

Self-Guided Walking Tour of Metuchen's Historic Architecture

The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society invites you to take a “walk through time” by visiting some of our historic neighborhoods from the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Using the brief “field guide” included inside, you will be able to identify the architectural styles and decorative elements of the buildings you see.

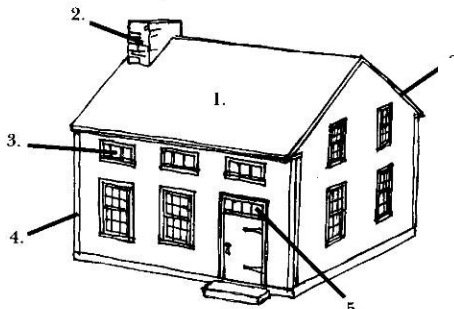
In order to make this tour “walkable,” we are not able to include all of the very best examples, nor can we show each of the many architectural styles that can be found locally. However, this tour includes most of the predominant styles, with specific examples at the following corresponding addresses along the route:

- **Greek Revival:** Old Franklin School at 491 Middlesex Avenue
- **East Jersey Cottage:** Ayers-Allen House at 16 Durham Avenue
- **Gothic Revival:** 52 Elm Avenue and St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 17 Oak Avenue
- **Colonial Revival** (including the Dutch Colonial variation): 54 and 64 Elm Avenue, 76 Linden Avenue, and 62 Oak Avenue
- **Shingle Style:** 56 Oak Avenue
- **Foursquare** (basic form with variations in architectural detailing): 77 and 81 Rector Street and 64, 72, and 100 Hillside Avenue
- **Mansard:** 44 Rector Street
- **Queen Anne:** 117 Hillside Avenue
- **Italianate:** 105 Hillside Avenue
- **Bungalow:** 93 Hillside Avenue
- **Planbook/Vernacular Victorian:** 24 and 32 Highland Avenue

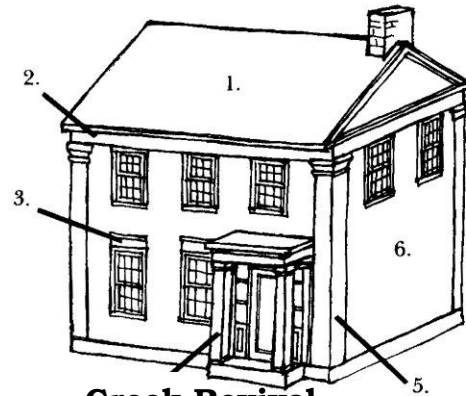
This self-guided walking tour of Metuchen's architectural styles begins outside the Old Franklin School (491 Middlesex Avenue, shown by a dot on the map on the rear cover), and continues in a clockwise direction. Please note that the **interiors of the homes are not included** on the tour, and we ask that respect the property owners by remaining on the sidewalks/public right-of-way at all times.

Total walking length of the tour is 1.6 miles.

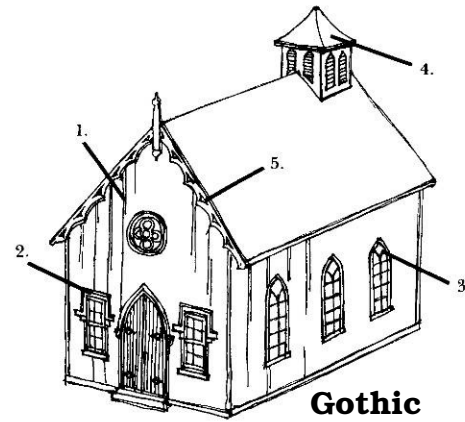
Use these examples to help identify some of the different architectural styles found locally.



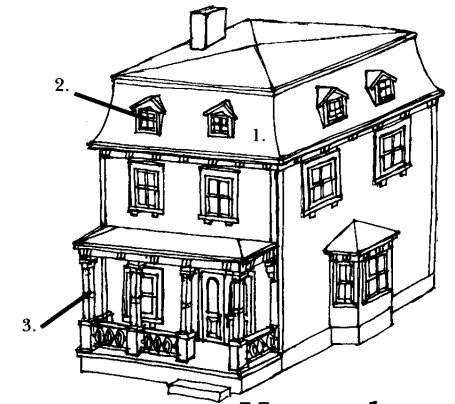
East Jersey Cottage



Greek Revival



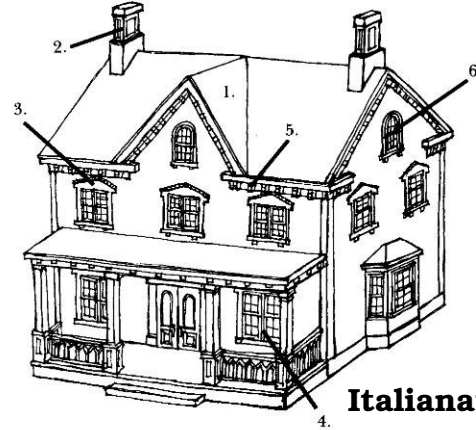
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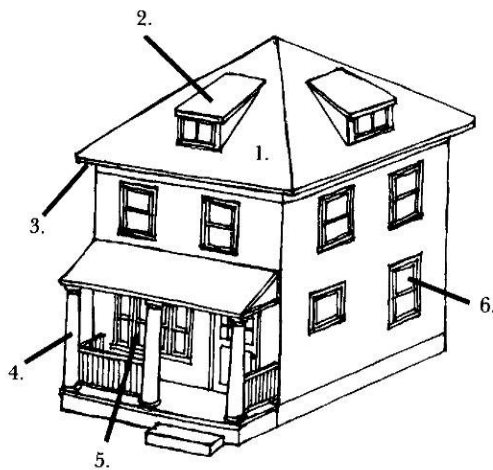
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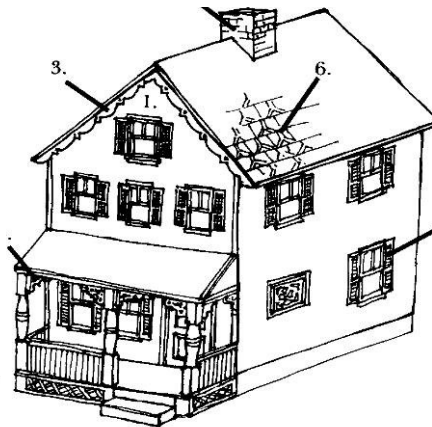
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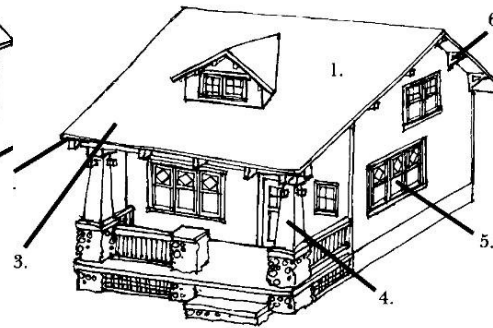
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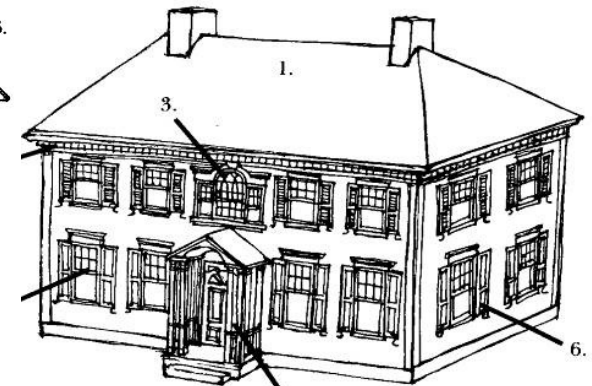
Foursquare



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Bungalow



Colonial Revival

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