

STYLE GUIDE: Residential



Federal (1800-1840)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Flat, unadorned wall surfaces
- ◆ Low-pitched gable roof
- ◆ Multi-pane windows
- ◆ Fanlight and/or sidelights



Greek Revival (1840-1860)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Heavy cornice
- ◆ Three-part composition – base, columns and pediment
- ◆ Columns or pilasters
- ◆ Sidelights and transom



Italianate (1850-1890)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Tall, narrow windows, often arched
- ◆ Low-pitched hipped roof
- ◆ Decorative brackets, surface ornament
- ◆ May have cupola or tower



Second Empire (1860-1885)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Mansard roof with brackets below
- ◆ Dormer windows
- ◆ Rich ornamentation
- ◆ May have tower or central pavilion



Colonial Revival (1890-1940)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Symmetrical composition
- ◆ Multi-pane windows with shutters
- ◆ Fanlights and sidelights
- ◆ Oversized details – dentils, quoins, etc.



Queen Anne (1895-1905)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Asymmetrical composition
- ◆ Variety of surface materials and patterns
- ◆ Multiple projections on wall surfaces
- ◆ Towers, turrets and tall windows
- ◆ Complex roofline



Neoclassical (1895-1930)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Symmetrical form
- ◆ Classical details - columns, round arches, heavy entablature - often in oversized scale
- ◆ Extremely detailed and ornamented



American Foursquare (1900-1930)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Boxy shape
- ◆ Low-pitched hipped roof with wide eaves overhang
- ◆ Full width front porch
- ◆ Often has colonial or craftsman details



Ranch (1945-1975)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ One story
- ◆ Generally asymmetrical
- ◆ Low-pitched roof
- ◆ Maximum façade width



Craftsman (1905-1940)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Low-pitched roof with wide overhangs
- ◆ Exposed rafter tails or knee braces
- ◆ Full or partial front porch
- ◆ Horizontal emphasis

The following three photos illustrate not specific architectural styles, but house forms that are found in Corydon's historic district. The distinguishing characteristic of these vernacular homes is their shape – architectural details from many of the above styles could be applied, usually in a simplified manner.

Shotgun (1840-1920)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Narrow plan – one room wide
 - ◆ Asymmetrical
 - ◆ Front gable
- ◆ Can have details from any style



Gabled ell (1870-1910)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ Gable front with side-gabled portion
 - ◆ Asymmetrical
 - ◆ Usually frame construction
- ◆ Can have details from any style



Cross plan cottage (1890-1910)

Character-defining features:

- ◆ House plan is roughly the shape of a cross, often with a side porch
- ◆ Multi-gabled roof
- ◆ Irregular massing
- ◆ Usually wood frame