

Historic Company Town

Clarkdale is a unique example of a company mining town. Planned, owned and developed by William A. Clark, owner of United Verde Copper Company, Clark planned his town to provide housing for over 7,000 employees. The town included a central business district filled with company stores, restaurants and a movie theater, medical clinic, town administrative offices and a town-square park.

Clark designed the town to provide everything the residents would need. Housing was assigned by job description. Upper management lived in Upper Clarkdale, with the corner homes on Main being reserved for high-level employees. All the homes had hardwood floors and connected to a town-wide sewer system.



Public buildings were constructed in the Mission Revival Style. These include the original post office building at 890 Main Street which now houses Town offices and the high school on Main Street. The three early churches constructed in Clarkdale also share characteristics attributed to this style. Built in the 1920's St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 889 First South and St. Cecilia's Catholic Church at 850 Main Street still operate today.

Distinct Architectural Styles

The first homes built in Upper Clarkdale were built in the Bungalow and Craftsman style, popular across the country during this period (1914-1917). Craftsman homes have wide-hipped roofs with a central dormer. Bungalows are identified by their duplicated roof forms and include front porch areas typical of this style. Homes built on the corners along Main Street were larger and more ornate. These homes were occupied by supervisors and managers. The Bungalow and Craftsman styles are predominate in lower Clarkdale.

The second residential area developed starting in 1919 included an Eclectic period with a mix of roof styles, the longer section of the home being along the street, and a recessed porch with precast Tuscan columns. Homes along Sunset Boulevard and Thirteenth Street are in this style.

English Cottage Revival homes, found in upper Clarkdale, were built starting in 1925. These homes include stucco walls and corbelled arches. A unique feature is the jerkinhead roof constructed to imitate thatch roofs.

Homes constructed between 1927-1930 favored the Spanish Colonial and Mission Revival architecture, with flat roofs, stucco walls, curvilinear parapets and arcaded porches. Examples of this style can be found along First and Third South Streets in Upper Clarkdale.

The last homes constructed, along Fifteenth Street and Second South, reflected the Tudor Revival style. These homes have high pitched gable roofs with half-timbered gables.

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Craftsman



Tudor Revival



Eclectic



Craftsman



Mission Revival



Bungalow



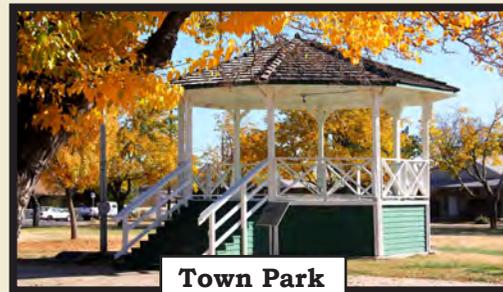
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Craftsman



Town Park



Bungalow



Spanish Colonial Revival