

Mary E. Dennison House
Westmont Neighborhood
245 Fayette Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 245 Fayette Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and tall single-family home sited on elevated lot. Two-and-a-half stories, side gable roof, front fishscale shingles in front gable dormer. Wood frame with drop siding. Elevated corner porch with curved baluster. Steep conical porch roof continues slope of side gable, incised by "turret" dormer. Large side bay window spans two floors.

History: Mary E. Dennison purchased the property from Cambria Steel Co. on October 19, 1904, for \$1,350 and probably built this house soon after. The property remained with the original owner's family until it was purchased by George Azar in 1965.

Sources:

Johnstown City Directories, 1903, 1909-10.

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

Deed Records (177:150, Cambria Iron Co. to Mary E. Dennison; 814:447), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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This report was prepared by Natalie Gillespie in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Gillespie'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.