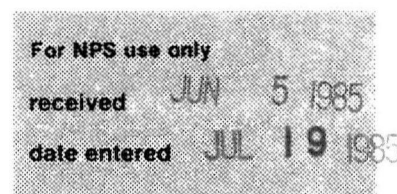


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NAME: Crowfield Historic District *(North Kingstown MSA)*
LOCATION: Boston Neck Road
OWNERS: Multiple; see owners list on file at Rhode Island Historical
Preservation Commission
CONDITION: Excellent; Altered; Original Site

DESCRIPTION:

The Crowfield Historic District encompasses a small cluster of early 20th-century shingled houses set on the gentle, wooded slope between Boston Neck Road and the Narragansett Bay shore. The houses are set well back from Boston Neck Road and are reached via dirt tracks through the woods which screen the houses from the road and from each other. The district includes four houses: Crowfield, Jamieson House, Champ de Corbeau, and Orchard House, and their dependencies all constructed as second residences between 1906 and 1924. All are 1½- to 2½-stories, wood-frame structures, covered with shingles, and built in simplified versions of the Shingle Style.

Dry-laid stone walls, some of which pre-date the houses, thread through the woods surrounding the houses. The buildings of the district have been little altered since construction.

INVENTORY OF CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES:

Contributing structures are defined as those constructed during the period of significance, 1906-1924, during which Crowfield was developed as a summer residential area for the Cope family and their associates.

BOSTON NECK ROAD

Crowfield (1906, c. 1915): A 2-story shingled house, designed by Philadelphia architect James P. Jamieson for Eliza Cope. The house is rectangular with a high gambrel roof, slightly flared at the eaves and pierced by several dormers which light the second floor. Two asymmetrically-placed brick chimneys rise above the roof. The center entrance is deeply recessed under a porch protruding from the east elevation, and is flanked on each side by three large, nearly square windows. The interior is plainly finished: ornamentation is minimal, fireplaces have no mantels, the stairway has treads but no risers, and the doors are re-used and all different, perhaps coming from Pennsylvania or Europe. A lower, gambrel-roofed extension from the northwest corner houses a kitchen and was added around the time of World War I by the architect Thomas Cope, son of Eliza Cope.

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Boston Neck Road (cont)

Jamieson House (1906): Built simultaneously to Crowfield and designed by the same architect--here building for his own family--Jamieson House is smaller than the Copes' house. One-and-a-half stories, it is complexly-massed: a small, gambrel-roof section is nearest the bay and stands almost independent of the flank-gable roofed mass behind it. At a right angle to the latter is an ell covered by another gambrel roof. Dormers, chimneys, a variety of door and window shapes, and a mixture of shingle and clapboard covering, add further variety to the building's composition. Several simple, shingled outbuildings are located on the property.

1600 Champ de Corbeau (1905-1910): A large, 2½-story shingled house, designed by New York (and Saunderstown) architect Grant Lafarge for his friend Owen Wister. Set under a wide gambrel roof, the house is rectangular in mass and covered in shingles; a large wing projects from the northwest corner. The house has an asymmetrical facade on its (west) entrance side, with the entry set under a flat-roofed porch with Tuscan columns. The more formal eastern elevation faces the bay, with its center Colonial Revival entrance, projecting first floor bays, and symmetrically arranged windows and dormers.

A small caretaker's house, constructed with the main house and designed by the same architect, is set to the west of Champ de Corbeau. It is a one-and-one half-story, shingled building with a gambrel roof echoing that of the larger house. A recessed veranda runs along the east side.

Orchard House (1924; 1950s): The smallest of the summer houses in Crowfield Historic District, Orchard House was built originally for Oliver Cope and Derrick January. Two stories high, it has the shingled walls and gambrel roof which are characteristic of the district. The entrance is recessed under a southeast corner porch with a low pyramidal roof. A 1-story gable-roofed addition (from the 1950s) is attached to the house by a covered walkway.

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Literature, Other; Recreation

SPECIFIC DATES: 1906, 1909-1910, 1924

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: See inventory entries

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Crowfield Historic District is significant as a well-preserved early twentieth-century summer resort compound built for members and friends of an extended family and for its association with Owen Wister, author of the first popular western novel. The district is unusual in North

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundary of the Crowfield Historic District has been drawn to encompass all those properties associated with the development of the district as a summer resort compound and, in addition, some land which has been associated historically with these properties. This land, still wooded as it was during the period of significance, is an important component of the setting of the district's building; its inclusion within the district documents the environmental and visual relationship of the houses to each other, to the road, and, most importantly, to the water's edge which originally prompted a summer settlement here.

All numbers refer to plats/lots: The boundary begins at the southwest corner of 42/201, proceeds north along the east side of Boston Neck Road to the northwest corner of 42/197, west along the north lines of 42/197 and 42/196 to the northeast corner of 42/196; then southeast along the east, north, and east lines of 42/196 and 42/194, then east along the north line of 42/190 to the shore of Narragansett Bay, south along the shore to the southeast corner of 42/190, then west along the south lines of 42/190, 42/187, and 42/201 to the point of beginning.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: State

Photo numbers 1-5

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name North Kingstown Multiple Resource Area
State Washington County, RHODE ISLAND

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. ~~Crowfield Historic District~~ Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Arlene Byers* 7/19/85

Attest

2. Davisville Historic District Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Arlene Byers* 7/19/85

Attest

3. Donnelly, Anna H., House Substantive Review

Keeper _____ *25*

Attest

4. Gardner, Ezekial, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Arlene Byers* 7-19-85

Attest

5. Northrup, Stephen, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Arlene Byers* 7-19-85

Attest

6. Old Narragansett Cemetery Substantive Review

for Keeper *Bruce Mac Donald* 7-19-85

Attest

7. Pierce, Joseph, Farm Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Arlene Byers* 7-19-85

Attest

8. Rathbun House Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

9. Sanford, Esbon, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Arlene Byers* 7-19-85

Attest

10. Saunderstown Historic District
Substantive Review

for Keeper *Bruce Mac Donald* 7-19-85

Attest

Rec #
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Crowfield Historic District (North
Kingstown MRA)
Washington County
RHODE ISLAND

Working No. 111 / 5 1085

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86

Date Due: 7/4/85 - 7/20/85

Action: ACCEPT 7-79-85

RETURN

**Entered in the
National Register** REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



1
Crowfield

Crowfield Historic District

Crowfield
North Kingstown, R.I.

Photographer: Charlene Roise

Date: July 1981

Negative filed at: R.I. Historical Preservation
Commission (CKR 6:11)

Description: East facade

Photo No. 1



Crowfield Historic District
Jamieson House
North Kingstown, R.I.

Photographer: Charlene Roise

Date: July 1981

Negative filed at: R.I. Historical Preservation
Commission (CKR 6:15)

Description: East facade

Photo No. 2

2
Jamieson House



Crowfield Historic District

Champ des Corbeaux
North Kingstown, R.I.

Photographer: Charlene Roise

Date: July 1981

Negative filed at: R.I. Historical Preservation
Commission (CKR 6:14)

Description: facade

Photo No. 3

Champ des Corbeaux

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Crowfield Historic District

Champ des Corbeaux Caretaker's Cottage
North Kingstown, R.I.

Photographer: Charlene Roise

Date: July 1981

Negative filed at: R.I. Historical Preservation
Commission (CKR 6:20A)

Description: View from northeast

Photo No. 4



Crowfield Historic District
Orchard House
North Kingstown, R.I.

Photographer: Ellen Weiss

Date: 1978

Negative on file at: R.I. Historical Preservation
Commission (EW 17:5)

Description: East facade

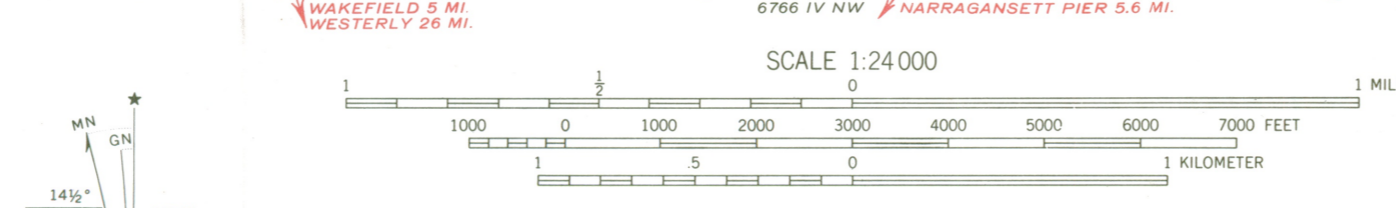
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CROWFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT
North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

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Mr. Robie Lange, Acting Chief
Landmark Program
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-37127

Dear Mr. Lange:

I am writing in support of the request of Mr. John W. Stokes II that the Park Service include his family's summer home, "Wister House," located in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, in the Literature Theme Segment of the National Historic Landmark Program.

As Mr. Stokes has informed you, the house was the summer home of his grandfather, noted author Owen Wister, best known for "The Virginian." In light of the literary significance of this site, I ask that you give every consideration to Mr. Stokes' request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Owen Wister's house, also
called "Champ & Corbeau,"
is listed in the NHP as part of the
Crossfield Historic District, part of
the North Kingstown MRA.
Listed 7/19/85

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Honorable John H. Chafee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Chafee:

Thank you for your letter of June 26, 1995, on behalf of your constituent Mr. John W. Stokes II, regarding the listing of The Wister House, located in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, in the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to inform you that this property was listed in the National Register on July 19, 1985, as a contributing building of the Crawfield Historic District.

We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service. Please let us know if we may provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull
Keeper of National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resources Division

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/Sgd/Rowland T. Bowers

for Katherine H. Stevenson
Associate Director, Cultural Resource
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