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Architecture of Rutland

This issue is devoted to an illustrated guide of architecture which evolved in Rutland over the centuries. It is presented in historical sequence with existing examples.

The original Federal Style was based on Georgian period houses found in England and New England during the early 18th century.

Greek Revival followed in the mid-18th century based on ancient Greek temples. In a reaction to that style Gothic revival was introduced, which in turn evolved into the Victorian Gothic with its use of marble, popular during the years following the Civil War.

During the 19th Century Italianate became popular as a revolt against more classical styles. This in turn evolved through the influence of French architects who introduced the Mansard style, which combined the Classical and Italianate. In the later 19th Century Queen Anne architecture became popular. It combined a free form with that of the Baroque. Later a derivative Romanesque style was also in evidence. All this culminated with a shingle style home with columns that ultimately led to our present, more modest homes.