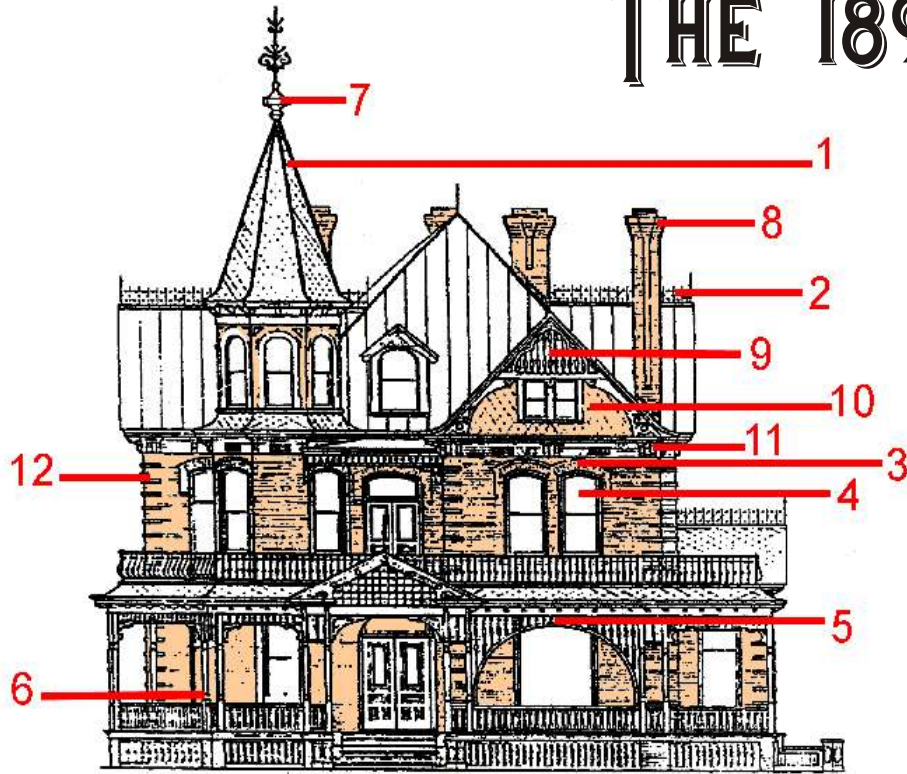


THE 1895 ROSSON HOUSE



• Rosson House Architectural Details •

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| 1. Octagonal Tower (French) | 7. Finial |
| 2. Cresting (French) | 8. Corbeled chimney |
| 3. Hood mold (Italianate) | 9. Spindle screen |
| 4. Straight-sided, arched windows (Italianate) | 10. Patterned shingles |
| 5. Arch (Oriental) | 11. Brackets |
| 6. Posts and Spindles (Eastlake) | 12. Quoins |

Teachers & Students: While at Historic Heritage Square can you find all the elements & details mentioned above? Compare these details with the other buildings at the park or even your own home. How are they different? Are there some elements or details the same? Does your house have a porch? Is your house multi levels or stories tall? What about construction? Is it made of brick, wood, siding or other materials? How about the roof? Is your roof covered with tile, shingles (wood, slate, asphalt) or tin sheeting as in parts of the Rosson House? Windows: how many glass panes or sections are there in each one?

Designed in 1894 by Phoenix architect A. P. Petit, the Rosson House is an outstanding example of a Victorian architectural style named after Charles Eastlake. The House was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

In 1882, Mrs. Rosson purchased Block 14, at 6th and Monroe Streets, from her sister, Mrs. Margaret Richardson, for \$1,000. The neighborhood was becoming the most desirable and fashionable in Phoenix. The Rosson House, begun in late 1894, was completed in six months at a cost of \$7,525.

The expansive veranda has lattice-like ornamentation of lathe-worked posts and smaller spindles. First and second story windows are paired. The third story features an octagonal turret with elaborate finial and spool-like ornamentation. The interior of the House consists of ten rooms. Notable are the pressed tin ceilings, elaborately carved staircase, and parquet floors inlaid with oak, walnut and mahogany.

The Rossons owned the house from 1895 until 1897 when it was sold to a Phoenix merchant, Aaron Goldberg. The property changed hands many times and was even converted to a rooming house. It was finally acquired by the City of Phoenix in 1974 from Mrs. Ludwig Demmler. Today, the Rosson House is the cornerstone gem of Historic Heritage Square inside Heritage & Science Park in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. Public tours of Rosson House are held Wednesday through Sunday. For additional tour information please call #602 262-5029 or visit us online at www.rossonhousemuseum.org