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Location: 117-119 Wyoming Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large two-family Company house. Tall and narrow front elevation, four bays wide, stone basement. Two-and-a-half stories, broad side-gable roof. Wood frame, wood shingles. Two-story extension in rear, flat roof. Hip-roofed front porch.

History: One of seven double houses built by Cambria Iron Co. in July 1891. The houses were rented to tenants for \$8 per side. Fulton's 1892 map of Westmont indicates that each house was built in the center of a double lot. They were later purchased from the Cambria Iron Co. often, as it appears in this case, by the former tenants. City directories list William and Kate Robson as occupants in 1903. In 1909 John Robson, a laborer, is listed at this address (4 Wyoming St., as designated by the Company). The house was purchased from the Cambria Iron Co. by Hannah Robson on May 13, 1920, for \$925.

Sources:

Deed Records (318:237, from Cambria Iron Co. to Hannah Robson for Lot 10 and one-half of Lot 11; 451:272), 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 the Cambria Steel Co. Aids in the Development and Maintenance of Institutions for the Benefit of Its Employees," Iron Trade Review, June 6, 1912, p. 1214, 1216.

Johnstown City Directories, 1903, p. 393; 1909-10, p. 616.

Letter of Cambria Iron Co. November 30, 1912, showing a compilation of figures which lists seven double houses built on Wyoming St., in Westmont, Pa. in July, 1891. Hagley Museum, Wilmington, Del.

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

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