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Location: 403 Luzerne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large single-family house on corner lot. Two-and-a-half stories. Wood frame, brick first floor, wood shingles on second story and attic gables. Hip roof with gable dormers. Curved wrap-around porch with shed roof. Art nouveau bevelled and leaded glass transom, sidelights and oval door insert. Side bay window.

Rear has large two-story porch with shed roof and round columns. Baluster surrounds second floor porch, which is supported by square pillars on the first floor.

History: Frank D. Greer purchased this house from the Midvale Steel Co. in July 1921. The house appears on the 1913 Sanborn map. It is similar to a commercially-prepared plan and elevation found among the papers of architect Henry Rodgers.

Sources:

Architectural drawings of Henry Rogers, collection of the architect's grandson, Phillip Newbaker, 418 Luzerne St., Westmont.

Deed Records, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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

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 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.