1932
	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 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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References	
"Cranston, Rhode Island, Statewide His P-C-1," Rhode Island Historical Providence, 1980.	
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Photos de de la Paris de la Asia
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested	Primary location of additional data: X State historic preservation office
previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark	Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	University Other
recorded by Historic American Engineering	Specify repository:
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10. Geographical Data Acreage of property <u>less than one</u>	
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Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of Westcote is the line s	surrounding Cranston Assessor's Plat
16/1, lot 825.	
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Boundary Justification	
This boundary encompasses the resource	e and its immediate surroundings.
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11. Form Prepared By	
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city or town <u>Providence</u>	state $\underline{Rhode\ Island}$ zip code $\underline{02906}$