



HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL GUIDE BOOK

Guide for the restoration and new construction
of residential properties within the
Downtown Historic District

FEDERAL (1815-1840)



Key Features: Federal houses are square or rectangular in plan, two to three stories high, and constructed of brick or wood. Semi-circular or elliptical fanlight over front door (with or without sidelights). Most commonly a simple box, with doors and windows arranged in strict symmetry. However, the box may be modified by projecting wings or attached dependencies.

FEDERAL HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Entryways, Windows, Doors, and Symmetry



Fanlight Detail



Sidelights



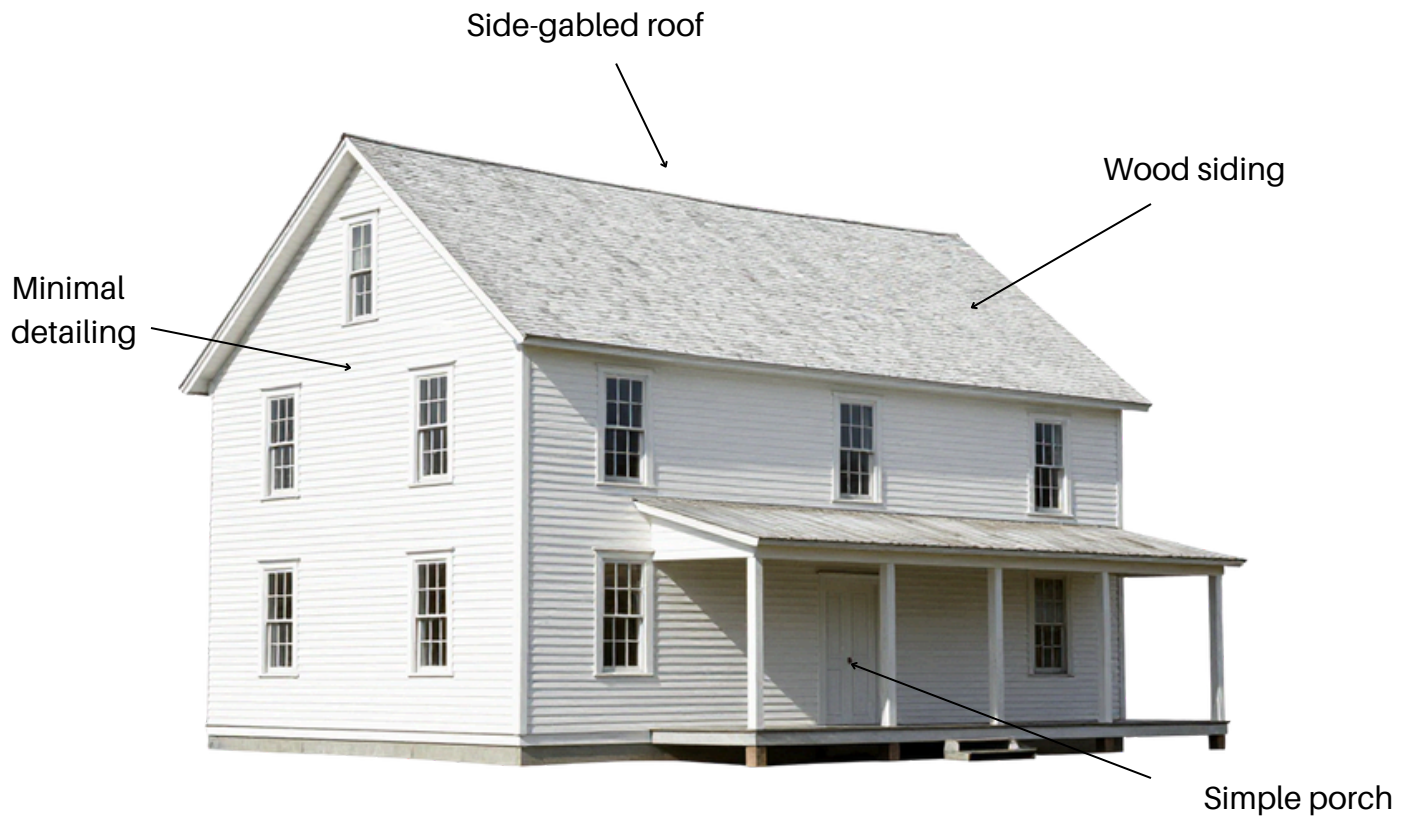
Sash Windows



Box Form & Wings

Projecting wings or attached dependencies may modify the basic box form.

NATIONAL FOLK (1850-1890)



Key Features: The National folk/farmhouse style home consists of a rectangular shape with side-gabled roofs or square layouts with pyramidal roofs. Simple and minimal detailing, minimal to medium eave overhang. There are typically six house shapes: Gable-front, Gable-front and wing, Hall and parlor, I-house, Massed plan/side gabled, and Pyramidal.

NATIONAL FOLK HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Roof Forms, Porches, Windows, and Simple Massing



Side-Gabled Roof



Double-Hung Window



Simple Porch



Gable-Front & Wing

National Folk houses are simple vernacular forms with very limited ornament, built using balloon or braced framing made possible by the railroad distribution of milled lumber.

FOLK VICTORIAN (1870-1910)



Key Features: Folk Victorian have medium pitched gabled roofs with decorative shingles in gable ends, often with pent roofs. It is often identified by basic or simpler details with asymmetrical floor plans, with Carpenter Gothic detailing. Some of the features include cypress siding, a bay window, cross gabled roof, and an asymmetrical floor plan.

FOLK VICTORIAN HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Decorative Shingles, Gothic Trim, Windows, and Entryways

Decorative gable
shingles

Carpenter Gothic
trim / detailing

Front porch with
turned posts

Bay window /
double-hung
window



Decorative Gable Shingles



Carpenter Gothic Trim



Bay / Double-Hung Window



Entryway with Turned Posts

Folk Victorian houses applied mass-produced decorative millwork—spindles, brackets, and jigsawn trim—to simple National Folk house forms, creating an accessible version of high-style Victorian ornament.

QUEEN ANNE & SHINGLE (1880-1900)



Key Features: Queen Anne houses are brick with wood shingled or stuccoed upper floors, or wood with surfaces variously sided with clapboards and an assortment of shingle patterns. Steeply pitched roofs of irregular shape, may have hip or multi-gabled roofs, or a combination of both. Towers, dormer windows, stained glass windows, bay windows, turrets, encircling porches, and tall chimneys with decorative brick patterns are typical.

QUEEN ANNE & SHINGLE HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Wood Shingles, Dormers, Stained Glass, and Decorative Brick Patterns

Dormer
windows

Decorative brick
patterns

Wood shingles /
shingle patterns

Stained glass
windows



Wood Shingles / Shingle Patterns



Dormer Windows



Stained Glass Windows



Decorative Brick Patterns

Queen Anne and Shingle style houses feature richly textured surfaces—wood shingles in varied patterns, prominent dormer windows, stained glass accents, and ornamental brickwork—creating visually complex and highly individualized facades.

COLONIAL REVIVAL (1880-1955)



Key Features: Colonial Revival is used to describe houses based on designs from the Colonial period in American history. Typical characteristics include windows with sashes, usually with multi-pane glazing in one or both sashes and frequently in adjacent pairs, accentuated front door, normally with decorative crown supported by pilasters or extended forward and supported by slender columns to form entry porch, sidelights and transom windows may be present, facade is typically symmetrically balanced.

COLONIAL REVIVAL HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Windows with Sashes, Formal Entryways, and Classical Details



Multi-Pane Sash Windows



Decorative Crown / Pediment

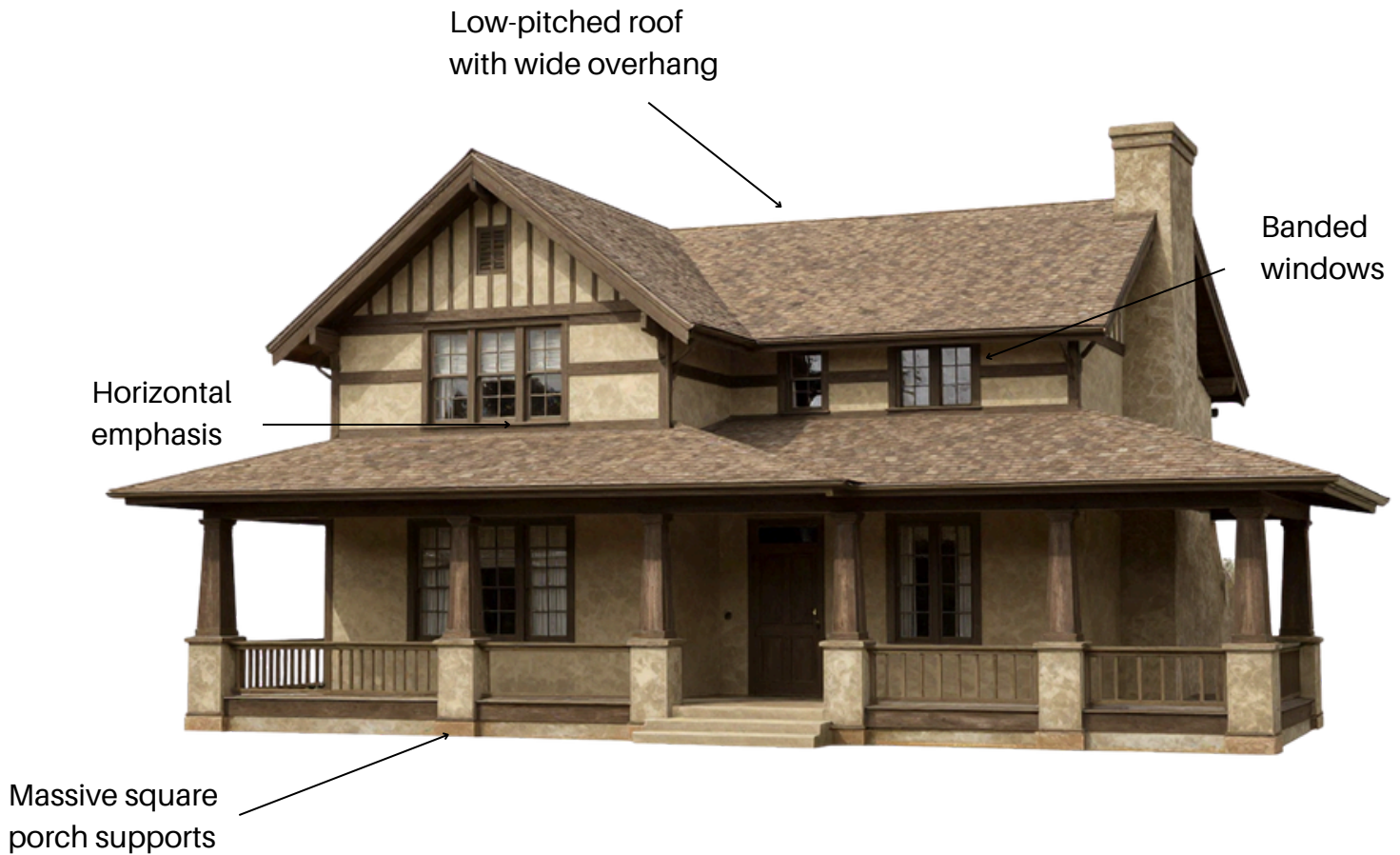


Sidelights & Transom at Entry



Classical Porch Entry with Columns

PRAIRIE (1900-1920)



Key Features: Houses of the Prairie style are characterized by hipped low-pitched or flat roofs with wide overhangs, banded casement windows, and low, massive chimneys. The eaves, cornices, and facade detailing emphasize the horizontal lines; often with massive, square porch supports.

PRAIRIE HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Wide Overhangs, Banded Windows, and Massive Chimneys



Wide Overhanging Eaves



Banded Casement Windows

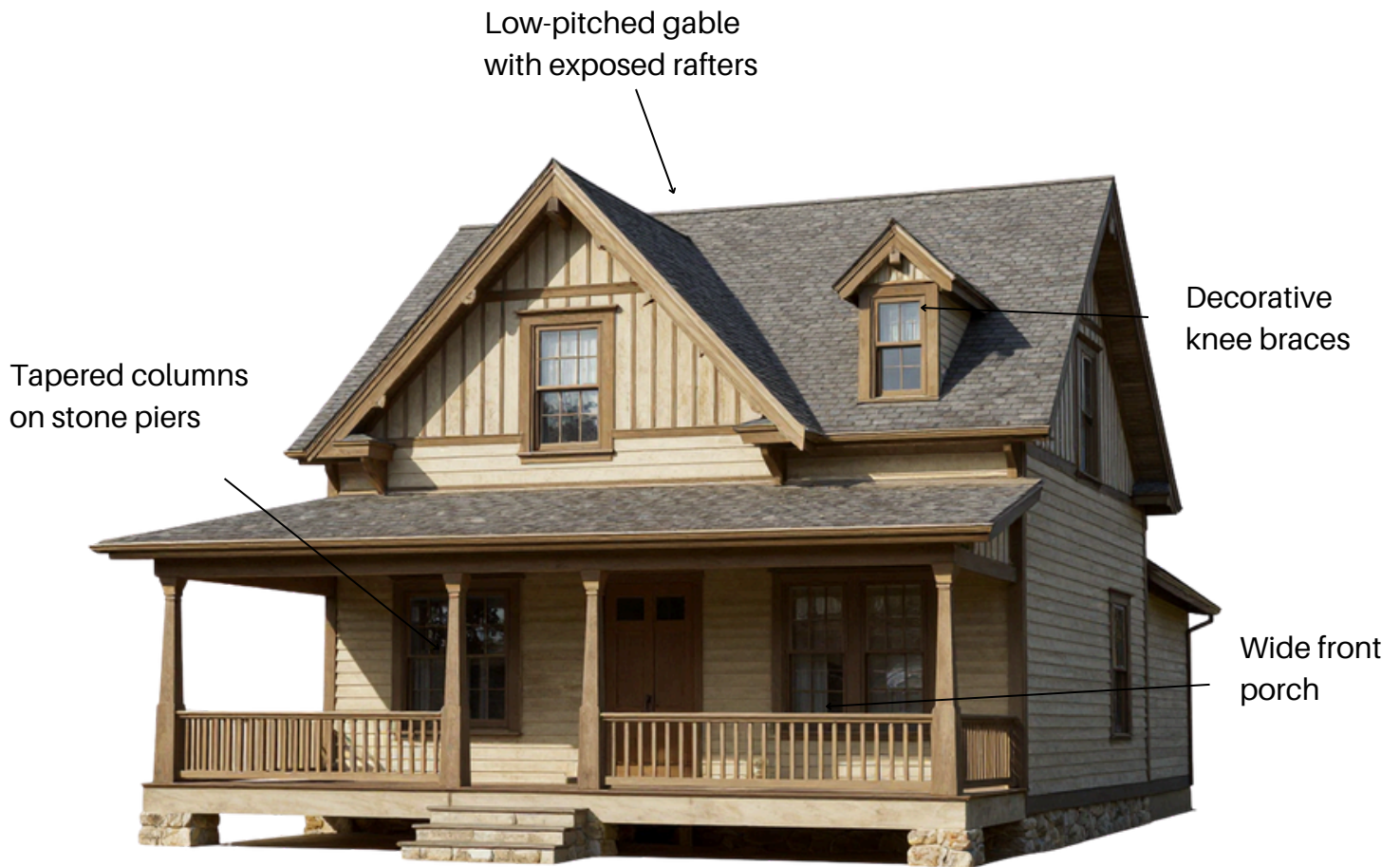


Low Massive Chimney



Horizontal Emphasis / Low Massing

CRAFTSMAN (1905-1930)



Key Features: Most Craftsman style homes have low-pitched, gable roof (occasionally hipped) with wide, unenclosed eave overhangs; roof rafters are usually exposed and have decorative (false) beams or braces commonly added under gables; full or partial-width porches are typically covered by a lower gable, with roof supported by tapered square column; column or piers frequently extend to ground level (without a break at level of porch floor); commonly one or one-half stories high, although two-story examples occur in every subtype.

CRAFTSMAN HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Windows, Doors, Entryways, and Characteristic Architectural Features



Multi-Pane Grouped Windows



Paneled Door with Divided Light

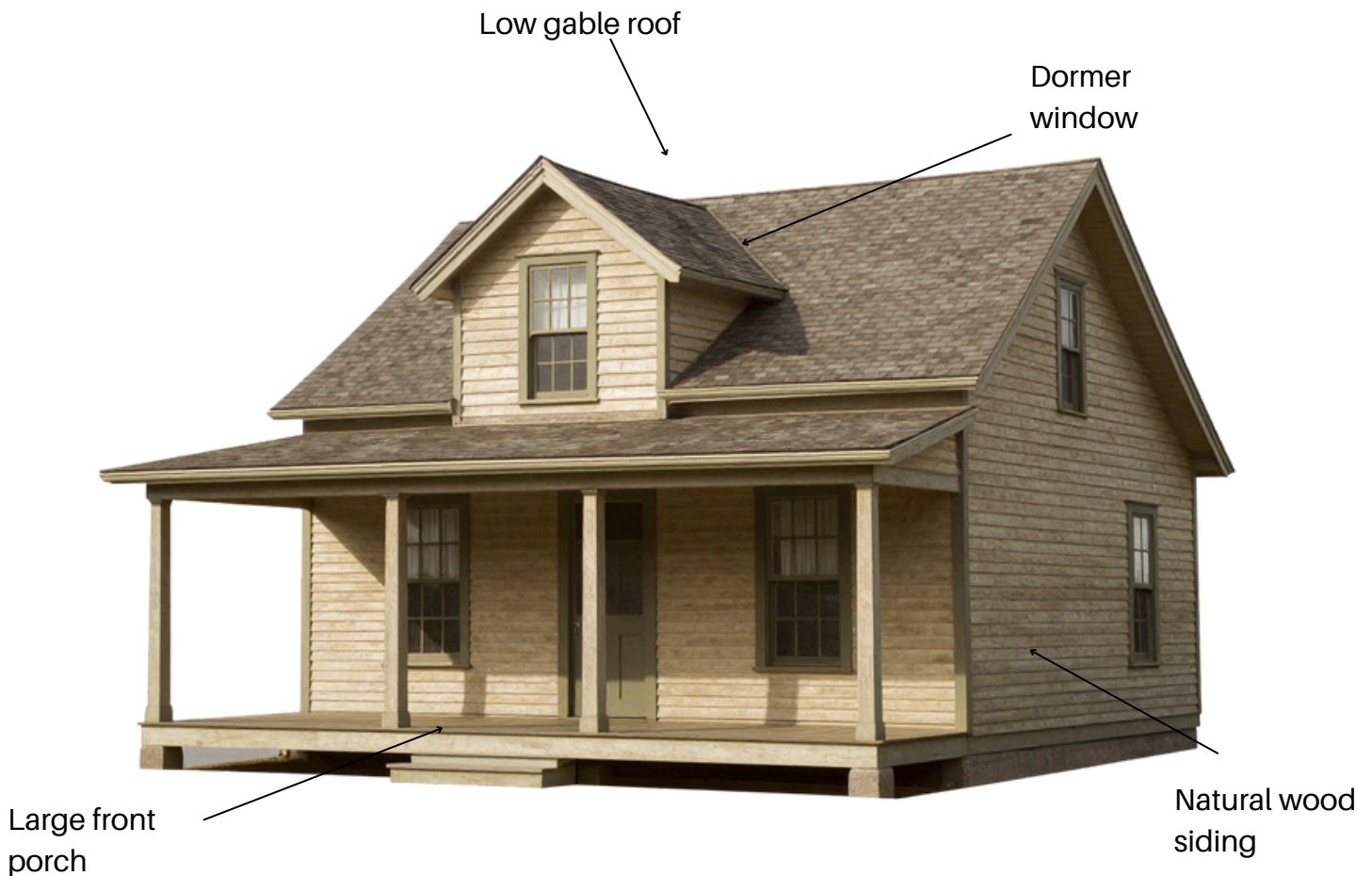


Tapered Columns on Stone Piers



Exposed Rafters / Knee Braces

BUNGALOW (1910-1940)



Key Features: The Bungalow is a more simple Craftsman style square or rectangular plan. Simple design, sparse decoration, and natural materials are the essential components of the bungalow style. Low-sloping gable roof, open floor plans, large front windows, and broad front porches. Typically either a single story or has a second, half, or partial story, that is built into a sloped roof. Bungalows are typically small in terms of size and square footage and often are distinguished by the presence of dormer windows and verandas.

BUNGALOW HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Windows, Doors, Entryways, and Characteristic Architectural Features



Multi-Pane Grouped Windows



Paneled Door with Glass Panes

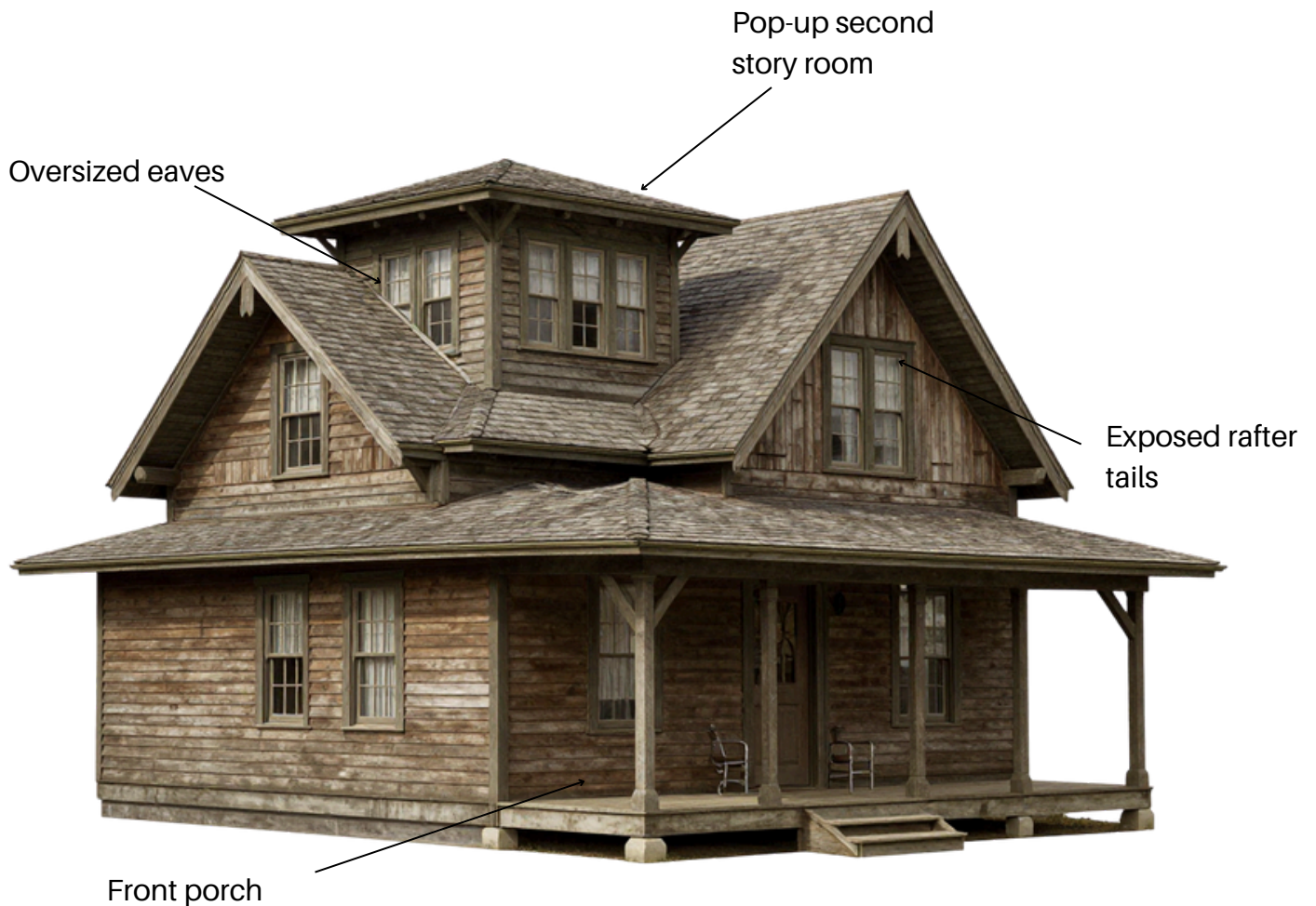


Broad Front Porch Entry



Low-Pitched Gable Roof & Dormer

AIRPLANE BUNGALOW (1910-1925)



Key Features: The Airplane Bungalow style home is a subtype of the Craftsman style home, but has low-pitched, gabled roofs with oversized eaves and exposed rafters that create a canopy effect, and bands of windows, with a much smaller "pop-up" single room on the second floor.

AIRPLANE BUNGALOW HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Windows, Doors, Entryways, and Characteristic Architectural Features



Bands of Grouped Windows



Simple Paneled Door with Glass Panes

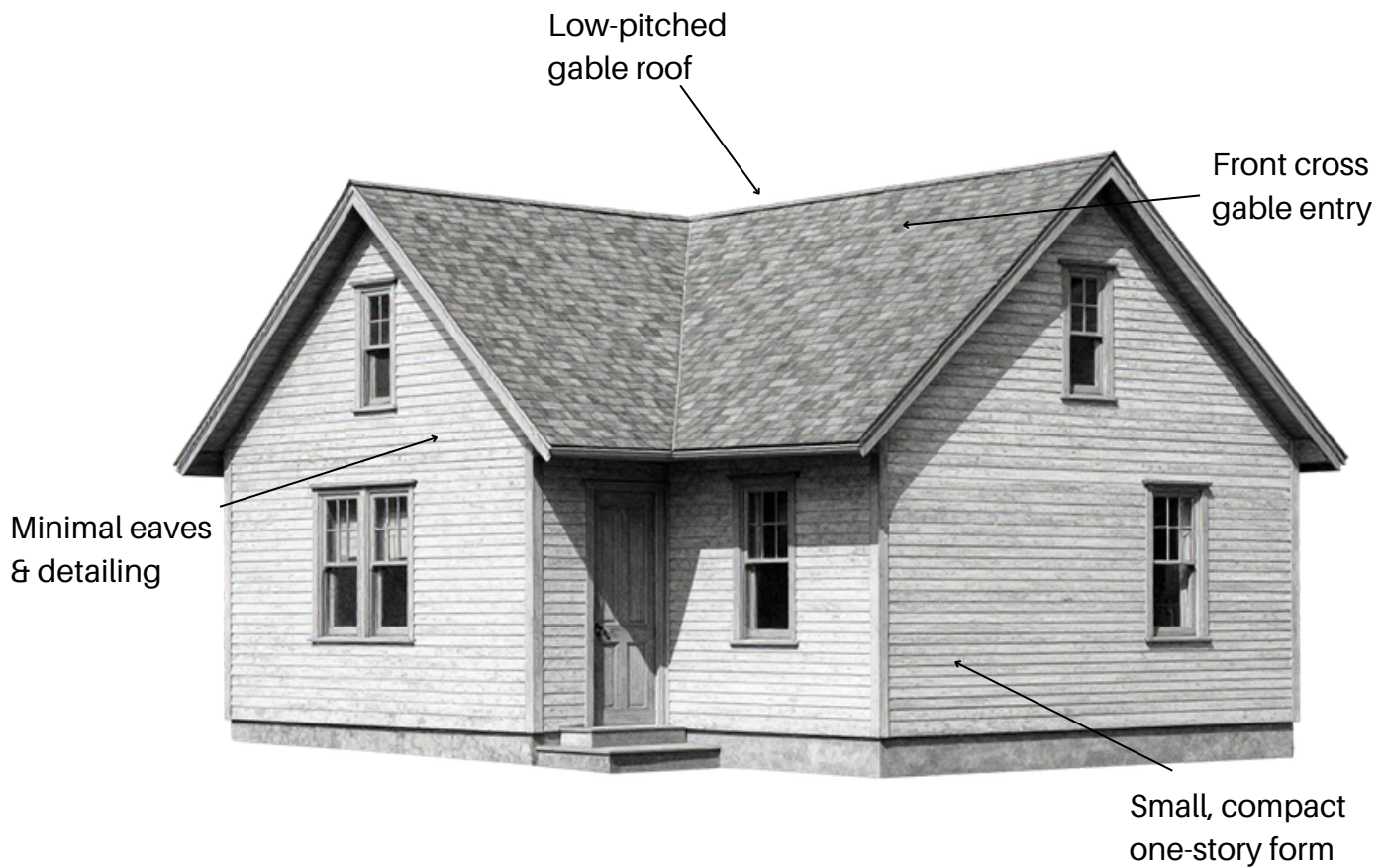


Front Porch with Tapered Supports



Oversized Eaves & Pop-Up Upper Room

MINIMAL TRADITIONAL (1935-1950)



Key Features: Low to medium pitched roof, little or no eave overhang, more often gabled roof with a front door entrance under the front cross gable, double-hung windows, typically multi-pane or 1 over 1, generally small one-story residences with minimal added architectural detail.

MINIMAL TRADITIONAL HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Windows, Doors, Entryways, and Characteristic Architectural Features

Low-pitched roof /
minimal eaves

Double-hung windows
(multi-pane or 1-over-1)

Front cross-gable
entry / small porch

Simple paneled
front door



Double-Hung Windows



Simple Paneled Front Door

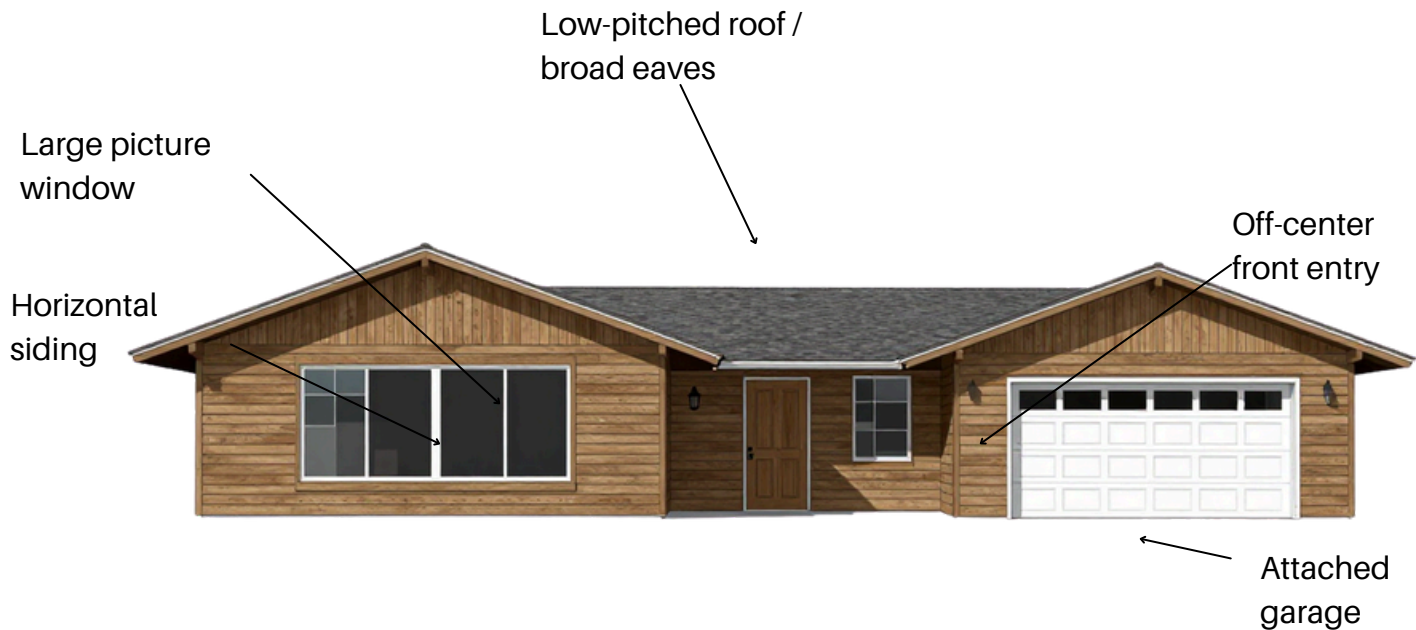


Front Cross-Gable Entry & Small Porch



Low-Pitched Roof & Compact One-Story Form

RANCH (1935-1975)



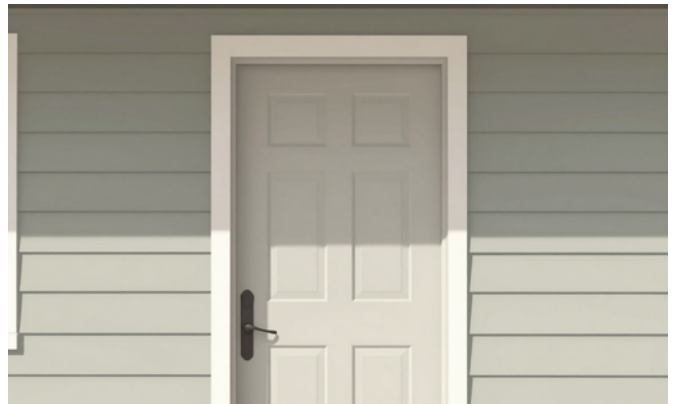
Key Features: Broad one-story shape; low-pitched roof typically with carport or garage incorporated under main roof; asymmetrical facade with front entry usually located off-center. Variations: no carport/garage, with carport or garage (1 car or 2 car).

RANCH HOUSE TYPE DETAILS

Windows, Doors, Entryways, and Characteristic Architectural Features



Picture Windows / Large Horizontal Windows



Simple Front Door



Off-Center Entry & Covered Porch



Low-Pitched Roof, Broad Eaves & Attached Garage