

John H. Allendorfer House
Westmont Neighborhood
834-36 Edgehill Drive
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Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 834-36 Edgehill Drive, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Originally a single-family residence, there is now an additional apartment within this structure. It is a two-and-a-half-story, wood-framed residence having a hipped-roof with many gables. One gable has a lunette window while the other front gable has a Palladian-style, highly ornamented window. There are two pedimented dormers on the north side of the roof. Modillioned cornice. The large wrap-around porch is supported by box columns and an enclosed railing which are both covered with wood shingles. The house is covered with wood shingles.

History: John H. Allendorfer purchased this property from the Cambria Steel Company for \$1,520 on October 4, 1899. According tax assessment records, Allendorfer built the house in 1901. The 1901 city directory lists Allendorfer as a superintendent living nearby. By 1903, he was living here and working as a foreman for the company.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 126, p. 5; Vol. 336, p. 84; Vol. 366, p. 128; and Vol. 635, p. 26. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory. 1901 and 1903.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1899-1903. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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