



NEVADA

## STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

### Nevada Architectural Lexicon

The following is working draft lexicon for use in filling out certain documents for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, including architectural survey reports, ARA Resource Forms, Historic District RA Forms, and nominations to the Nevada State Register of Historic Places. For any questions relating to the use of this lexicon, please contact staff at the Nevada SHPO.

### Style vs. Type and Other Concerns

Architectural resources such as buildings are classified by style and/or type to make it easier for researchers to speak to the character of a particular property or historic district. Although classification is an important part of researching an historic place, attempts to classify an historic architectural resource should not detract from the process of evaluating that property. Every resource will have a type, such as single-block commercial, even if it is not the best descriptor of the resource, but not every resource will have a style, such as Queen Anne. Some will have both such as a Craftsman (style) Bungalow (type). If unsure of how to classify, consult with the Nevada SHPO staff and consider consulting these online tools:

- Utah SHPO Architecture Guide: <https://heritage.utah.gov/history/utahs-historic-architecture>
- Colorado OAHP Architecture Web Guide: <http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp/colorados-historic-architecture-engineering-web-guide>

#### *Architectural Style: The “Fashion” of Buildings*

Many buildings can be classified by their style as well. Much like clothing, architectural style refers to the “skin” of the building, and generally refers to the form and ornamentation visible on the exterior of a building or structure. Not all buildings will have a style, or may not have enough stylistic features to justify labeling them as such. This will especially be the case when documenting middle and working class resources. For example, a hipped-roof box that has lathe-turned porch posts should not be classified as Queen Anne or Folk Victorian just because a single Victorian stylistic feature is present. To determine style, consult available style guides and compare the character-defining features of the resource being documented with the character-defining features of the potential style. For example, if a house has steep, gabled roofs, multiple intersecting gables, and decorative verge-boards, it is most likely a Gothic Revival.

### *Architectural Type: The Form and Structure*

Type is the basic classification of all buildings and structures for the purposes of historic documentation. Type is generally defined by the main-level floor plan of a resource, but also takes into account the resource's overall form, and function. For example, a single-block commercial building is a common type of building found on most community main streets, and indicates the form of the building (a single block, usually single floor with a basic façade and entry) as well as the historic use (commercial). A hipped-roof box indicates a residence that is relatively unadorned with stylistic features, but has a hipped roof and a rectangular floorplan. Type is a basic classification tool for documenting historic architecture, and should frequently be the first term used to describe an overall building.

### *A Note on Vernacular Architecture*

Vernacular architecture is a field of study that examines how building technologies, trades, and methods interact with culture and environment. Researchers who are recording architectural resources in Nevada should endeavor to address how the buildings and structures being recorded might reflect building trends that are unique to a specific community, the state of Nevada, the Great Basin, or the American West. For several decades, the term “vernacular” was inappropriately used to describe resources that had no identifiable style to use for classification. The Nevada SHPO does not support this practice, and the term “vernacular” should not be used in lieu of identifying an architectural style or type for a resource. Conversely, the SHPO actively encourages researchers to use combinations of style, type, materials, geography, and cultural associations to discuss the potential architectural significance of resources in the area of vernacular architecture.

*\*\*The lists for “Style” and “Type” provided below are based on the draft lexicon for the National Register of Historic Places, provided to all State Historic Preservation Offices in 2016. These two lists will be updated by the Nevada SHPO as new information comes to light regarding local, regional, and national architectural history.*

## **Architectural Style**

Art Deco
Art Nouveau
Beaux Arts
Brutalism
Carpenter Gothic
Chateausque
Classical Revival; Neo Classical
Colonial Revival; Georgian Revival
Contemporary
Commercial Style; Chicago Style
Corporate Postmodernism
Craftsman; Western Stick

Deconstructivism
Dutch Colonial Revival
Dutch Colonial, Flemish Colonial
Early Classical, Federal, Jeffersonian Classicism; Roman Republican; Roman Revival; Roman Villa; Monumental Classicism; Regency
Eclectic Period Revival
English Colonial, Georgian
Federal; Adamesque
Folk Victorian
French Colonial
French Renaissance Revival
Georgian Cottage
Googie; Populuxe
Gothic Revival
Greek Revival
High Victorian Eclectic
High Victorian Gothic; Second Gothic Revival
International; Corporate Modernism; Miesian
Italian Renaissance Revival
Italianate, Italian Villa
Jacobean Revival; Elizabethan Revival
Late Gothic Revival; Collegiate Gothic
Late Victorian Commercial; Commercial Italianate
Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival
Moderne; Art Moderne; Streamlined Moderne
Monterey
Neo-Modernism; Second Modernism
Neo-Traditional; Neo-Tudor; Neo- Mediterranean
New Formalism; Neo-Formalism
Organic/Expressionism
Oriental Revival, Moorish Revival, Egyptian Revival
Post-medieval English, English Gothic; Elizabethan; Jacobean or Jacobethan
Prairie
Pueblo Revival

Queen Anne
Renaissance Revival; Mediterranean Revival
Richardsonian Romanesque
Romanesque Revival
Rustic; WPA Rustic
Second Empire
Shingle Style
Spanish Colonial, Mexican Baroque; Adobe
Stick/Eastlake
Stripped Classical
Sullivaneseque
Swiss Chalet, Swiss
Tudor Revival/English Cottage
Wrightian
<u>OTHER (<i>after consultation with the architectural history staff at the Nevada SHPO, enter the other term.</i>)</u>

### Architectural Type (Form/Plan)

A-Frame
Akron Plan
American Small House/FHA House/Minimal Traditional
Automobile Showroom
Apartment
Big Box Retail
Bungalow
Cape Cod
Central Hall
Continental/Flurküchen
Diner
Dogtrot
Double Pen
Duplex/Double Decker
Factory/Mill
Foursquare
Four Over Four
Gable Front
Gable-Front-and-Wing/Gabled-Ell
Gas Station

Geodesic Dome
Georgian
Hacienda
Hall-and-Parlor
High-rise
Hotel
I-House
Kit/Mail Order
Lustron
Motel
New England Large
Octagon
One-Part Commercial Block
Palladian/Five Part
Prefabricated/Modular
Pyramid Roof
Quonset Hut
Raised Cottage
Ranch House
Roadside/Programmatic
Row House
Saddlebag
Saltbox
Shopping Center/Strip Mall
Shotgun
Side Hallway
Single Pen
Skyscraper
Split Foyer/Split Level
Stack House
Stadium
Suburban Office Park/Complex
T-Plan/Cruciform
Town House
Triple Decker
Two-Part Commercial Block
Warehouse
<i>OTHER (after consultation with the architectural history staff at the Nevada SHPO, enter the other term.)</i>

## Terms for Roof Configuration

Roof configuration is an important indicator of building style or type, and should be recorded. As with style and type, do not use terms not in the lexicon without first consulting SHPO staff. Use these terms to fill in the "Roof Form" field on Box 1 of the ARA Form.

CATEGORY	SUBCATEGORY	Other Terminology Not In Lexicon (Do not use)
BARREL ROOF		
CONICAL ROOF		
DOME ROOF		Geodesic Dome
FLAT ROOF		Deck
GABLED ROOF	CROSS GABLED ROOF	
	FRONT GABLED ROOF	
	HIP-ON-GABLE ROOF	Jerkinhead; hipped gable roof; clipped gable
	SIDE GABLED ROOF	Saltbox
GAMBREL ROOF		Dual pitched gables
HIPPED ROOF	CROSS HIPPED ROOF	
	GABLE-ON-HIP ROOF	Gabled hip roof; Dutch Gable
MANSARD ROOF		
MONITOR ROOF		
OCTAGONAL ROOF		
POLYGONAL ROOF		
PYRAMIDAL ROOF		
SHED ROOF		Half-gabled
TRUNCATED HIP		
OTHER ROOF		

## Terms for Roof Materials

CATEGORY	SUBCATEGORY	Other Terminology Not In Lexicon (Do not use)
EARTH		Sod
WOOD	WEATHERBOARD ROOF	
	SHINGLE ROOF	
	LOG ROOF	
	PLYWOOD ROOF/ PARTICLE BOARD ROOF	
	SHAKE ROOF	
BRICK		
STONE	GRANITE ROOF	
	SANDSTONE ROOF	
	LIMESTONE ROOF	
	MARBLE ROOF	
	SLATE ROOF	
	RHYOLITE ROOF	
	COBBLE ROOF	
METAL		Zinc
	IRON ROOF	
	COPPER ROOF	
	BRONZE ROOF	
	TIN ROOF	
	ALUMINUM ROOF	
	STEEL ROOF	
	LEAD ROOF	
	NICKEL ROOF	
	CAST IRON ROOF	

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SUBCATEGORY</b>	<b>Other Terminology Not In Lexicon (Do not use)</b>
STUCCO		
TERRA COTTA		
ASPHALT		Tar paper; asphalt roll roof
	COMPOSITION ROOF	3-Tab
ASBESTOS		
CONCRETE	CONCRETE BLOCK ROOF	
ADOBE		
CERAMIC TILE		
GLASS		
CLOTH/CANVAS		
SYNTHETIC	FIBERGLASS ROOF	
	VINYL ROOF	
	RUBBER ROOF	
	PLASTIC ROOF	
OTHER MATERIAL		



## Terms for Wall/Foundation Materials

CATEGORY	SUBCATEGORY	Other Terminology Not In Lexicon (Do not use)
EARTH		Sod; rammed earth; dugout
WOOD	WEATHERBOARD	
	VERTICAL SIDING	Board & batten
	HORIZONTAL SIDING	Shiplap; clapboard; lapped
	SHINGLE	Patterned wood shingles; plain wood shingles
	LOG	
	PLYWOOD/ PARTICLE BOARD	Fiberboard; Masonite
	SHAKE	Split shakes
	SIMULATED LOG	
	STACKED LUMBER	
BRICK		
STONE	GRANITE	
	SANDSTONE	
	LIMESTONE	
	MARBLE	
	SLATE	
	RHYOLITE	
	COBBLE	
METAL	IRON	
	COPPER	
	BRONZE	
	TIN	
	ALUMINUM	Aluminum siding

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SUBCATEGORY</b>	<b>Other Terminology Not In Lexicon (Do not use)</b>
	STEEL	Steel siding
	LEAD	
	NICKEL	
METAL, continued	CAST IRON	
	PRESSED METAL	
STUCCO		
HOLLOW CLAY TILE		
TERRA COTTA		
ASPHALT		Composition or asphalt shingle siding
ASBESTOS		Asbestos shingle siding
CONCRETE		Poured concrete
	ORNAMENTAL CONCRETE BLOCK	Artificial stone
	CONCRETE BLOCK	Cinder block; artificial stone; CMU (concrete masonry unit)
ADOBE		Adobe brick
CERAMIC TILE		Spanish tile; Roman tile; shingle tile; pontile (flat)
GLASS		
CLOTH/CANVAS		
SYNTHETICS	FIBERGLASS	
	VINYL	Vinyl siding
	RUBBER	
	PLASTIC	
OTHER WALL MATERIAL		

## Terms for Area of Significance

These terms and are pulled from the National Park Service's National Register Bulletin 16a, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*.

**AGRICULTURE** - The process and technology of cultivating soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and plants.

**ARCHITECTURE** - The practical art of designing and constructing buildings and structures to serve human needs.

**ARCHEOLOGY** - The study of prehistoric and historic cultures through excavation and the analysis of physical remains.

Prehistoric --- Archeological study of indigenous cultures before the advent of written records.

Historic-Aboriginal --- Archeological study of indigenous cultures after the advent of written records.

Historic-Nonaboriginal--- Archeological study of non-indigenous cultures after the advent of written records.

**ART** - The creation of painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, and decorative arts.

**COMMERCE** - The business of trading goods, services, and commodities.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - The technology and process of transmitting information.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** - The design or development of the physical structure of communities.

**CONSERVATION** - The preservation, maintenance, and management of natural or manmade resources.

**ECONOMICS** - The study of the production, distribution, and consumption of wealth; the management of monetary and other assets.

**EDUCATION** - The process of conveying or acquiring knowledge or skills through systematic instruction, training, or study.

**ENGINEERING** - The practical application of scientific principles to design, construct, and operate equipment, machinery, and structures to serve human needs.

**ENTERTAINMENT/ RECREATION** - The development and practice of leisure activities for refreshment, diversion, amusement, or sport.

**ETHNIC HERITAGE** - The history of persons having a common ethnic or racial identity.

Asian - The history of persons having origins in the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent.

Black - The history of persons having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

European - The history of persons having origins in Europe.

Hispanic - The history of persons having origins in the Spanish-speaking areas of the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and South America.

Native American - The history of persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, including American Indian and American Eskimo cultural groups.

Pacific Islander - The history of persons having origins in the Pacific Islands, including Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia.

Other - The history of persons having origins in other parts of the world, such as the Middle East or North Africa.

**EXPLORATION/ SETTLEMENT** - The investigation of unknown or little known regions; the establishment and earliest development of new settlements or communities.

**HEALTH/MEDICINE** - The care of the sick, disabled, and handicapped; the promotion of health and hygiene.

**INDUSTRY** - The technology and process of managing materials, labor, and equipment to produce goods and services.

**INVENTION** - The art of originating by experiment or ingenuity an object, system, or concept of practical value.

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE** - The practical art of designing or arranging the land for human use and enjoyment.

**LAW** - The interpretation and enforcement of society's legal code.

**LITERATURE** - The creation of prose and poetry.

**MARITIME HISTORY** - The history of the exploration, fishing, navigation, and use of inland, coastal, and deep sea waters.

**MILITARY** - The system of defending the territory and sovereignty of a people.

**PERFORMING ARTS** - The creation of drama, dance, and music.

**PHILOSOPHY** - The theoretical study of thought, knowledge, and the nature of the universe.

**POLITICS/GOVERNMENT** - The enactment and administration of laws by which a nation, State, or other political jurisdiction is governed; activities related to political process.

**RELIGION** - The organized system of beliefs, practices, and traditions regarding mankind's relationship to perceived supernatural forces.

**SCIENCE** - The systematic study of natural law and phenomena.

**SOCIAL HISTORY** - The history of efforts to promote the welfare of society; the history of society and the lifeways of its social groups.

**TRANSPORTATION** - The process and technology of conveying passengers or materials.

**OTHER** - Any area not covered by the above categories.

## Terms for Functions/Uses

These terms and are pulled from the National Park Service's National Register Bulletin 16a, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*.

### Category: DOMESTIC

Subcategory: *single dwelling*

Examples: rowhouse, mansion, residence, rockshelter, homestead, cave

Subcategory: *multiple dwelling*

Examples: duplex, apartment building, pueblo, rockshelter, cave

Subcategory: *secondary structure*

Example: dairy, smokehouse, storage pit, storage shed, kitchen, garage, other dependencies

Subcategory: *hotel*

Examples: inn, hotel, motel, way station

Subcategory: *institutional housing*

Examples: military quarters, staff housing, poor house, orphanage

Subcategory: *camp*

Examples: hunting campsite, fishing camp, summer camp, forestry camp, seasonal residence, temporary, habitation site, tipi rings

Subcategory: *village site*

Examples: pueblo group

### Category: COMMERCE/TRADE

Subcategory: *business*

Examples: office building

Subcategory: *professional*

Examples: architect's studio, engineering office, law office

Subcategory: *organizational*

Examples: trade union, labor union, professional association

Subcategory: *financial institution*

Examples: savings and loan association, bank, stock exchange

Subcategory: *specialty store*

Examples: auto showroom, bakery, clothing store, blacksmith shop, hardware store

Subcategory: *department store*

Examples: general store, department store, marketplace, trading post

Subcategory: *restaurant*

Examples: cafe, bar, roadhouse, tavern

Subcategory: *warehouse*

Examples: warehouse, commercial storage

Subcategory: *trade (archeology)*

Examples: cache, site with evidence of trade, storage pit

## Category: SOCIAL

Subcategory: *meeting hall*

Examples: grange; union hall; Pioneer hall; hall of other fraternal, patriotic, or political organization

Subcategory: *clubhouse*

Examples: facility of literary, social, or garden club

Subcategory: *civic*

Examples: facility of volunteer or public service organizations such as the American Red Cross

## Category: GOVERNMENT

Subcategory: *capitol*

Examples: statehouse, assembly building

Subcategory: *city hall*

Examples: city hall, town hall

Subcategory: *correctional facility*

Examples: police station, jail, prison

Subcategory: *fire station*

Examples: firehouse

Subcategory: *government office*

Examples: municipal building

Subcategory: *diplomatic building*

Examples: embassy, consulate

Subcategory: *custom house*

Examples: custom house

Subcategory: *post office*

Examples: post office

Subcategory: *public works*

Examples: electric generating plant, sewer system

Subcategory: *courthouse*

Examples: county courthouse, Federal courthouse

## Category: EDUCATION

Subcategory: *schools*

Examples: schoolhouse, academy, secondary school, grammar school, trade or technical school

Subcategory: *college*

Examples: university, college, junior college

Subcategory: *library*

Examples: library

Subcategory: *research facility*

Examples: laboratory, observatory, planetarium

Subcategory: *education-related*

Examples: college dormitory, housing at boarding schools

## Category: RELIGION

Subcategory: *religious facility*

Examples: church, temple, synagogue, cathedral, mission, temple, mound, sweathouse, kiva, dance court, shrine

Subcategory: *ceremonial site*

Examples: astronomical observation post, intaglio, petroglyph site

Subcategory: *church school*

Examples: religious academy or schools

Subcategory: *church-related residence*

Examples: parsonage, convent, rectory



## Category: FUNERARY

Subcategory: *cemetery*

Examples: burying ground, burial site, cemetery, ossuary

Subcategory: *graves/burials*

Examples: burial cache, burial mound, grave area, crematorium

Subcategory: *mortuary*

Examples: mortuary site, funeral home, cremation

## Category: RECREATION AND CULTURE

Subcategory: *theater*

Examples: cinema, movie theater, playhouse

Subcategory: *auditorium*

Examples: hall, auditorium

Subcategory: *museum*

Examples: museum, art gallery, exhibition hall

Subcategory: *music facility*

Examples: concert-hall, opera house, bandstand, dancehall

Subcategory: *outdoor recreation*

Examples: park, campground, picnic area, hiking trail

Subcategory: *fair*

Examples: amusement park, county fairground

Subcategory: *monument/marker*

Examples: commemorative marker, commemorative monument

Subcategory: *work of art*

Examples: sculpture, carving, statue, mural, rock art

## Category: AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

Subcategory: *processing*

Examples: meatpacking plant, cannery, smokehouse, brewery, winery, food processing site, gathering site, tobacco barn

Subcategory: *storage*

Examples: granary, silo, wine cellar, storage site, tobacco warehouse, cotton warehouse

Subcategory: *agricultural field*

Examples: pasture, vineyard, orchard, wheatfield, crop marks, stone alignments, terrace, hedgerow

Subcategory: *animal facility*

Examples: hunting & kill site, stockyard, barn, chicken coop, hunting corral, hunting run, apiary

Subcategory: *fishing facility or site*

Examples: fish hatchery, fishing grounds

Subcategory: *horticultural facility*

Examples: greenhouse, plant observatory, garden

Subcategory: *agricultural outbuilding*

Examples: wellhouse, wagon shed, tool shed, barn

Subcategory: *irrigation facility*

Examples: irrigation system, canals, stone alignments, headgates, check dams

## Category: INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION

Subcategory: *manufacturing facility*

Examples: mill, factory, refinery, processing plant, pottery kiln

Subcategory: *extractive facility*

Examples: coal mine, oil derrick, gold dredge, quarry, salt mine

Subcategory: *waterworks*

Examples: reservoir, water tower, canal, dam

Subcategory: *energy facility*

Examples: windmill, power plant, hydroelectric dam

Subcategory: *communications facility*

Examples: telegraph cable station, printing plant, television station, telephone company facility, satellite tracking station

Subcategory: *processing site*

Examples: shell processing site, toolmaking site, copper mining and processing site

Subcategory: *industrial storage*

Examples: warehouse

Category: HEALTH CARE

Subcategory: *hospital*

Examples: veteran's medical center, mental hospital, private or public hospital, medical research facility

Subcategory: *clinic*

Examples: dispensary, doctor's office

Subcategory: *sanitarium*

Examples: nursing home, rest home, sanitarium

Subcategory: *medical business/office*

Examples: pharmacy, medical supply store, doctor or dentist's office

Subcategory: *resort*

Examples: baths, spas, resort facility

Category: DEFENSE

Subcategory: *arms storage*

Examples: magazine, armory

Subcategory: *fortification*

Examples: fortified military or naval post, earth fortified village, palisaded village, fortified knoll or mountain top, battery, bunker

Subcategory: *military facility*

Examples: military post, supply depot, garrison fort, barrack, military camp

Subcategory: *battle site*

Examples: battlefield

Subcategory: *coast guard facility*

Examples: lighthouse, coast guard station, pier, dock, life-saving station

Subcategory: *naval facility*

Examples: submarine, aircraft carrier, battleship, naval base

Subcategory: *air facility*

Examples: aircraft, air base, missile launching site

Category: LANDSCAPE

Subcategory: *parking lot*

Subcategory: *park*  
Examples: city park, State park, national park

Subcategory: *plaza*  
Examples: square, green, plaza, public common

Subcategory: *garden*

Subcategory: *forest*

Subcategory: *unoccupied land*  
Examples: meadow, swamp, desert

Subcategory: *underwater*  
Examples: underwater site

Subcategory: *natural feature*  
Examples: mountain, valley, promontory, tree, river, island, pond, lake

Subcategory: *street furniture/object*  
Examples: street light, fence, wall, shelter, gazebo, park bench

Subcategory: *conservation area*  
Examples: wildlife refuge, ecological habitat

## Category: TRANSPORTATION

Subcategory: *rail-related*  
Examples: railroad, train depot, locomotive, streetcar line, railroad bridge

Subcategory: *air-related*  
Examples: aircraft, airplane hangar, airport, launching site

Subcategory: *water-related*  
Examples: lighthouse, navigational aid, canal, boat, ship, wharf, shipwreck

Subcategory: *road-related (vehicular)*  
Examples: parkway, highway, bridge, toll gate, parking garage

Subcategory: *pedestrian-related*  
Examples: boardwalk, walkway, trail

Category: WORK IN PROGRESS (use this category when work is in progress)

Category: UNKNOWN

Category: VACANT/NOT IN USE (use this category when property is not being used)

Category: OTHER