

Charles H. and Catherine Temple House
Westmont Neighborhood
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Location: 227 Fayette Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large, single-family house with square proportions. Two-and-a-half stories, hip roof with front dormer, wood frame with horizontal wooden siding. Hip-roofed porch across front. Bevelled leaded glass sidelights and transom surround front entry.

History: This house was built sometime between 1913 and 1918. The property was purchased by Arthur J. Werry from Cambria Iron Co. on October 6, 1911, but Werry apparently did not build here. The 1913 Sanborn map does not show a house at this location. On July 8, 1913, Arthur J. Werry sold the property to Charles H. Temple for \$2,300. Temple was the owner of Temple's School of Dancing in Johnstown. By 1918 the Temple family was living at this address. The city directory for that year also noted Charles H. Temple's occupation as a carrier for the Post Office. Also at this address were his wife Catherine, Charles H. Temple, Jr., a clerk, Florence Temple, a stenographer, and Anna M. Temple, no occupation.

Sources:

Deed Records (233:652, Cambria Iron Co. to A.J. Werry; 251:345), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Johnstown City Directories, 1911-12, 1918.

Sanborn Map Co., Westmont, Pennsylvania, (New York: The Sanborn Map Co., 1913).

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