

144 Wyoming Street (House)
(Cambria Iron Company House III)
Westmont Neighborhood
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Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 144 Wyoming Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A tall and narrow two-story, two-bay single-family house with a front-gable roof. In plan it measures 42' x 16'. The wood-framed building is clad with wood shingles. Shed-roofed front porch supported by box columns. Wooden lattice-work surrounds the original stone foundation. Ell addition with shed roof to the rear of the house.

William L. Grubb made extensive alterations to the kitchen in September 1962. The approximate cost paid to the contractor, Sears and Roebuck, was \$1,700. The building permit lists the following alterations: to replace existing window in the kitchen, to add one new window, to re-open rear enclosed porch, and to install new kitchen cabinets.

History: One of the ten six-room tenements built by Cambria Iron Company at a cost of \$955.62 each in ca. 1889-91. The house appears on an 1892 map of Westmont. According to 1911 company records, the tenant was charged \$8.00 a month for rent. Tax assessments indicate that William L. Grubb was a mill hand living on Clarion Street in 1911 and in 1912. By 1922, tax records list Grubb living at this address and employed as a crane operator. Grubb and his wife acquired the house from Cambria Iron Company and Cambria Steel Company for \$2500 on February 24, 1938.

Sources:

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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.