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The White House is a large two story frame structure in the style of the Classic Revival. The house was designed to face south with identical front and rear facades. These fac cades include entrances at both the first and second levels consisting of double doors, transom and sidelights set into channeled framing pilasters. A small balcony on the upper story is supported by wooden brackets. The balcony railing is wooden also and its pattern is a delicate vertical diamond and rod design which is repeated in the railing which surmounts the porte cochere. There are also identical Doric porticos on the north and south, each consisting of a plain entablature and pediment carried on four fluted Doric columns. The columns rest on moulded wooden bases on a concrete porch eight steps off the ground. / The house sits on a rather high foundation which is now closed in but which in past times featured brick piers latticed in between. The back walls of the porticos are flush siding and the rest of the house is of clapboard construction. Eight six-light sash windows with exterior louvered shutters are regularly placed on the front and rear facades. The pitched roof culminates in gables on the east and west ends. There are two brick chimneys at the outer ends of the roof ridge. The porte cochere, which rests on 4 miniature Doric columns, was added in 1959. It balances the one-story kitchen addition on the east side. This wing, which has a low pitched roof and sits flush with the rear of the house, was added in 185/6.

The plan of the house is square, with a central hall and rooms two deep. A large stairway rises from the east side of the hallway, but it has no distinguishing features. The house, which is not occupied, is in excellent condition.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The White House has played two different roles in the life of the Quincy community. It was for several decades the home of Judge P.W. White, a man who was active in state political and military activities and in local government during the Civil War and Reconstruction periods. In the twentieth century, it has served as the parsonage for the Centenary Methodist Church and as such has been a focal point for community religious and social life. The house owes its present excellent state of preservation to the interest of the community as channeled through the congregation of that church.

The house was built about 18/43 by an unknown architect for Joseph Leonard Smallwood (nephew of General Wm. Smallwood of American Revolutionary Army) who moved to Quincy from St. Joseph, Florida, in 1842. Smallwood owned a plantation outside Quincy and lived in the house which was built for him in town only in the winter season of each year. 1849, Mr. Smallwood moved to New York. The house was acquired at that time by Pleasants Woodson White, although the exact date and nature of the transaction is not known because local courthouse records for that period were destroyed in a fire in 1849. Mr. White was related to Mr. Smallwood by marriage (White's wife's uncle). By the age of 22, P.W. White was a practicing lawyer, and a few years later, he and his wife moved into the White House (c.1849). In 1856, White remodeled the house which can certainly be taken as a sign of growing prosperity.

During the Civil War, P.W. White was a major in the Confederate Army and served as Chief Confederate Commissary Officer for Florida. Quincy was the site of a commissary warehouse depot, so presumably Major White remained at home at least some of the time while performing his duty. One of his actions while serving in the capacity of Commissary Officer has been accorded attention in scholarly works pertaining to the Civil War. In 1863, Major White addressed an appeal to the citizens of Florida to make available supplies for the army which, according to the circular which White issued for public posting, was in desperate need of materials and was largely dependent on Florida which was

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This appeal is referred to as the "White Circular" in the literature on the period; the depth of need for foodstuffs and other supplies felt by the Confederate Army at that time was revealed to U.S. authorities when the circular found its way into their hands.

In 1869, P.W. White was appointed as judge of the newly created Second Judicial Circuit in Florida. White continued as circuit court judge until 1879, when he retired to his private law practice. In 1881, he began a four year term of office as Commissioner of Lands and Immigration for the State of Florida; the time of his service coincided with an important era in Florida railroad construction and his office was deeply involved in that activity.

P.W. White lived until 1919, but before that time the house had been turned over to his two unmarried daughters, Jennette and Rebecca. In 1921, the two sisters sold the house to the Trustees of the Centenary Methodist Church, and it continues to be used by the church as a parsonage. The White House is today an excellent preserved example of Classical Revival architecture.



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