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Location: 115 Montour Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and spacious single-family home in secluded wooded setting. Multi-gable, large, steeply sloped roof. Wood shingle and stone exterior, frame construction. Large porch has been enclosed with glass panels.

History: Cambria Iron Co. built this house before 1913, when it appeared on a Sanborn map. The property was purchased from Cambria Iron Co. and Cambria Steel Co. by David Cohoe for \$17,500 on December 31, 1918. A clause in the deed specified that a single home costing not less than \$6,500 could be built on the property, which consisted of four lots. David Cohoe was listed as an accountant for Imperial Coal Corporation in that year, residing at 329 Vine St. in Johnstown. Cohoe continued to live on Vine Street, and used this for rental.

The house came under the ownership T.R. Johns, of Johnstown Realty, a subsidiary of Cambria Iron and Steel Co., on July 1, 1924. Thomas R. Johns is listed as a General Superintendent in the 1927 Johnstown city directory, and resided at this address. His daughter Lucille married into the Stackhouse family, who were prominent in the Cambria Iron Co. hierarchy of executives. On September 29, 1944, T.R. Johns died, leaving the house to his daughter, Lucille Johns Stackhouse.

The house is known in the neighborhood as the former site of a Bethlehem Steel Manager's Club, but this could not be documented.

Sources:

Deed Records (281:660, Cambria Iron Co. to David Cohoe; 379:275, 552:345, 556:151, 678:281, 752:500, 1039:123, 1201:1033), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directories, 1918, 1925, 1927.

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

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