

Housing types

There are many different housing types on the market, and it can be confusing trying to decipher which is which. Is a semi-detached home with two storeys not a two-storey? What is the difference between a link home and a semi-detached home? Here is a guide to help you understand the many different types of houses.

Two-storey: a detached, single-family dwelling consisting of two levels above the ground, on a separate lot and completely separated from any adjacent housing.

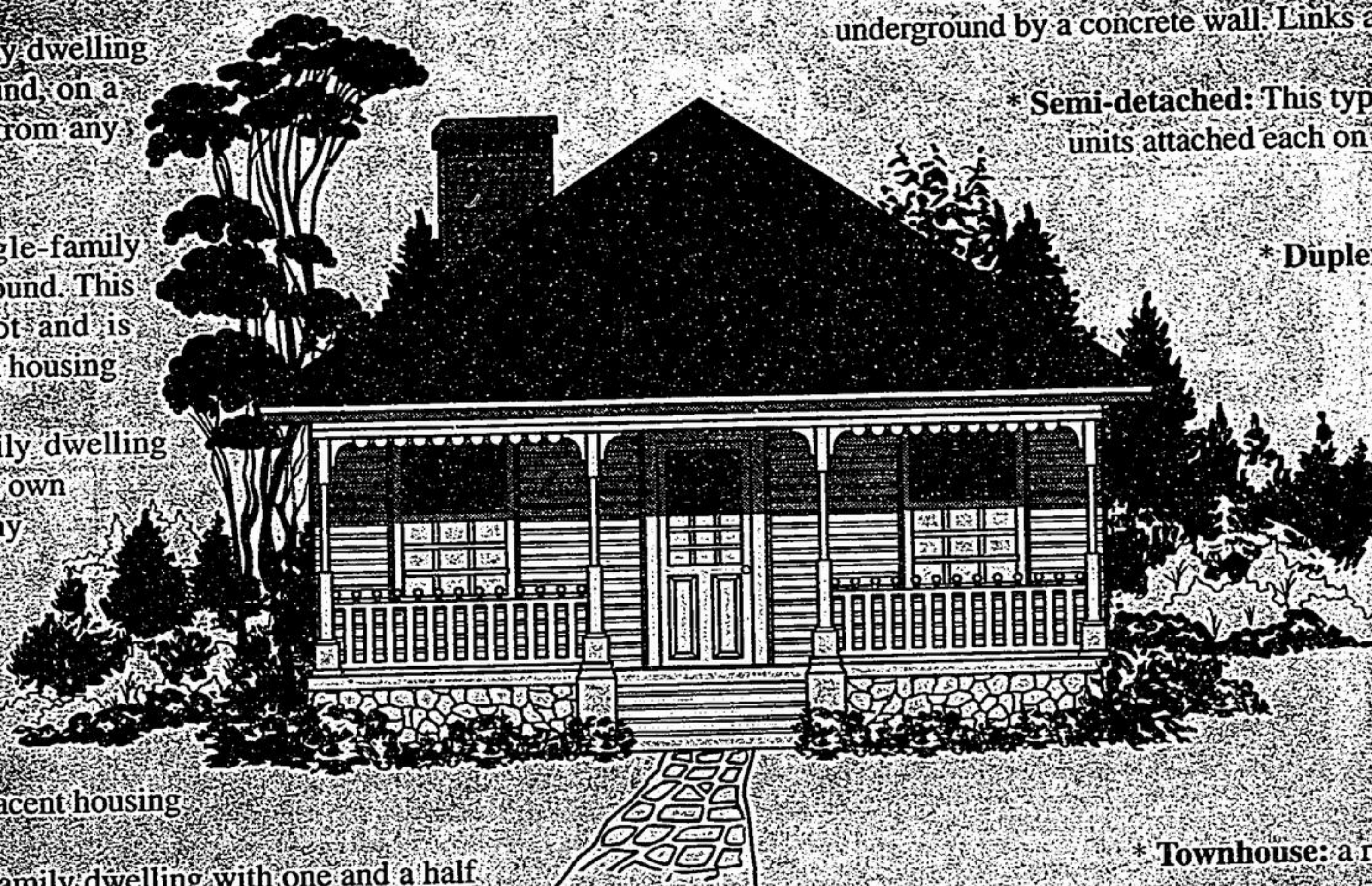
Three-storey: a detached, single-family dwelling with three levels above the ground. This type of home is also on its own lot and is completely separated from any adjacent housing.

Bungalow: a detached, single-family dwelling with one level above the ground, on its own lot and completely separated from any adjacent housing.

Split: a detached, single-family dwelling with multiple levels above the ground which is separated by small sets of stairs, on its own lot and completely separated from any adjacent housing.

Semi-bungalow: a detached single-family dwelling with one and a half levels above the ground, on its own lot and completely separated from any adjacent housing.

Hi-Ranch (raised ranch or split entry): This is similar to a bungalow, but the basement appears higher up. The entrance to this type of home is located between the basement level and the main floor. A short flight of stairs lead from the entrance up to the main living area, and a small flight of stairs leads to the basement. A hi-ranch or split entry type of home is on its own lot and is completely separated from any adjacent housing.



Mobile: This is a trailer or some other moveable structure that is used as a permanent dwelling. It is often connected to utilities and it could have (though not always) a permanent foundation on land that is either leased or owned.

Link: this housing type looks like a separate structure but is actually linked underground by a concrete wall. Links are built in two storey style or a bungalow.

Semi-detached: This type of house contains two separate dwelling units attached each on its own lot. They include bungalows, split and two-storey.

Duplex: This is a single building that consists of two dwelling units, one above the other. Ownership belongs to one person.

Triplex: A building which consists of three units. All of the units are owned by the same person.

Row: This type of housing consists of three or more dwelling units of similar size and design, all attached together. Each is on its own lot with separate ownership.

Townhouse: a row unit, normally with a garage or carport.

Condominium: is usually a less expensive housing option. Condominium owners own their own unit, but share in the ownership of the common areas. All of the units in one complex share common facilities and the cost of maintaining them. Maintenance in a condominium complex is handled by the condominium association. The board oversees all of the common expenses, from cutting grass to cable TV services. Each condo owner pays monthly dues for building upkeep.

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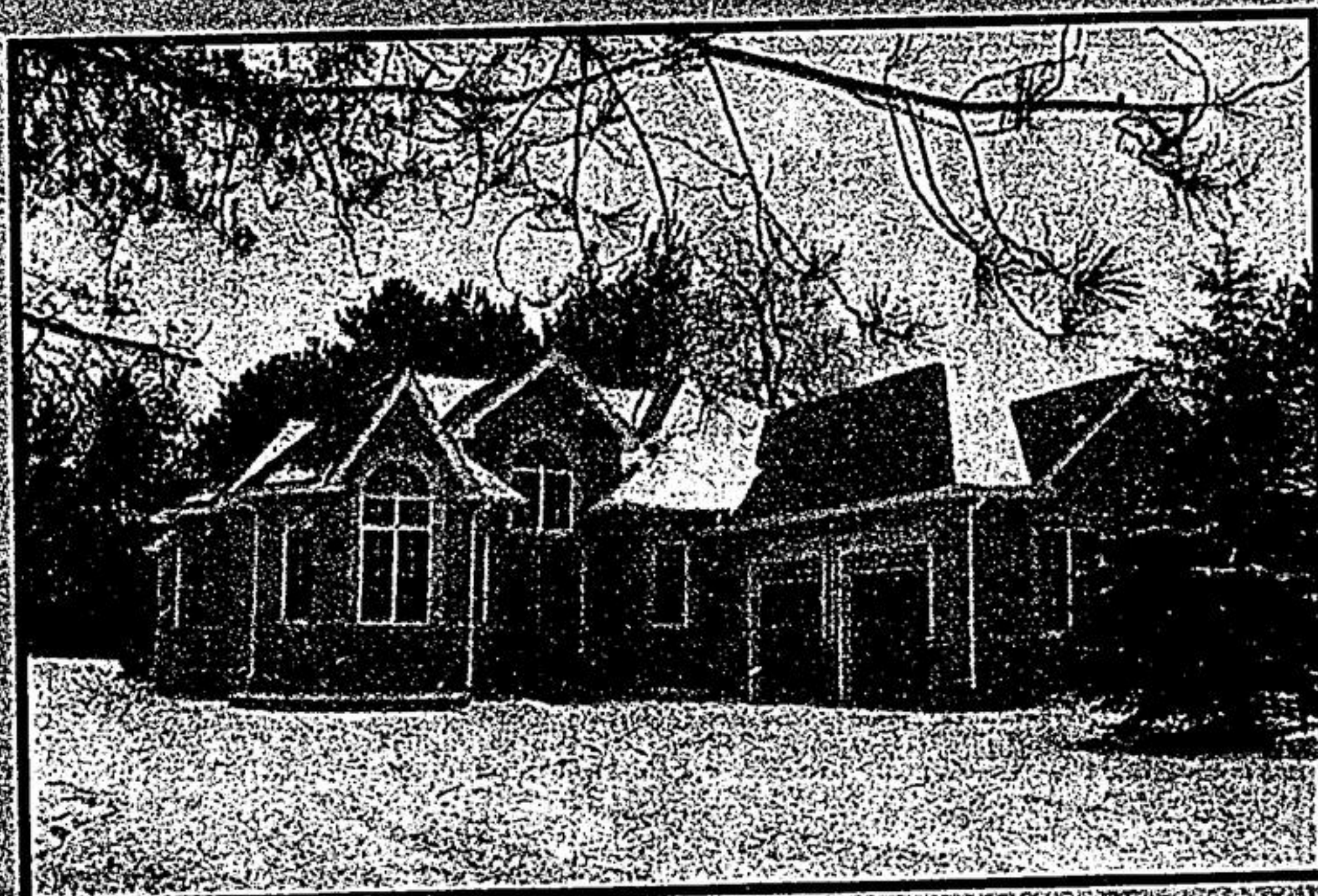
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