

GLOSSARY

WALLS AND FOUNDATIONS

BRICK - KILN FIRED CLAY
MOLDED INTO A MASONRY
UNIT

INGS, MOST COMMON ARE
LIMESTONE AND SANDSTONE

Half-Brick - Brick split lengthwise; used
for ornamentation

Limestone - Rock formed by the
accumulation of rocks and shells and
yielding lime when burned

Hard Brick - Brick fired quickly, at high
temperatures, baking the interior as
well as the exterior surface;
twentieth century

Sandstone - Rock consisting of quartz
and a cement such as silica or
calcium carbonate formed by the
action of wind and water

Pressed Brick - Brick molded into a
compact smooth face by mechanical
pressure; after 1890

STONE COURSING; PATTERN IN
WHICH STONE IS LAID

Soft Brick - Brick fired at a temperature,
baking the exterior surface but
leaving the interior soft

Broken Course, Cut Stone - Randomly
placed stones which have been cut
into rectangles of various sizes

BRICK BOND PATTERN IN
WHICH BRICK IS LAID

Cobblestone - Randomly placed stones
of a size larger than a pebble and
smaller than a boulder

American - Horizontal rows of stretch
ers alternated by a row of headers

Coursed Cut Stone - Rhythmically
placed stone which has been cut into
rectangles of uniform size

Common (or Straight) - Horizontal
rows of bricks laid lengthwise

Coursed Rubble - Rhythmically placed
stone as it comes from the quarry

English - Alternating horizontal rows of
stretchers and headers

Field, Panel - Vertically placed stone of
uniform size

Flemish - Alternating stretchers and
headers within a horizontal row

Fieldstone - Randomly placed rocks
found in fields, forest, etc.

Garden Wall - Alternating rows of
Flemish and American bonds

Random Rubble - Unpatterned placing
of rough quarry stone

Header - Horizontal rows of bricks laid
endwise.

Squared Rubble - Rhythmically placed
quarry stone which has squared
edges

Roman - Horizontal rows of long,
narrow pressed bricks laid length-
wise

STONE FINISH SURFACE CHAR-
ACTERISTICS AND APPEAR-
ANCE OF STONE:

STONE - MATERIAL COMPOSED
OF MINERALS AND ANIMAL OR
PLANT ELEMENTS; IN BUILD-

Natural - Unchanged from original
condition

ROOFS

- Polished** - Resulting in a smooth, glossy surface
- Rock Faced** - Smooth band surrounding and recessed from natural section
- Rusticated** - Smooth band surrounding and recessed from smooth interior section
- Sawn** - Series of carved lines creating a pattern
- Smooth Dressed** - Non-textured, flat surface
- Tooled (or Hammered)** - Random finish made with hand tools
- Vernaculated** - Smooth band surrounding and recessed from an interior plane having wavy lines
- CONCRETE MATERIAL CONSISTING OF CEMENT, SAND OR GRAVEL, AND WATER ALLOWED TO SET AND HARDEN**
- Block** - Rhythmically placed, uniformly sized rectangles
- Plain, Pre Cast Panel** - Flat, molded concrete pieces of uniform size
- Poured** - Liquid concrete poured into a frame and allowed to set and harden
- Shaped, Pre Cast Panel** - Functionally or decoratively molded concrete pieces of uniform size
- STUCCO** - PORTLAND CEMENT, SAND AND LIME COMBINED, APPLIED IN A SOFT STATE, AND ALLOWED TO HARDEN; APPLIED OVER MASONRY
- BOARD** - SIDING UTILIZING THIN SAWED LUMBER WITH
- LENGTH GREATLY EXCEEDING WIDTH**
- Ashtar Imitation** - Wood cut and placed to resemble laid stone
- Board and Batten** - Vertical wood siding consisting of flat boards with narrow projecting strips covering the joints
- Clapboard** - Narrow, overlapping horizontal boards
- Flush Board** - Horizontal siding grooved together with an overlap
- Plank** - Vertically or horizontally laid siding with no overlap
- Shingle** - Wedge shaped piece of wood used in overlapping courses
- Shingle** - Beveled, jointed board siding laid horizontally
- Weatherboard** - Overlapping, horizontally laid wood siding
- METAL - MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE MELTED, SHAPED, AND HARDENED INTO VARIOUS FORMS**
- Aluminum Siding** - Horizontally placed, overlapping metal siding
- Cast Iron** - Result of pouring melted iron into a mold and letting it set
- Galvanized** - Result of coating iron or steel in molten zinc
- Metal and Glass** - Combination of molten forms of metal and glass used in sections
- Metal Sheet** - Metal which can be applied in sheets as siding
- Complex** - Combination of more than one roof style
- Dome** - Hemispherical in form
- Flat** - Having no pitch; horizontal
- Gable** - Having two slopes divided by a ridge and resulting in triangular end wall forms
- Gambrel** - Gable having two slopes on either side of a ridge, the lower slopes being the steeper ones
- Hip** - Having slopes on all four sides as well as a ridge line
- Jerkinhead** - Gable roof whose triangular ends feature a slope
- Mansard** - A truncated hip roof with a large flat surface and steep slopes
- Pyramid** - Having slopes on all four sides and coming to a point at the top
- Saltbox** - Gable roof whose slopes are unequal, providing two stories at front and one story at rear
- Shed** - Having one sloped plane
- Truncated Hip** - Hip whose slopes are interrupted by a flat section at the top
- ROOFING MATERIALS**
- Asbestos** - A fibrous, fire resistant material derived from minerals
- Asphalt** - Made from the residue of petroleum refining
- Cedar Shingles** - Machine cut overlapping, layers of cedar
- Shale** - Overlapping shingles composed of pressed, sealed rock
- Standing Seam Sheet Metal** - Attached panels anchored to a beam system, usually of copper or tin
- CHIMNEYS**
- CHIMNEY** - A FLUE FOR CONDUCTING SMOKE AND GASES FROM ABOVE A FIRE TO THE OUTSIDE AIR, USUALLY OF BRICK OR STONE
- CHIMNEY POT** - A SHORT EXTENSION OF A FLUE, USUALLY OF EARTHENWARE, TO INCREASE THE DRAFT
- STOVEPIPE** - SHEET METAL PIPE USED AS A STOVE CHIMNEY
- WINDOWS AND DOORS**
- FRAME** - A WOOD OR METAL ENCLOSING, SUPPORTING CASE INTO WHICH A WINDOW OR DOOR FITS
- Elliptical** - An arch whose head is broader than semi-circular
- Flat** - Having no arch; horizontal
- Lancet** - A sharply pointed arch
- Ogee** - A pointed arch composed of reverse curves
- Segmental** - An arch with a less than semi circular curve
- Semi-Circular** - An arch with a round head
- JAMB** - VERTICAL FRAME OR SUPPORT

MULLION - A NARROW VERTICAL SEPARATION USED FOR DECORATION OR SUPPORT

PANE - A FRAMED SHEET OF GLASS

SILL - HORIZONTAL PIECE AT THE BOTTOM OF DOOR OR WINDOW

Lingsill - Sill which does project beyond the jamb

Slipsill - Sill which does not project beyond the jamb

WINDOW CONFIGURATION - RELATIVE ARRANGEMENT OR PATTERN, USUALLY CONTROLLED BY THE SHAPE OF THE FRAME

Half's Eye - Round window

Diamond - Having four sides of equal length, hung on the diagonal

Eyebrow - Semi-circular with horizontal sill; half round

Fanlight - Semi-circular or semi-elliptical window with radial mullions set over another window or a door; presenting the appearance of an opened fan

Oval - Egg shaped

Quarter Round - Pie shaped with a right angle

Rectangular - Having four sides with parallel sides having equal length and meeting at right angles

Sidelight - A window flanking a door or another window

Square - Having four sides of equal length meeting at right angles

Transom - Opening over a door or window, for decoration or ventilation

NOTE: Windows may be made to fit the shape of frames defined previously

WINDOW OPERATION - METHOD OF OPENING AND CLOSING

Casement - Swinging inward or outward on pairs of hinges attached to the jambs

Fixed - Non-operable, immovable

Hinged - Swinging inward or outward on hinges attached to the jamb

Sash - Vertically movable; can be single, double, or triple hung

Sliding - Horizontally movable; can be single or multiple tracks

BAY WINDOW - WINDOW IN A WALL PROJECTING FROM ANOTHER WALL.

Oriel - Bay window supported by brackets

Polygonal - Multi-sided, non-right angular bay

Rectangular - Three-sided, right angular bay

DORMER WINDOW - VERTICALLY SET WINDOW PROTRUDING THROUGH A SLOPED ROOF

Eyelid - Low curved roof dormer with reverse end curves giving it the general outline of an eyelid

Porthole - Round roof dormer

Roof Dormer - Dormer emerging completely from a roof

Wall Dormer - Dormer created by the upward extension of a wall and breaking the roof line

DOOR PANEL - A THIN PIECE OF WOOD SET IN A FRAME

WINDOW AND DOOR TRIM

SURROUND - FRAMING AROUND WINDOW OR DOOR OPENING, DECORATIVE OR FUNCTIONAL.

Hood Mould - Molding around top and sides of opening to deflect rain; also called label

Keystone - Wedge-shaped center of a hood mould or arch

Lintel - Horizontal structural member that extends across the top of the opening

Pediment - Triangular shaped decorative piece

Pilaster - Attached pier split lengthwise, frequently in same style as accompanying columns or piers

Soldier Arch - Brick lined on end with edge to front as structural support

SHUTTERS - EXTRA CLOSING COVER A DOOR OR WINDOW TO PREVENT ADMISSION OF LIGHT, RAIN, SNOW, ETC., USUALLY HUNG ON HINGES FROM JAMBS; CAN USUALLY BE LOCKED OR SOLID

AWNINGS - SHELTERING SCREEN OVER A WINDOW, DOOR, WALKWAY, ETC.

TOWERS, TURRETS, AND CUPOLAS

CUPOLA - A DECORATIVE STRUCTURE EMERGING FROM THE MAIN ROOF STRUCTURE, FREQUENTLY OF A SIZE TO PROVIDE SITTING SPACE FOR ONE OR MORE PERSONS

TOWER - TALL STRUCTURE RISING TO A GREATER HEIGHT THAN ITS SURROUNDINGS

Battlement - A parapet built with indentations, for defense or decorative; crenellation

Parapet - Low retaining wall at the edge of a roof, porch, or terrace

TURRET - A SMALL TOWER, USUALLY EMERGING FROM A CORNER OF A BUILDING

ENTRIES, PORCHES, AND BALCONIES

BALCONY - PROJECTING RAILED PLATFORM IN FRONT OF A WINDOW OR DOOR

CANOPY - COVERED AREA EXTENDING FROM A BUILDING WALL TO PROTECT AN ENTRY

ENTRY - PLACE USED TO ENTER, USUALLY IDENTIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF A DOOR

Stoff - Finished underside of an opening

ORNAMENTATION

PORCH - ROOFED AND FLOORED SPACE OUTSIDE MAIN WALLS OF A BUILDING. INCLUDES SPACE FOR AN ENTRANCE

PORTICO - ENTRANCE PORCH

PORT COCHERE - COACH OR CARRIAGE PORCH; SHELTER FOR VEHICLES OUTSIDE AN ENTRY

VERANDAH - PORCH EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF A BUILDING

Angone - Scrolled bracket or console, support for an entry cornice

Baluster - An upright support for a rail

Balustrade - A series of balusters joined by a rail, serving as an enclosure for balconies, staircases, etc.

Capital - Head of a column

Column - Free standing, vertical support pillar

Latticework - Diagonal or crossed network of wood or metal used as an airy, ornamental screening

Pier - Vertical masonry support

Post - Vertical wood or metal support

OUTBUILDINGS

GARAGE - STORAGE SHELTER FOR AUTOMOBILES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RESIDENCE

GAZEBO - AN OPEN SHELTER BUILT FOR A VIEW

STORAGE SHEDS - ENCLOSED SHELTER USED FOR STORAGE

DETAILING - AN ELEMENT OF DESIGN TO WHICH PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS PAID; FUNCTIONAL OR DECORATIVE

Beltcourse - A flat, horizontal band marking story divisions

Bracket - A projection from the face of a wall under eaves, window, or porch

Diagonal Shingles - Wooden or slate shingles arranged in rows and shaped like diamonds; diagonally laid shingles

Fishscales - Wooden or slate shingles in a fishscale shape arranged in rows

GINGERBREAD - DETAILING SERVING NO FUNCTIONAL PURPOSE

Bargeboard - Vertical board set into the roof edge of a gable; vergeboard

Cresting - Decorative ridge for a roof; a series of finials; balustrade at a widow's walk

Finial - An ornament at the top of a spire, gable, or finial

Pendant - An ornament suspended from above

Scrollsaw - Open cut work with a jigsaw

Sunburst - Carving frequently set in a pediment consisting of a hemisphere with radials.

Swag - Simulated net held mass of fruit and flowers sagging between two supports

Tracery - Curving openwork shapes creating a pattern

FENCES

FENCE - A FREE STANDING, SELF SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF METAL, MASONRY, COMPOSITION, OR WOOD OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF RESTING ON OR PARTIALLY BURIED IN THE GROUND AND RISING ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, AND USED FOR CONFINEMENT, SCREENING, OR PARTITION PURPOSES

Board - Vertically placed narrow pieces of wood laid side by side

Brick - Usually used in combination with other fence as supports

Picket - Combination of vertically placed pointed stakes

Stockade - Sections of joined vertical boards

Wrought Iron - Commercial form of iron that is tough, yet bendable

LANDSCAPING

LANDSCAPING - IMPROVEMENT OF A LOT, PARCEL, OR TRACT OF LAND WITH GRASS AND SHRUBS AND/OR TREES. LANDSCAPING IS DESIGNED AND ARRANGED TO PRODUCE AN AESTHETICALLY PLEASING EFFECT

Ground Cover - Low plantings which spread over an area of land

Clubs - Vertical growing narrow leaved plants of a low height

Shrubs - Low growing woody plants

Trees - Tall growing woody plants, usually with one elongated stem

SIGNS

SIGN - NAME, IDENTIFICATION, DESCRIPTION, DISPLAY, OR ILLUSTRATION WHICH IS AFFIXED TO OR PAINTED UPON OR REPRESENTED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY UPON A BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR PIECE OF LAND OR AFFIXED TO THE GLASS ON THE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE OF A WINDOW SO AS TO BE SEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE OF A BUILDING AND WHICH DIRECTS ATTENTION TO AN OBJECT, PRODUCT, PLACE, PERSON, INSTITUTION, ORGANIZATION, OR BUSINESS

Billboard - Large, free standing panel designed to carry outdoor advertising; also known as poster panels

Flashing - Illuminated sign which exhibits change in color or intensity

Free Standing - Suspended by one or more braces in the ground surface; braces are 30 inches or more in length

Ground Projecting - Suspended by one or more braces in the ground surfaces; braces are 30 inches in length

Illuminating - Artificially lighted

Moving - Rotating or otherwise in motion

Portable - Sign attached to a structure not permanently affixed to the ground or wall

Suspended - Supported by braces attached to the building to which the sign relates

MESSAGE - THEME BEING COMMUNICATED

Advertising - Sign directing attention to a use, service, or commodity not related to the premises

Identification - Displaying name, address, product, service, and/or other data pertinent to the use of the premises

PATIOS AND DECKS

DECK - AN OPEN OUTDOOR AREA ADJOINING A HOUSE, CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD, THE HEIGHT OF WHICH IS LESS THAN 8 INCHES ABOVE THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF THE ADJOINING GROUND

PATIO - AN OPEN OUTDOOR AREA ADJOINING A HOUSE, CONSTRUCTED OF MASONRY, THE HEIGHT OF WHICH IS LESS THAN 8 INCHES ABOVE THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF THE ADJOINING GROUND

STEPS AND WALKS

SIDEWALK - A WALK AT THE SIDE OF A STREET

STEPS - OUTDOOR STAIRS PROVIDING ACCESS BETWEEN A WALK AND A PORCH OR ENTRY

WALK - AN ARRANGED OR PAVED PATH FOR WALKING

WIDOW'S WALK - A RAILED OBSERVATION PLATFORM ATOP A HOUSE