

134 Tioga Street (House)
(Cambria Steel Company House III)
Westmont Neighborhood
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Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 134 Tioga Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A spacious, two-and-a-half-story, wood-framed single-family dwelling which is completely covered with wood shingles. The gambrel roof rests over a large cornice. On the second story there is a projecting bay window. Box columns support the shed-roofed front porch. A small pediment is above the entrance to the porch. Original stone foundation.

History: Company records have detailed descriptions regarding the construction of four wood-framed dwellings on Tioga Street. The houses were completed on December 31, 1901, with an average cost of each house with lot being \$4294.88. Cambria Steel Company employed Kuntz and Alwine, contractors, to build the houses. In 1919, Howard M. Ross, a foreman for the Cambria Steel Company, lived here, and in 1921 he bought the house from the Company.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 489, p. 71; Vol. 784, p. 490; and Vol. 1025, p. 117. Cambria County Registry of Deed, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directories. 1911-12, 1918.

"Westmont Borough (General 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913)," box: Westmont Borough, Cambria Steel, Acc 1699, BSC, Hagley Museum, Wilmington, De.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1921-1927. 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.