

FOLK FRONT GABLE IN BANFF 1890-1914

Folk houses in front-gabled and cross-gabled form represent Banff's earliest residential type. Early commercial buildings along Banff Avenue were also front-gabled, sometimes masked with a boomtown front to convey the appearance of a traditional commercial street.

Architectural Principles

- Simple design
- Light framing
- Moderate- to steeply-pitched gabled roof
- Minimal eave overhang
- Tall, narrow window style

Identifying Features

- Narrow floorplan (most cases)
- Two storeys, with a front-gabled roof
- Wood siding wall cladding
- Entrance off centre
- Simple bargeboard
- Full-width or wraparound porch (many cases)
- Occasional Folk Victorian shinglework in the gable

