

216-18 Wyoming Street (House)
(Cambria Iron Company House III)
Westmont Neighborhood
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Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 216-18 Wyoming Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A two-story, four-bay, double-family house sheathed with wood shingles. The structure measures 29'-2" x 23'-6" with two-story, shed-roofed storage or kitchen areas which measure 16' x 5' each. These areas would have originally been one-story. Each family had approximately 748' sq. feet of living space. Side-gabled roof with a small front gable. The shed-roofed porches on the back of the house are later additions.

History: One of the seven double houses built by Cambria Iron Company ca. 1891 at the cost of \$1582.25 each. The building appeared on an 1892 map of Westmont. The history of tenants and owners is a confusing one, but was mostly dominated by the Wagner family. John Wagner, a laborer, moved to 216 Wyoming Street from East Conamaugh in 1905. John Wagner rented the house from the Cambria Iron Company until 1915 when William H. Wagner purchased the house. Tax assessment records list William H. Wagner as a laborer. He and his wife, Jennie, lived at the house as well as John and his wife, Emma, and Park Wagner. All of these men remained laborers except for William who became a fireman in 1918. By 1923, John and Emma moved out and H. P. Wagner and his wife, Mary, rented 216 Wyoming from William. H. P. Wagner was also a laborer.

Sources:

Fulton, John. Map Showing Westmont Borough, Cambria County, Pa., May 27, 1892. Egin Corporation, Civil Engineering, Johnstown, Pa.

Johnstown City Directories. 1903, 1905, 1907-08, 1911-12, 1918.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1903-1924. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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