

William H. Morris House
Westmont Neighborhood
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Location: 202 Mifflin Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large, unadorned, single-family house on corner lot. Two-and-a-half stories, front-gable roof, wood construction with horizontal wooden siding.

History: The house was built sometime between 1897 and 1904. The property was purchased from the Cambria Iron Co. by William H. Morris for \$800 on October 1, 1897. The house was apparently built by the Morris family as a rental property. Morris, a superintendent in 1900, was President of the Cambria Coal Co. and General Manager of the Stonycreek Coal and Coke Co. by 1905. He became General Superintendent of Merchants Coal Co. in Boswell in 1907. The house stayed in the Morris family only until 1904, when it was sold for \$3,500 to W. E. Matthews. It is presently used as a multi-family residence.

Sources:

Deed Records (113:125, Cambria Iron Co. to William H. Morris; 158:120, 163:215, 347:263, 417:107), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directories, 1900, 1905, 1907, 1911-12, 1918.

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

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