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LOCATION: 424-26 Cassatt 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

In November 1890, McKee sold these lots and several other properties on the south side of Jeannette to one of his glass manufacturing concerns, the Chambers & McKee Co. Based on the selling price of the lots and the fact that the house was not assessed to McKee personally in 1890, it appears that the glass company built this and several other double houses in the study area in early 1891. The house remained company property until 1903 when it was sold to a group of local investors. They in turn sold the house to real estate agent William Shuster in 1904. Later that same year this and the neighboring double house were purchased by George Jupena, later listed as a laborer and milk dealer in city directories. Although he was recorded as an employee of the railroad living with his family on Cuyler Avenue during the 1910 census, George was at one of the neighboring addresses in a 1913 directory. By the early 1920s, the Jupenas, which included George, his wife Mary, and at least three sons, were living on Lowry Avenue and using both houses as rental property.

Residents in this house in 1910 were the Logwood family and John and Mary Wible. Alfred Logwood was a barber, and he and his wife Julia had six children at home. John Wible was a tire maker at the rubber works. The Logwoods were long-term residents of the house. Mrs. Logwood was still living at No. 424 in the late 1940s after her husband had died. At the same time, the Jupena’s son Anthony, who had acquired the property in 1938, was living at No. 426. The house remains in the Jupena family.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Built ca. 1889-90, this side-gable, four bay by two bay double house is an example of one of three types of double houses built for early Jeannette residents by H. Sellers McKee

and the Chambers & McKee Glass Company. The original building was rectangular in plan with small rear porches for each half. By 1910, one story ells and new rear porches had been added. Maps indicate small front porches on either side by 1925. The full-width front porch is a more recent addition typical for double houses in the neighborhood.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Insurance Maps of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1891, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1916, 1925.

Deed Books. Recorder of Deeds, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 205/366, 357/111, 374/285, 386/321, 1036/152, 2697/458, 2769/141.

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

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

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 1910 census manuscripts on microfilm.

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.