

Harry S. Endsley House
Westmont Neighborhood
144 Fayette Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 144 Fayette Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Massive two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame single-family residence situated on a large lot with an unusual carriage house behind it. The horizontal wood structure has a hipped roof with a front projecting gable which is ornamented with a half-round sunburst window crowned by a wooden keystone. The gable is further ornamented with a beaded edge as well as the underside of the main cornice of the house. The top portion of the two-over-two-light sash windows have diamond-patterned window panes. A large wrap-around front porch is supported by Doric columns that are connected by a balustrade composed of bulbous-shaped balusters. The elliptical fanlight and the two sidelights which surround the front door are filled with leaded glass.

In 1950 a 6' x 8' extension was added to the rear of the existing dwelling by a contractor, Richard Stager, for \$800.

History: On February 14, 1893, Harry S. Endsley, a lawyer, purchased this property from the Cambria Iron Company for \$1,575. Tax assessment records state that Endsley was taxed \$700 for his property in 1894 and \$3,500 in 1895, due to the construction of a house on lot 2. The 1900 U.S. Census lists Endsley as a lawyer who was born in 1855 in Pennsylvania. The city directory records that Endsley had an office at the Cambria Steel Company's general office on Washington Street in 1900.

Sources:

Application for Building Permit, no. 879, February 27, 1950. Westmont Borough, Bureau of Zoning, Borough Building, Westmont, Pa.

Deed (403: 267 and 90:117). 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. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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