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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Aboriginal:** the original population of a geographic region.

**Annealing:** the gradual cooling of hot glass or metal to make less brittle and to strengthen.

**Applied Lip:** a finish attached after a bottle has been formed. May be only a ring of glass around the neck.
**Bakelite**: synthetic plastic used in buttons, telephones, electrical insulation ca. 1909–1930; name “Bakelite” molded on button backs.

**Barbed Wire**: twisted wire armed with barbs or sharp points.

**Blob Top**: the thick, round lip found on early soda and mineral bottles. A heavy top or lip was needed because the bottles often contained carbonated liquids.

**Blowpipe**: hollow iron tube wider and thicker at the gathering end than at the blowing end. Used in the production of bottles.

**Bottle**: a rigid or semi-rigid container typically of glass or plastic, having a comparatively narrow neck or mouth and no handle.

**Cache**: materials stored for later retrieval; an archaeological feature type.

**Case Bottle**: four-sided, square bottles generally about one quart in size.

**Chinking**: to caulk; to fill the small cleft, rent or fissure as in sealing the gaps between log courses in a log cabin.

**Crimp**: to roll the edge of, as in modern-type tinned cans.

**Dendrochronology**: study of tree-ring patterns, used as a dating method.

**Embossed Lettering**: the raised symbols, words, figures, monograms or trade marks on a glass/metal/plastic object denoting the name, manufacturer, code, date, etc.

**Flume**: an above-ground channel to move/divert water away from or to a mine.

**Flux**: a substance added to a body to enable it to fuse more readily.

**Free-Blown Glass**: items produced solely using a blowpipe without the use of a mold or machinery.

**Gather**: the gob of molten glass adhering to the blowpipe.

**Glass**: amorphous, inorganic, transparent or translucent substance formed by fusion of silica or oxides of boron or phosphorus with flux and a stabilizer into a mass that cools to a rigid condition without crystallization. A supercooled liquid, not a true solid.
**Insulator**: a material that is a poor conductor of electricity or a device made for such material and used for separating or supporting conductors to prevent undesired flow of electricity.

**Jar**: wide-mouth container typically made of ceramic or glass.

**Metal**: molten glass; elements usually whitish, lustrous, ductile and malleable with high tensile strength.

**Mortar**: a plastic building material that hardens and is used in masonry and plastering.

**Oakum**: loosely twisted hemp or jute fiber impregnated with tar and used in caulking seams (chinking) and packing joints.

**Patent**: a writing, securing to an inventor for a term of years (currently twenty) the exclusive right to make, use or sell their invention.

**Pontil**: iron rod attached to the base of a bottle by a gob of glass to hold it during finishing.

**Pressed Glass**: glass which has been pressed into a mold to take the shape of the mold or the pattern of the mold.

**Protohistoric**: early part of historic period, applied to aboriginal sites.

**Sluice**: a long, inclined trough for conducting water, as for carrying logs or separating gold ore (in placer mining).

**Smelter**: any apparatus for melting or fusing ores, to separate the metallic constituents.

**Solder**: metal or metallic alloy used when melted to join metallic surfaces.

**Tears**: bubbles of air imprisoned in the glass.

**Treaty**: a legally binding contract between parties that cannot be changed or cancelled without agreement by all parties.

**Trunnels**: “tree nails,” i.e., wooden pins used as fasteners in furniture, ships, etc.
Viga: the ends of roof joists exposed on the exterior of adobe buildings.

Wickiup: free-standing or lean-to temporary shelter framed with poles and covered with brush, hides, bark, etc.; from a Fox Indian word meaning house, commonly applied to such features in western Colorado and adjoining regions.

Wrought: fashioned, formed or manufactured.

An Architectural Glossary

Architrave: lowest of the three main parts of an entablature.

Balustrade: short post or pillar in a series supporting a rail.

Bay Window: angular or curved projection of a house front.

Belvedere: small look-out tower on the roof of a house.

Colonnade: a row of columns carrying an entablature or arches.

Cornice: any projecting ornamental moulding along the top of a wall or building.

Dentil: small square block used in series in some types of cornices.

Dormer: window placed vertically in a sloping roof, and with a roof of its own.

Eaves: underpart of a sloping roof overhanging a wall.

Entablature: upper stepped part of a column or wall, with three components.

Frieze: middle of three main parts of an entablature, usually decorated.

Gable: triangular wall segment at the end of a double-pitched or gabled roof.

Gable Roof: pitched roof having a gable at each end.

Gambrel: double pitch roof, as on most barns.

Hip: gable roof with sloping instead of vertical ends.
**Mansard Roof**: roof with a steep lower slope and a flatter upper slope on all sides, either of convex or concave shape.

**Parapet**: low wall placed to protect any spot where there is a sharp drop.

**Pilaster**: shallow rectangular column projecting only slightly from a wall.

**Portico**: roofed space forming the entrance of a temple, house, church, etc.

**Spindle**: a short turned wood part, as in a balustrade.

**Tower**: a building, or portion thereof, characterized by relatively great height.

**Turret**: a very small and slender tower.