

THE CRESCI PROPERTY HAS AN INTERESTING HISTORY; records show that the family of Adolphe Philippe owned the property and surrounding property in 1699. In 1754 it was divided among three heirs, and Lot 1 to Mr. Beverly Robinson. These owners were Tories, and lost the property after the American Revolution. A wealthy merchant bought the land in 1780, then sold to Arden in 1821 for \$20,000 at auction! Sarah Livingston, a daughter of the Arden family, became the owner. Beets Atlas contains an 1891 map with Sarah Livingston recorded as the owner of a house, "The Brair," on her portion of the property. This house and surrounding land passed on to the Cheesman family. In 1941 Miss Clara Cheesman helped found the Philipstown Garden Club. The next owner was Robert A.W. Carlton, a well-known engineer who rebuilt the house on the property. He died in 1971, leaving the property to Columbia University. Mrs. Carlton was given life tenancy; when she died the property was purchased by the Cresci family.

The Cresci estate is about 1 mile south of the intersection of Routes 9D and 403. It is a landmark in Philipstown, easily recognized by the beautiful white picket fence enclosing the great lawn that slopes down to the Hudson River.