

Jacob E. and Mintie Miller House I
107 Browning Avenue
Llyswen
Altoona
Blair County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 107 Browning Avenue

Date of Erection: 1908

Description: This one-and-a-half-story, wood-frame bungalow has a pyramidal roof with wide overhangs and a front hipped dormer. The expansive porch wraps around the north and east sides of the house, supported by Doric porch-rail columns on brick piers connected by a simple wood railing. The siding is vinyl. The house has five rooms on the first floor and one room upstairs.

History: In 1908 Jacob E. Miller, a buyer for Gable's department store, purchased the rear half of lot 5, block 11, from Ida Sizer, a widow, and all of lot 6 from Harry Treese, a fireman. Miller then sold the front half of lot 6 to Ida Sizer, who by the end of the year had a gambrel-roofed cottage constructed at 109 Browning Ave. Although tax records show a house on his portion of lot 5 by 1913, Miller continued to reside at 212 Logan Blvd. in the rented half of a duplex until 1919, when the city directory listed him as a grocer with a store at 208 Coleridge Ave. (HABS No. PA-5880) and this house, numbered as 214 Browning Ave. He sold the house to Ross Roudabush, a clerk, in 1922. Roudabush died in 1974; his estate sold the property to the present owner.

Sources: Maps: 1932, 1951. City directories. Tax records. Deed books: 147/50, 164/349, 178/492, 185/616, 183/18, 294/656, 966/940.

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