Portico
A columned porch, usually with a pedimented roof.

Quatrefoil
A design consisting of four lobes.

Rope Molding
A bead molding carved in imitation of a rope.

Sidelight
Fixed glass alongside a door or window opening.

Spindle
A turned wooden element used for decoration.

Transom
A horizontal frame, usually glazed, above a window or a door.

Turret
A small, slender tower, usually glazed, usually at the corner of a building.

Vousoir
Wedge-shaped stones, which form an arch.

Volute
The spiral which forms the Ionic capital.

For Further Reading

An excellent discussion of the architecture of Rock County is contained in Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings, written by Nancy B. Douglas and Richard P. Hartung and published by the Rock County Historical Society in 1976. Among many surveys and guides dealing with the development of American architectural styles:


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