# COLOR SYSTEM A 

ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTURAL STYLES: (1) MID-CENTURY VERNACULAR

In the mid-1800s, many inexpensive, small frame residences were built in Detroit. The Corktown Historic District contains several of these simple, one to two story dwellings, often called "workingman's" or "laborer's cottages." Typically rectangular in plan, with clapboard or board-and-batten siding, these modest dwellings were often influenced by the Italianate or Carpenter Gothic Styles. Ornament was minimal, the exposed rafters or brackets supporting projecting gable roofs, the wooden hoods over the windows, and the wooden carvings in the gables suggested the picturesque character of more substantial dwellings.

Early Victorian houses, those erected between c. 1840 and c. 1870, display a variety of color schemes other than the white clapboard or board-and-batten structures with white window frames. Sash, and dark green shutters, that were popular in America from c. 1800 to c. 1840 . Although white may still be employed, the majority of buildings show a greater use of color, even on relatively simple structures.

Also, painted stucco structures require paint that matches the original sand color (determined by examining a broken fragment). Otherwise, use $A: 1, A: 3, A: 4$, or $A: 5$ and paint the trim the same color as the clapboard structures.

Carved, wooden ornamentation was often placed in the gable Exposed rafters or brackets often placed under the overhang
Wooden frieze
Horizontal clapboard (or
board \& batten) siding often covers the body of the house


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## ACCEPTABLE COLOR COMBINATIONS *ms = munsell standard

| BODY | TRIM | SASH | SHUTTERS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A:1 | A:2, A:3, A:6, A:7 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:8 |
| A:2 | A:1, A:5, A:6, A:7 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:8 |
| A:3 | A:1, A:2 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:8 |
| A:4 | A:2, A:6, A:7 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:8 |
| A:5 | A:2, A:6, A:7 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:8 |
| A:6 | A:2, A:4, A:5 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:8 |
| Existing brick or stone | A:1, A:2, A:3, A:4, A:5, A:6, A:7 | Match trim color or A:9 | Match trim color or A:9 |



A:1 Yellowish Gray MS: 2.5Y 8/2


A:2 Light Olive Gray MS: 10Y 6/1


A:3 Light Yellow
MS:5Y8/6


A:4 PaleYellow MS: 2.5Y 8.5/4


A:5 Grayish Yellow MS: 2.5Y 7/4


A:6 Light Olive Brown MS: 2.5Y 5/2


A:7 Bluish Gray
MS: 10B 5/1


A:8 Blackish Green MS: 2.5BG 2/2


A:9 Moderate Reddish Brown MS: 7.5R 3/6

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