



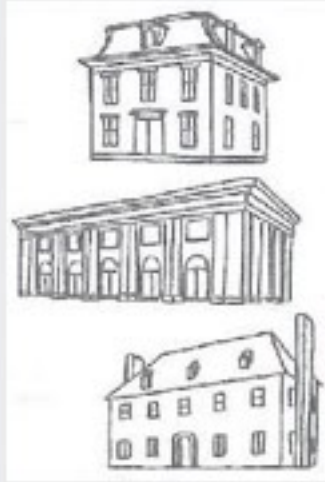
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## Styles of American Houses

I will briefly note and describe the various identifiable and classic types, traditions and styles of American houses built through history across our nation in this illustrative narrative. The numerous illustrations and details will more clearly show the types, styles, and traditions of houses and buildings to help easily be identified. Thus, a picture will save a thousand words. **Please click each picture for more detailed examples.**



In our nation's history, both developers and individuals with or without assistance of knowledgeable designers and architects created and built houses and structures as dwellings. The American house also noted as the domestic building/dwelling came from basically two principle sorts.



Folk houses and Styled houses. Folk houses are those designed without a conscious attempt or effort to mimic any

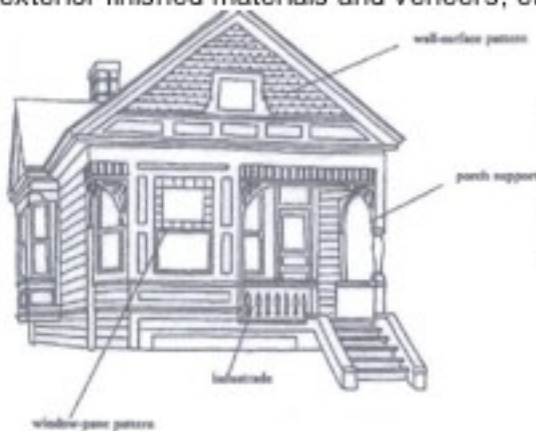


current fashion or traditional style. These Folk Houses are generally built by their occupants or by non-professional builders and are relatively simple houses with little or no real style and function as a basic shelter.

The majority of styled American houses is modeled and generally mimic the five principle architectural styles and traditions: **Ancient Classical, Renaissance Classical, Medieval, Modern, and Spanish/other traditions.**



As Noted, styles date periods and illustrating the various principle architectural styles and traditions use and incorporate the various roof lines and styles, such as gable, hip, gambrel, mansard, etc. Throughout history the American house styles incorporated simple to complex shapes, floor plans layouts, interior and exterior trim (fit and finishes) details, exterior finished materials and veneers, etc. to either mimic traditional styles or create another Folk Style House.



Thus, in your day to day travels, I hope this brief illustrative narrative is a useful reference in describing and identifying the various American houses and style.

