

Thomas E. Hamilton House
Westmont Neighborhood
528 Edgehill Drive
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 528 Edgehill Drive, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: One of the largest houses in Westmont. The first floor is of stone and has a spacious, stone wrap-around porch with a hipped roof. The second floor is faced with stucco between Tudor-style half-timbering. The wood-framed house is two-and-a-half stories. Multi-gabled roof. A flat-roofed porte-cochere on the west side of the house is supported by stone columns.

History: Hamilton acquired his lot in Westmont from the Cambria Iron Company on March 21, 1893, and soon built this house. By 1895, tax assessment records list his property valued at \$3,400, including the house and lot. The 1900 U. S. Census records that Thomas F. Hamilton was a superintendent at the Cambria Steel Company and was born in Pennsylvania in 1851.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 90, p. 221 and Vol. 1162, p. 519. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

United States Census, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, 1900. Microfilm on file at David A. Glosser Memorial Library, Johnstown, Pa.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1895-1900. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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 neighborhood of Westmont (HABS No. PA-5671) 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 Cheryl Powell in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Powell'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.