

Illustrated Glossary of Architectural Terms

American Foursquare Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles
Baluster/Balustrade	Also known as a “spindle”; a vertical member in a railing. A balustrade is a run of balusters.
Casement Window	A side-hinged swinging window.
Cementitious Siding	Most commonly available as lap siding, a product composed of wood product fibers mixed with cement.
Colonial Revival Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .
Contributing/ Noncontributing Structure	A Contributing Structure is one that has been determined to be important to the integrity of the Historic District. Contributing Structures should be maintained and preserved to the greatest degree possible.
Cornice	A continuous projection (usually composed of boards and/or moldings) that crowns a wall or other structure. See illustration at end of Glossary
Craftsman Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .
Dentils	Small, closely spaced square or rectangular blocks located on a cornice. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Double Hung Window	A window composed of two sash units which slide up and down. Typically classified by the number of individual panes in the upper unit compared to the number of panes in the lower unit. Thus, a “three-over-one” double hung window has three panes of glass in the upper sash and one pane of glass in the lower sash. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Fascia	The horizontal piece covering the end of rafters. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Folk Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .
Fretwork	Decorative trim with a repeating pattern, typically found under eaves, in porches and within railings.
Frieze	The decorative horizontal band in a wall, typically immediately below the cornice. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Gambrel Roof	A “barn” shaped roof. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Gingerbread	Fanciful, delicate trimwork.
Italianate Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .
Light (or “Lite”)	A pane of glass, as in a window or door.
Meeting Rail	The horizontal center divider of a window. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Modillion	A small ornamental bracket, usually scroll-shaped at an eave. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Muntin	A window pane divider.
Newel Post	A post that terminates a railing.

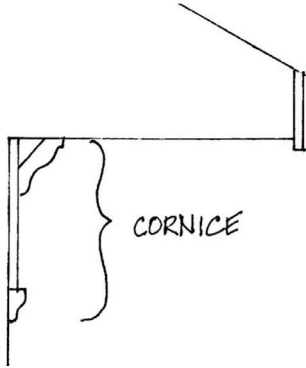
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Palladian Window	A window with a central arched unit flanked on each side by square-topped units. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Pediment	A low-pitched decorative element above a door, window or other opening. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Pilaster	A vertical element protruding from a wall surface that mimics the shape of a column. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Queen Anne Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .
Rake	Top edge of a gable end. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Soffit	The horizontal underside element of a roof overhang. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Transom	A window above a door or doorway.
Tudor Revival Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .
Tuscan Column	A simple type of round column. See illustration at end of Glossary.
Vergeboard	Decorative fascia at the rake end of the roof overhang.
Victorian Style	See discussion of this style in Section 3 Overview of Styles .

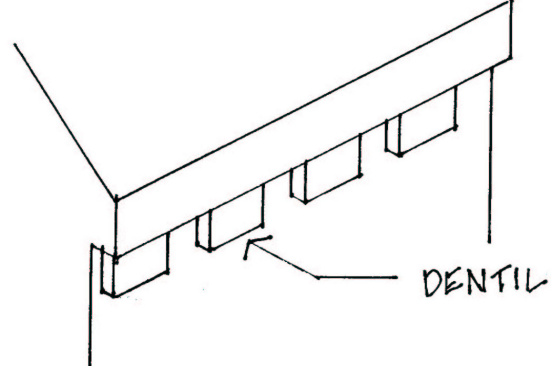
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Glossary Illustrations

CORNICE

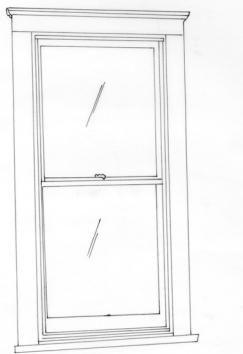


DENTIL

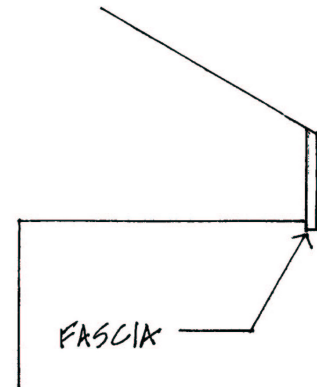


DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW

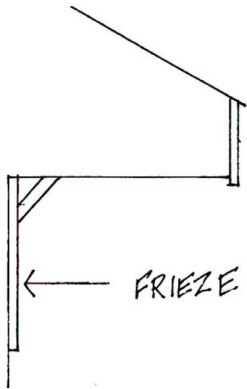
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FASCIA



FRIEZE

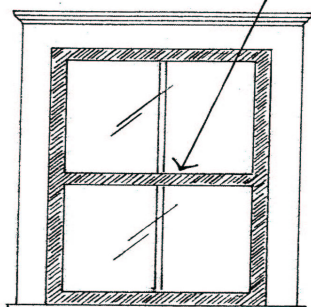


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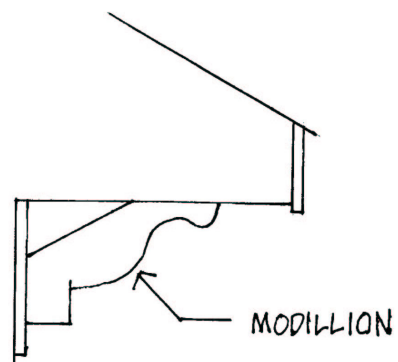


MEETING RAIL

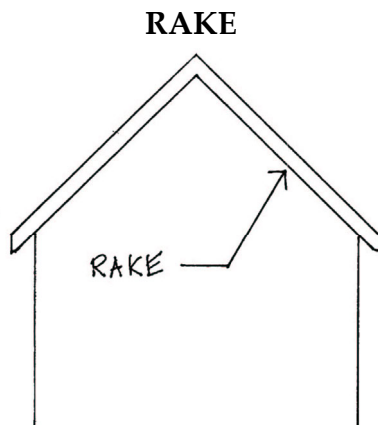
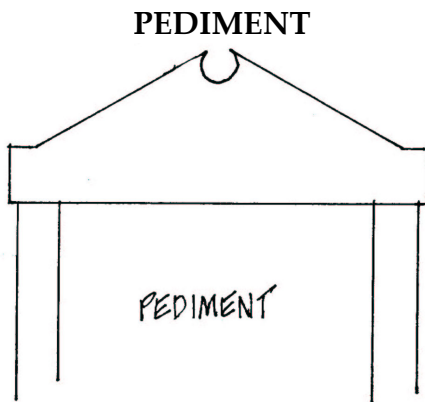
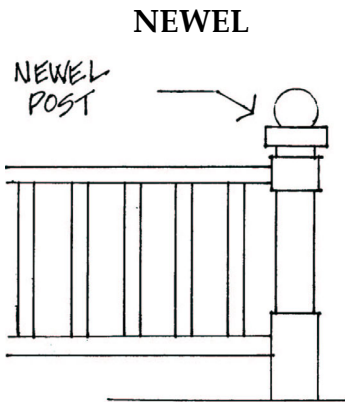
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MODILLION



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TUSCAN COLUMN

