

Harry M. Hay House
Westmont Neighborhood
143 Greene Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
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Location: 143 Greene Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A large, two-and-a-half-story, three-bay single-family residence. The house is highly ornamented with many gables, different-shaped and -sized windows, and large front porch. The slate roof is hipped and has three gables covered with fish-scale shingles. The rest of the wood-framed house is clad with horizontal wood siding. There is a massive pediment over the entrance to the hipped-roof front porch which has a dentiled cornice supported by fluted Ionic columns. Between the columns there is a short balustrade with turned balusters.

History: Harry M. Hay acquired this property from the Cambria Iron Company for \$825 on July 26, 1892. In December of that year, Hay obtained a mortgage for \$2,000, presumably to build his house. Hay's house had an assessed value of \$2,000. He is recorded as being a merchant. By 1922, Earle T. Robinson, a salesman, had purchased the house from Hay.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 81, p. 714; Vol. 504, p. 219; Vol. 732, p. 619; Vol. 782, p. 580; Vol. 818, p. 45; Vol. 893, p. 305; and Vol. 1028, p. 367. Mortgage Book 19:206. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory. 1900 and 1901.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1895-1922. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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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.