

Architecture Vocabulary

Gingerbread Houses
and
Spring Cottages

Arcade

- a row of arches or columns that create a covered walkway



Beam

- a horizontal piece of structure supported at both ends



Balcony

- a small porch that sticks off a building above ground level



Bay Window

- a window that projects out from a building (if it is only on an upper floor, it's called an Oriel window)



Bracket

- a piece of wood or stone used to hold up another building part, such as a cornice, balcony, lintel or sill



Cantilever

- a piece of building structure that is only supported on one end



Column

- a vertical piece of structure that supports a beam



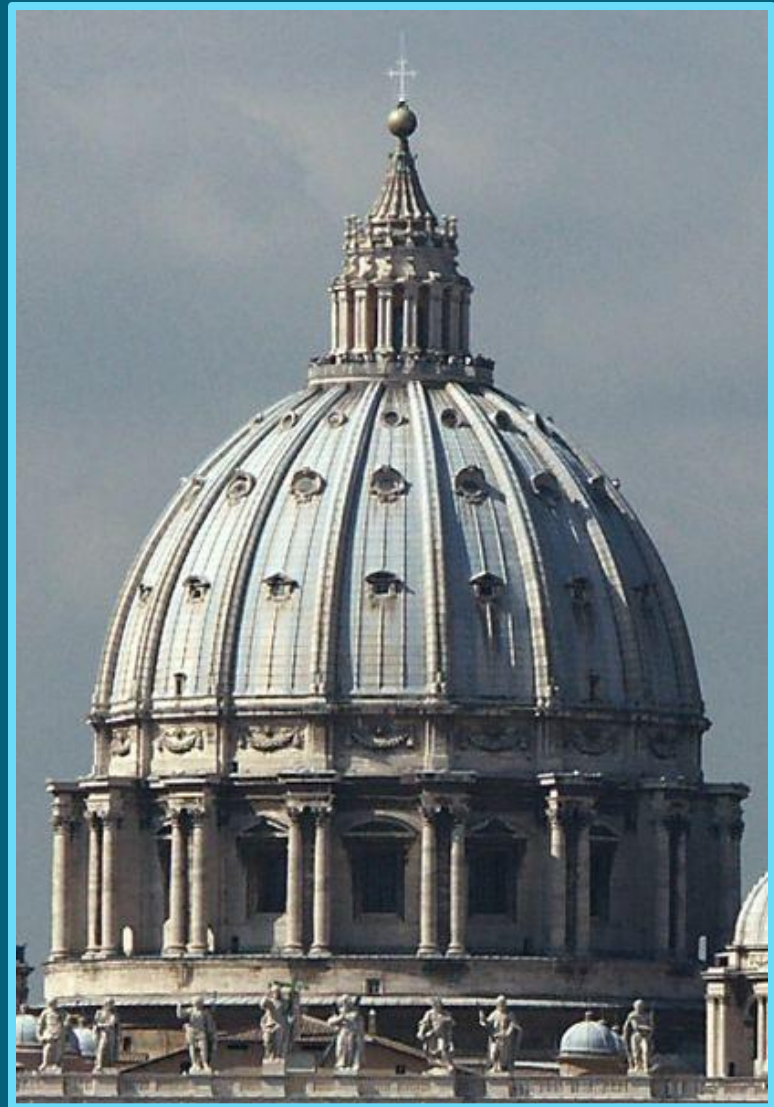
Cornice

- the molding that projects out from the top of a building



Dome

- a rounded roof, with a circular base, shaped like an arch in all directions



Dormer

- a window that sticks out from a roof to provide more light and air



Facade

- the outside “face” of the building



Gable

- the end of a roof shaped like a triangle



Gazebo

- an outdoor, open-air structure used for relaxing



Keystone

- the center stone in an arch



Lintel

- the piece of structure over a door or window opening, which supports the weight of the wall above it



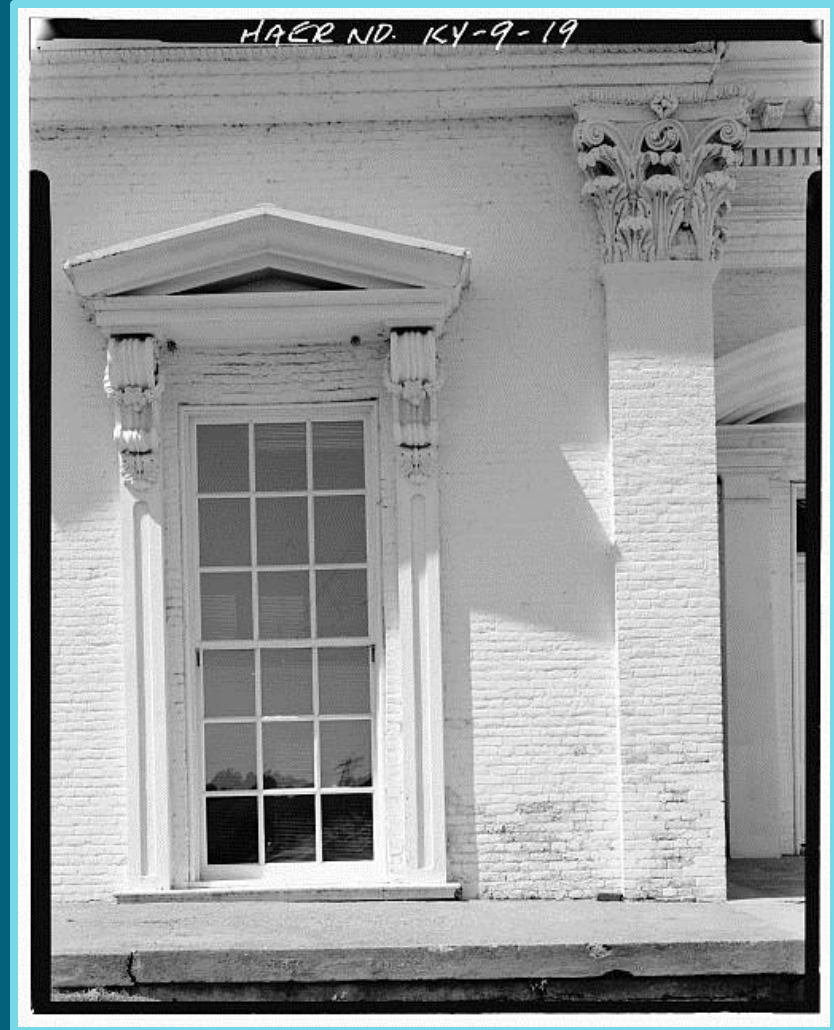
Ornament

- any decoration on a building that has no structural purpose



Pediment

- a small gable over door or window



Quoins

- large stones that wrap around the corner of a building



Roof

- the top of a building which protects the inside from the weather



Sill

- the piece of the structure under a window opening or door opening



Skylight

- a window in the roof



Stoop

- a short set of steps up the front door of a building



Structure

- the parts of the building that supports weight; a building's skeleton



Window

- an opening in a wall that lets in light and air

