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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Kentucky</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Franklin</b>	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Kentucky Governor's Mansion**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Same**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**East lawn of Capitol at terminus of Capital Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Frankfort**

STATE <b>Kentucky</b>	CODE <b>21</b>	COUNTY: <b>Franklin</b>	CODE <b>073</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Commonwealth of Kentucky**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Frankfort**

STATE	CODE
	<b>21</b>

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Franklin County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**St. Clair Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Frankfort**

STATE	CODE
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>21</b>

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970-71**     Federal     State     County     Local

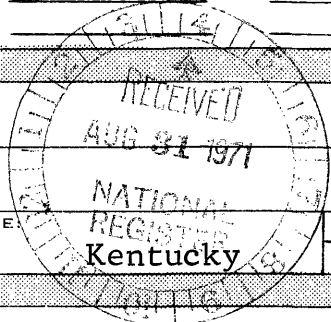
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Kentucky Heritage Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**401 Wapping Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Frankfort**

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

*central  
3-bay  
portico  
balustraded  
roof  
modillion  
cornice*

The Governor's Mansion is styled after the classic architecture of the French Renaissance, and closely resembles Petit Trianon, the villa of Marie Antoinette near the Palace of Versailles. The Mansion is built of native limestone and is elegantly proportioned. A front portico is graced by eight Ionic columns which rise three stories.

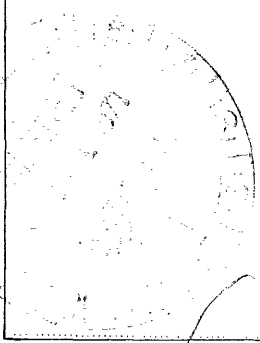
The east end of the main floor consists of family drawing room, dining-room, office for the Governor with private entrance and butlers pantry. The west end consists of large State drawing-room, dining-room, and ball-room.

The east end of the second floor consists of a three-room suite for the Governor and First Lady. At the west end is a bed-room, with open fireplace. This room is large enough to serve also as sitting-room and is usually reserved for special guests.

Added to these <sup>are</sup> four additional bedrooms for family or guest use; each bedroom has a private bath. All bedrooms open to a very large upstairs hall which affords ample sitting-room space for the family, thus insuring greater privacy when desired. A beautiful double-winding stairway leads from the first to the second floors. On the third floor there is a compact three-room apartment consisting of two bedrooms, sitting room, and bath.

The lower level of the building is used for service area, offices and family room. An oval garden is screened by an evergreen hedge. The grounds are beautifully landscaped and maintained. Two hot houses provide fresh flowers throughout all seasons.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1912; 1914**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban-Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                             |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |  |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Soon after Kentucky's new Capitol building was completed in 1910, interest was shown in providing a new home for the Governors. The Old Governor's residence had begun to show the wear and tear of passing years, and a fire had seriously weakened its walls and destroyed floors and the roof.

The Legislature of 1912 appropriated \$75,000 for the erection of a new home, and the Capitol Commission purchased the property that borders the eastern edge of the Capitol grounds. The twenty-five room structure, which harmonizes in appearance and setting with the Capitol Building, was erected on a knoll overlooking the valley of the winding Kentucky River. It was ready for occupancy in 1914. Considered to be a palatial home at the time of its construction, it cost \$91,500 including grounds and original furnishings.

The Governor's Mansion was first occupied by Governor James B. McCreary in January, 1914. The Mansion was designed and built by the architectural firm of C.C. and E.A. Weber, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Governor's Mansion; pamphlet by Kentucky Department of Public Information.

The Governor's Mansion, by Mrs. Louie B. Nunn, 1970.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		38 11 14	84 51 56	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

UTM  
16/686220  
4228530  
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mrs. Simeon Willis, Executive Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Kentucky Heritage Commission** DATE: **7/28/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**401 Wapping Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *[Signature]*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*[Signature]*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **FEB 1 1972**

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
Keeper of The National Register  
**JAN 26 1972**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_