

This Old House Revisited – Vocabulary Definitions

Adobe brick	Sun-dried brick made of clay and straw commonly used in places having little rainfall.
Architect	One who designs and supervises the construction of buildings.
Canal	A long, deep, wide, artificial waterway created to bring water a distance from a river or large body of water to irrigate land for farming or ranching. (Also see “ditch”)
Desert	Regions of the world with 10 or fewer inches of annual precipitation (rain or snow).
Ditch	A long, narrow channel or trench dug in the ground along a roadside or edge of a field for irrigation or drainage. (Also see “canal”)
Gift-deeded	Property is transferred without payment of money.
History	Study of the past.
Homestead	House and surrounding land where the family lives.
The Homestead Act	Any citizen, or intended citizen, who never bore arms against the United States, could claim 160 acres of federal land west of the Mississippi River for \$1.25 an acre if he or she improved the plot by building a house and cultivating the land. President Lincoln signed this law during the Civil War in 1862.
House-styles	Names used to classify buildings according to their appearance, structure, materials and historic period. Houses belong to the same classification or style when they share many of the same characteristics such as the shape of the roof; size and number of stories; window size, shape and placement; decorative details such as brackets and cornice trim; footprint and floor plan and historic period. A simple “Adobe-style” is popular in places where there is little rain. The “American Queen Anne Victorian-style” was popular across the United States in the 1890s and early 1900s. The “Craftsman Bungalow-style” was popular in the 1930s.
Immigrants	Persons who leave one country and settle permanently in another.
Irrigate	Supply dry land with water by means of canals and ditches to grow food crops.
Landscape	Portion of land which the eye can see including all the objects it contains.
Prehistoric	Time before there were written records.
Territorial	Refers to when Arizona was a territory or a part of the U.S. and was not yet a state but did have its own local legislature.
Veranda	Porch or balcony usually roofed, extending along the outside of a building.
Will	Legal written document by which a person declares his or her wishes regarding the disposal of his or her property or estate after death.