

William H. and Louise Burkhard House
Westmont Neighborhood
603 Tioga Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 603 Tioga Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and spacious single-family home with layered shingle roof. Two-and-a-half stories, side gable roof, brick structural material, pink stucco exterior. Small enclosed porches, projecting bays, and eyebrow dormer and 12-pane windows. Highly wooded site and curving, irregular roof resembles an thatch-roofed cottage.

History: Although the foundations of this house appeared on the 1913 Sanborn map, the house was probably not actually built until 1922. The property was owned by the Cambria Steel Company until 1921, when Henry Y. Haws purchased it for \$3,950. Months later (August 3, 1921) Haws sold it to William H. Burkhard for the same price. Burkhard was the president of Johnstown Liquor Co. in 1918 and resided at 429 Vine St. By 1922 he had become the Secretary-Treasurer of Johnstown Savings and Loan. He and his wife Louise had completed the house, which was designed by Henry Rogers.

The Burkhardts sold the property to L. Lipman Cohen on November 21, 1927. Cohen was a principal in the Johnstown retail firm of A. Cohen and Bros. Cohen and his wife Bertha occupied the house after they bought it. The deed stipulated that the parcel, consisting of lot 8 and 9, block 98, required one single-family home costing at least \$4,500.

Sources:

Deed Records (390:181, Cambria Iron and Bethlehem Steel Co. to L. Lipman Cohen; 336:255, 424:154), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa..

Johnstown City Directories, 1907-08, 1918, 1922, 1929.

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

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Elevation for Burkhard House, 603 Tioga St., Westmont, Henry Rogers, architect.
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