

Albrecht and Josephine Greiner House
Cambria City Neighborhood
902 Chestnut Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 902 Chestnut Street, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: No. 902 Chestnut Street faces southeast, on a corner lot with a retail building to one side. The building is roughly 25' x 23', wood-framed, covered with asphalt. The side-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The building is two stories tall. The three-bay facade has a central entrance. The windows have small cornices supported by brackets. Three wooden steps lead from the entryway to the street.

History: No. 902 Chestnut Street was constructed in 1891, according to tax assessment records. Albrecht Greiner, a German stone mason, arrived in Cambria City in approximately 1882. He purchased the lot from Margaret P. McConaughy in November 1889 for \$600. Greiner died sometime before 1900. His widow Josephine, her daughter and son-in-law (a paperhanger, name illegible), and her son, Benedict Greiner, a "crane runner" in the steel mill, lived here in 1910. The Bardar family has owned the building since 1927.

Sources:

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

Sanborn Map Company, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, (New York, The Sanborn Map Company, 1895, 1911).

United States Census, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, City of Johnstown, Sixteenth Ward, 1900, 1910.

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