

Louise Fayon Hannan House
Westmont Neighborhood
300 Luzerne Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
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Location: 300 Luzerne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large and spacious single-family home. Two-and-a-half stories, side-gable roof, brick construction with stucco exterior. Large porch supported by round pillars. Wood bracketing under cornice, dark wooden trim.

One-and-a-half-story guest house built on alley, entry on Colgate Ave. (#314). Front-gable roof, brick construction with stucco exterior. Smaller scale version of architectural style used in the larger house. Oriel window on first floor.

History: The large house and guesthouse were built after 1920. The property was purchased from Cambria Iron and Steel Co. for \$1,400 by Peter J. Dolan on February 2, 1912, apparently as speculative real estate. Neither the large house on Luzerne nor the smaller cottage on Colgate St. are visible on the 1913 Sanborn map. A provision of the deed allowed the construction of one single dwelling of a value not less than \$2,500.

The property passed to Charles H. Statler, the floor manager for the Swank Hardware Co., for \$2,000 in January 1, 1917. The property was transferred to Louise Fayon Hannan, who probably constructed the house, on September 13, 1920. It was sold to Gus Gleason for \$12,000 on July 15, 1940, and is still owned by the Gleason family.

Sources:

Deed Records (245:656, Cambria Iron Co. to Peter J. Dolan; 286:59, 329:273, 495:145, 1019:47), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directories, 1918, p. 440; 1922, p. 966.

Sanborn Map Co., Westmont, Pennsylvania, (New York, 1913).

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