

Rose Fisher House
Westmont Neighborhood
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Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 120 Erie Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Moderate sized, two-and-a-half-story, two-bay single-family dwelling of horizontal wood with fish-scale shingles in the front gable. Hipped-roof front porch with a pediment over the entrance supported by elongated Doric columns. Original stone foundation.

History: Rose Fisher purchased this property from the Cambria Iron Company on June 22, 1903, for \$950. Tax assessment records for 1904 and 1905 do not show a house on the lot. In 1906 tax records list Rose Fisher as living in a house built on her property. By 1907, she rented the house to Edward H. Wise and William Wise, both electricians, and to Charles Wise, a machinist.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 154, p.423; Vol. 239, p. 531; Vol. 341, p. 656; Vol. 472, p. 37; Vol. 1117, p. 74; and Vol. 1177, p. 129.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908.

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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.