

Samuel Pollak Meat Market
Cambria City Neighborhood
314-16 Broad Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 314-16 Broad Street, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Substantial three-story, commercial brick structure, measuring 24' x 79'. The principal facade has a modern storefront on the first floor with four bays in the upper stories. The windows on the second story are flat-arched and the sills and lintels are incorporated into stone string courses. Segmental-arched windows in the upper story have projecting brick arches. Above the arches are recessed brick panels. Projecting machicolated parapet with panel inscribed "S.C. Pollak 1905".

History: In 1899 Samuel Pollock [sic] bought from Rose B. Mulvehill (nee Keelan) a 25'-front lot on Broad Street, for \$2,300. Mulvehill had inherited the lot when her mother, then a widow, and four of her five children died in the flood of May 31, 1889. In April 1905 Samuel Pollak bought the adjacent lot from James Melvin for \$5,800. In the same year he erected this building which was used as offices and a meat market. It was designed by a prominent local architect, Walter R. Myton (1872-1929).

Paul S. Hornick bought the property from Samuel C. Pollak in October 1921 for \$38,000. Hornick had a hardware business there. The building is still owned by the Hornick family and is now a sporting goods store.

Sources:

Deed Records (12:432, 12:429, 14:799, 17:622, 24:109, 124:35, 174:274, 347:12, 726:136, 898:584, 986:463), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directories, 1905, 1907, 1921, 1988.

"Walter Myton--Biographical Information," Unpublished manuscript, Johnstown Flood Museum.

Tax assessment card, assessment no.86-001.-404.000, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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