

European Hotel
Cambria City Neighborhood
313-315 Fourth Avenue
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-5767

HABS
PA,
11-JOTO,
22-

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

European Hotel

HABS No. PA-5767

HABS
PA,
11-JDTD,
22-

Location: 313-15 Fourth Avenue, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: No. 313-15 Fourth Avenue is a multi-family and retail building facing east, with an alley and vacant retail buildings to either side. The structure is rectangular, 56' x 27', with brick walls and a flat roof. The building is four stories tall. The top three floors display numerous double-hung-sash windows. The first-floor front facade has been filled in with cinder blocks. There is an entrance at the southeast corner of the first floor.

History: No. 313-15 Fourth Avenue was constructed in 1923, according to tax assessment records. Anna E. Gaydos operated the European Hotel here between 1923 and approximately 1932. The building was seized by the Cambria County Sheriff in 1932, probably because of financial difficulties related to the Depression. The Gaydos family reacquired the building in 1934. The hotel reopened, under the names "Ambassador Hotel" (approximately 1937 to 1940) and "Cambria City Hotel" (approximately 1943 through 1986). Armand Cimorelli owned the building between 1946 and 1986.

Sources:

Deed and Tax Assessment Records, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City directories, 1925, 1927, 1933, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1947, 1953.

Sanborn Map Company, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, (New York, The Sanborn Map Company, 1913, 1949).

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhoods of Cambria City and Minersville (HABS No. PA-5672) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

This report was prepared by Jeffrey Hickey in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Hickey's and other project historians' work was published as The Character of a Steel Mill City: Four Historic Neighborhoods of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1989), edited by Kim E. Wallace. Illustrations in the publication include large format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe and 35 mm photographs taken by the project historians.