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Westmont Neighborhood
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Location: 244 Tioga Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large, spacious single-family house on a corner lot. Two-and-a-half stories, hip roof with projecting side- and front-gable dormers. Wood frame, clad with horizontal wood siding and wood shingles. Stone basement. Shed-roofed front porch. Projecting bay window in parlor with built-in window seat over radiator. Lunette window in attic, oval at entry.

History: This was one of four houses built on Tioga St. by the Cambria Steel Co. in 1911. The house is pictured in a 1912 article in Iron Trade Review where it was reported to rent for \$20 per month. The house contained "seven rooms, toilet, bath, electric lights, gas, and reception hall." The house appears on the 1913 Sanborn Map.

The first occupants and eventual owners of the house were Thomas S. and Winifred Reilly, listed at this address in the 1911-12 city directory. Thomas's occupation was listed as "Estimating Engineer." The family purchased this house from Bethlehem Steel on March 1, 1939, for \$4,600. The house remained in the family until the death of Rose Lysett Reilly in 1970. At this point, Father Robert L. Jenkins, executor for the estate, sold the property to Herbert and Helen Gillis for the sum of \$14,500.

Sources:

Deed Records (490:493, 541:266, 721:751, 899:311), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Fulton, John. Map Showing Westmont Borough, Cambria County, Pa., May 27, 1892, collection of Egin Corporation, Civil Engineering, Johnstown, Pa.

"Helping the Workingmen to Help Themselves: How Cambria Steel Co. Aids in the Development and Maintenance of Institutions for the Benefit of Its Employees," Iron Trade Review, June 6, 1912, p. 1213-16.

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

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