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LOCATION: 707 Bullitt Avenue, Jeannette, Westmoreland County,
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SIGNIFICANCE: A high concentration of window, tableware, bottle and specialty glass plants distinguished Jeannette as “The Glass City” early in its history. Significant housing stock consists of company-built row and detached double houses, and several privately constructed dwellings.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This lot in the H.S. McKee Addition to Jeannette first sold in April 1889 for just over \$400.00. At a public sale in 1901 to settle the estate of a subsequent owner, however, it brought a mere \$34.00. In 1915, Dominick and Rosie Gullo purchased the lot and built a house. Though the house appears on the 1916 map, the Gullos were not assessed for the improvement until 1918. Dominick Gullo is listed as a laborer in the 1923 directory, and three other members of the household are also shown: his wife Rosie and probably two children. The Gullos sold the house in 1925.

The subsequent owners, Steve and Mary Bukovich, do not appear in city directories during the 1920s, and another family is listed as living in the house in 1928, so it is likely the Bukovich family used the house as a rental property. August and Victoria Rager purchased the house in 1943, and the current owners, Donald and Alice Wilkie, bought the property from the Rager’s daughter, Patricia Emelo, in 1967.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A later, brick-veneered gable front example, this two-story house gives an idea of its original appearance. A higher quality and consistently colored yellow brick was used for the façade, while less consideration was given to the exposed sidewall where the coloring is varied. Contrasting sills and lintels reinforce the emphasis toward the front façade. Both the full-width front and smaller rear porches have recently been rebuilt, but their size and locations approximates those shown on the 1916 map.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Insurance Maps of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1916, 1925.

Deed Books. Recorder of Deeds, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 185/581, 185/583, 558/149, 566/456, 805/372, 1142/183, 1961/138, 1961/248.

Will Books. Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 11/267, 17/223.

City Directories, 1897, 1913, 1923, 1928, 1948, 1960.

Tax Assessment Books. Westmoreland County Tax Assessment Office, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HABS and HAER undertook a comprehensive documentation of Jeannette, documenting industries, housing and cultural institutions.