

St. Casimir's Society Hall  
(Dom Polski)  
Cambria City Neighborhood  
306 Power Street  
Johnstown  
Cambria County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: 306 Power Street, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: The Dom Polski is a brick, two-and-a-half-story, T-plan building with front gable roof. It measures 26' x 48'. The principal facade to Power Street has a central entrance flanked by flat-arched windows. The second story has a line of five flat-arched windows. The gable is decorated in a half-timber style framed by bargeboard. The facade is flanked by tall chimney stacks.

History: In July 1915, the Polish St. Casimir's Society awarded a contract for the erection of a clubhouse to contractor Charles A. Clawson. The architect was Walter Myton (1872-1919) a prominent local architect who had designed St. Casimir's Church in 1906 (see HABS No. PA-5743). The first floor of the clubhouse was used for "society rooms and club purposes" and the second floor was a ballroom. It is still used as a clubhouse.

Sources:

Cambria County Historic Site Survey, Johnstown Inventory," Redevelopment Authority of Cambria County, 1981.

Johnstown Tribune, 14 July, 1915, 18.

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