

18 Wyoming Street (House)
(Cambria Iron Company House I)
Westmont Neighborhood
18 Wyoming Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 18 Wyoming Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A free-standing, two-story, wood-frame single-family house of tall and narrow proportions with a front-gable roof. In plan it measures 42'x 16'; it has a two-bay front. A two-story addition to the rear of the house measures 10'x 5.' The construction date of the addition is unknown. Horizontal wood on the lower story with wood shingles covering the second story. Fishscale shingles in gable. Hip-roofed front porch supported by Tuscan wood columns which rest on stone bases is 7'x 16.' Original stone foundation.

History: One of the ten six-room tenements built by Cambria Iron Company in 1889 at a cost of \$955.62 each. According to the 1889 city directory, L. T. Reed, mill hand, occupied the house. The 1900 U.S. Census states that Reed was a day laborer and was born in Pennsylvania in 1858. There seems to have been a pattern of mill hands and laborers employed by Cambria Iron Company who rented these houses. By 1911, these houses were renting for \$8.00 per month. One tenant, who later acquired the house, was James Woods, a machinist for Cambria Iron Company. According to tax assessment records, Woods rented the house in 1910 and purchased the house as well as the neighboring lot, on June 6, 1924, for \$2,400.

Sources:

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Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1895-1924. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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