

Thomas E. Reynolds House
Westmont Neighborhood
728 Bucknell Avenue
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 728 Bucknell Avenue, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and spacious single-family house surrounded by an expansive lawn. Two-and-a-half stories, wood frame with wood shingles. Large hip-roofed front porch, wooden bracket detailing. Bevelled leaded glass transom and sidelights in front entry. The house's location at the edge of Stackhouse Park, a vast wooded area, contributes to a sense of privacy.

History: Built by Johnstown architect Walter Myton for Thomas E. Reynolds in 1907. The property was acquired from the Cambria Iron Co. by Thomas E. Reynolds on February 13, 1907 for \$1,400. In 1907, the city directory listed Reynolds, the treasurer of the firm of Woolf & Reynolds, at the corner of Erie and Second St. (now Bucknell), in Westmont. The 1909-10 directory also lists Lena, Walter, and Gladys, a student, at the same address. The house stayed in the Reynolds family until 1945.

Sources:

Deed Records (387:575, Cambria Iron Co. to Thomas E. Reynolds; 387:575, 424:118, 535:453, 554:10, 1092:386), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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This report was prepared by Natalie Gillespie in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Gillespie'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.