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Westmont Neighborhood  
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Location: 534 Wayne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large, solid, single-family home. Two-and-a-half stories. Stone exterior with wood-frame construction. Steeply pitched slate side-gable roof with three large front gables. Medieval stone loggia at front porch, shed roof. Small porch with Tudor arches.

History: The property was purchased from Cambria Iron Co. by Foster H. and Edna Berkebile in August 12, 1926, for \$3,300; the Berkebiles probably constructed the house soon after. One condition of the deed was that one single dwelling house of a value not less than \$4,500 could be built. The house is still owned by the Berkebiles.

Sources:

Deed Records (385:420, Cambria Iron Co. to Foster Berkebile et ux.), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhood of Westmont (HABS No. PA-5671) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

This report was prepared by Natalie Gillespie in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Gillespie'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.