

George E. Thackray House
Westmont Neighborhood
126 Fayette Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 126 Fayette Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large, spacious single-family residence with a two-bay front, two-and-a-half-stories, and a tall gambrel roof which slopes down over the front porch creating a bellcase gable. A bay and hooded dormer pierce the front roof. Slender, Doric columns with a short balustrade support the front porch roof. A small, oval window is in the entry. On the west facade a tall, elongated Palladian-style window stretches from the first to the second floor.

History: This house was built between 1892 and 1895. George E. Thackray acquired this property from the Cambria Iron Company on August 19, 1892, for \$775. He later purchased the adjacent lot for \$775 in 1898. According to the 1895 tax assessment records, Thackray's occupation was a draftsman and a house was standing on his property. The 1900 U.S. Census lists Thackray as a Civil Engineer born in Massachusetts in 1865. The city directory for 1900 records Thackray as a superintendent living at this address.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 81, p.241; Vol. 117, p. 205; Vol. 651, p. 581; and Vol. 1122, p. 635. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory. 1900.

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 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.