

**PPS RECORDS FOR  
11 COLONIAL ROAD  
PLAT 73, LOT 339**

**GEORGE AND ANNIE H. CROMPTON HOUSE  
Built 1914-1915  
C.N. Lockwood, Builder**

**DESIGNATIONS**

The house at 11 Colonial Road is a contributing building in the Summit Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The inventory lists the property as "George Crompton House (1914)," and notes that Crompton, a calico printer, was first listed at this address in city directories in 1915.

This house is not located within any local historic districts designated by the City of Providence.

**RECORDS** *(All Records were found in Providence City Hall unless otherwise noted).*

**Assessor's Plat Maps and Chain of Title Cards (Assessor's Office)**

The map for Assessor's Plat 73 identifies 11 Colonial Road as Lot 339, with 100 feet of frontage on Colonial Road and 90 feet deep, for a total area of 9,000 sq.ft.

**Chain of title card for AP 73, Lot 339 – COLONIAL ROAD**

George and Annie H. Crompton of Pawtucket owned the property as of January 2, 1914.

Bertram J. Drabble and wife Agnes B. Drabble owned the property as of June 15, 1923.

Agnes B. Drabble, widow of Bertram J., owned the property as of May 1949.

Donald C. Jackson and wife Diana Jackson owned the property as of July 31, 1973.

Refers to Deed Book 1176/Page 633.

Donald C. Jackson and Diana Jackson owned the property as of March 3, 1983.

Refers to DB 1242/545. [This is the last entry on the card.]

According to the Assessor's computerized data base, the current owner is Diana Jackson, since January 2006.

**Maps and Atlases (Archives and Registry of Deeds)**

*Maps indicate that the house was constructed sometime between 1908 and 1918, and its garage was built between 1918 and 1926.*

**1908:** "Atlas of the City of Providence" by L.J. Richards Co., Plate 11, shows the future site of 11 Colonial Road within a large farmstead (1,367,118 sq.ft.) owned by Anna Morris. The farm was bounded by North Main Street on the west, Rochambeau Avenue on the south, and Summit Avenue on the east; its northern boundary was an irregular lot line abutting various lots on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. Colonial Road did not exist at this time. (*Archives*)

**1915:** "Plan of Streets on Land Belonging to the Anna Morris Heirs," by Frank E. Waterman, September 1915. (Recorded on Plat Card 1031.) Shows the layout of Colonial Road and Dexterdales Road, between Summit Avenue and Camp Street. No house lots are shown on this map. (*Registry of Deeds*)

**1918:** "Atlas of the City of Providence" by G.M. Hopkins Co., Plate 24, shows a wood-frame house at 11 Colonial Road (its address is not noted, but it is on the north side of Colonial, 2 lots west of Summit Avenue). The house stands on a 9,000 sq.ft. lot owned by G. Crompton. The map refers to the Anna Morris Heirs Plan [plat card number not noted]. (*Archives*)

**1926:** "Atlas of the City of Providence" by G.M. Hopkins Co., Plate 24, shows the house at 11 Colonial Road (on the north side of Colonial, 2 lots west of Summit Avenue), with a garage behind it (northwest of the house). The house stands on a lot (size not noted, but appears the same as in 1918) owned by B.J. "Brabble" [apparently a typo – should be "Drabble."] The map refers to the Anna Morris Heirs Plan on Plat Card 1031, and also indicates that both Colonial and Dexterdales Road had been extended west of Camp Street. (*Archives*)

### **Deeds (Registry of Deeds)**

*Deeds indicate that the house was not yet built when the lot was purchased by the Cromptons in 1913.*

Deed Book 538/Page 253: On November 19, 1913, Annie D. Pepler of Newmarket, NH, Phebe E. Morris, Mary M. Almy, and Emma A. Swift, all of Providence, and William H. Nevin, executor and trustee under the will of the late Edith A. Nevin of Providence, collectively sold to George Crompton and Annie Hargraves Crompton of Pawtucket, for \$10, a lot of land on the north side of Colonial Road. The lot is described as beginning 104.71 feet west of the northwest corner of Colonial Road and Summit Avenue, then running west 100 feet on Colonial Road, north 90 feet, east 100 feet, and south 90 feet to the place of beginning, containing approximately 9,000 sq.ft. The deed does not mention any buildings. This was a portion of the premises conveyed to the grantors by Anna Morris by deed dated May 13, 1909, recorded in DB 501/243. The deed notes the following restrictions on any new dwelling house to be built on the property: only single-family or two-family use allowed; minimum cost for new construction, \$3,000 for a single-family and \$5,000 for a two-family; and minimum setback, 20 feet from the street.

DB 636/358: On April 21, 1923, George Crompton and wife Annie H. Crompton of Providence sold to Bertram J. Drabble and wife Agnes B. Drabble of Providence, for \$10, a lot of land with buildings and improvements on the north side of Colonial Road. The property boundaries match those in DB 538/253. This was the same premises conveyed by deed of Annie D. Pepler et al to the Cromptons on November 19, 1913, DB 538//253. Subject to the same deed restrictions.

### **Intent to Build Records (Archives)**

*This permit was found in a volume dated 1913, listed in the index under the name Crompton. (Another permit, with the same date but a different permit number (22938), is listed in the Archives' card catalog, but was not found.)*

Permit #2298, dated December 1, 1913, issued to George Crompton of Brook Street, Pawtucket, to build a new 2-story wood 1-tenement dwelling on Colonial Road. Builder, C.N. Lockwood.

### **Directories (Archives)**

*Directories indicate that the house was standing as of 1915, although construction presumably began in 1914, shortly after the Cromptons bought the lot.*

Providence City Directories contain a street directory (listing all existing streets), and a residents' directory organized alphabetically by last name, beginning in 1850. From 1892-1894 city directories also included a section listing residential buildings by street address, later separately published as a House Directory. The notation "h" means head of household or homeowner; "b" means boarder.

1914            Crompton, George – not listed

1915-1923    Crompton, George, calico printer, 11 Colonial Road

Providence House Directories were published separately from the City Directory, 1895-1937 (published biannually from 1901) and list all residential buildings by street address. This directory is often a year behind the city directory.

1913-14        No listing for 11 Colonial Road

1915-16        11 Colonial Road – Crompton, George, calico printer