NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(District) X Building

OWNERSHIP

(X) Public

STATUS

(XX) Occupied

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

Yes: Restricted

PRESENT USE

(Agricultural) [ ] Government

(Commercial) [ ] Industrial

(Educational) [ ] Military

(Entertainment) [ ] Museum

(Park) [ ] Religious

(Scientific)

(Transportation)

(Other) [ ] Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Commonwealth of Kentucky

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

St. Clair Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970-71

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort

STATE: Kentucky

CODE: 21
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 bedroom, with open fireplace. This room is large enough to serve also as sitting-room and is usually reserved for special guests.

Are 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.
### SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- □ Pre-Columbian
- □ 16th Century
- □ 15th Century
- □ 17th Century
- □ 18th Century
- □ 19th Century

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

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

2 acres

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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Mrs. Simeon Willis, Executive Director

Kentucky Heritage Commission

401 Wapping Street

Frankfort

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

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

DATE: JAN 26 1972