Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR STATE: (Dec. 1968) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Virginia COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Richmond (in cit.) INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 9-06-45-0015 6/4/69 I. NAME 22 1969 COMMON: NATION Governor's Mansion REGIS: Governor's Mansion 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: Capitol Square CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE COUNTY CODE CODE Virginia 45 (in cit.) 760 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Z Public District **Building** X Public Acquisition: X Yes: X Occupied 0 Site Private In Process Restricted Structure Unoccupied X Both Being Considered Unrestricted 🔲 Preservation work Object in progress No: PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural Government Park Transportation Comments œ Commercial Industrial Private Residence X Other (Specify) Military Educational Religious Entertainment Museum Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY Z OWNERS NAME: Commonwealth of Virginia ш STREET AND NUMBER: ш CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Richmond Virginia 45 rgin 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Henrico County Clerk's Office STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street at 22nd Street Richmond STATE CODE Richmond ¤ Virginia APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 14.12 acres cit. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 State Federal 🔀 County Local ENTRY NUMBER DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress NPS USE CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Washington District of Columbia

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The Governor's Mansion, located in the northeast corner of Capitol Square, is a finely proportioned rectangular, two-story Federal style brick building. Its facade is divided into five bays with the center bay projecting slightly from the plane of the rest of the facade. Originally, the wall surface between the first and second floor windows was decorated with ornamented panels; however these have been removed. Also, the original balustrade around the base of the hipped roof has been removed, but the balustrade between the chimneys at the top of the roof has recently been restored. The small front portico (added 1830) is finely executed and features four columns of the Temple of the Winds order. The double front doors are set in a richly carved frame containing sidelights and a transom decorated with ornate tracery. Less elaborate porches with Doric columns frame the side entrances to the house.)

Unfortunately little of the original fabric on the interior remains as the house was severely damaged by fire in 1926. The basic outline of Parris's plan was retained however, and the present interior decoration is in the Federal style. A major addition to the house occurred in 1906 when a semi-octagonal ended wing was added to the rear to contain a large oval dining room. When this was done the original dining room and drawing room were joined to make a ballroom across the end of the house. A second story to contain extra bedrooms was added to this wing in 1914-15. The two front rooms retain their original proportions. The two staircases were originally intended to be enclosed, however their present treatment is the result of the renovation carried on during the Byrd administration. A breakfast room and second floor library were added to the southeast corner of the house during the Almond administration.

The kitchen outbuilding, which was actually built for the earlier, lateeighteenth century residence, was connected to the main house by an esplanade in 1846, and has recently been converted into a guest cottage.

Although the immediate grounds of the Mansion are quite compact, its spacious forecourt and axial view to the Washington statue tie it in visually to the rest of Capitol Square.

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In 1810 the General Assembly authorized \$13,000 for the construction of a new residence for the Governor to replace an earlier wooden house that had fallen into bad repair. The new house was to stand near the site of the old one in the northeast corner of Capitol Square. According to the Commissioners, it was to be built "in a handsome manner with walls of brick or stone ... (with) porticoes where the same may be convenient or ornamental ..." The ground plans for the new house were supplied by the noted Boston architect, Alexander Parris, but were altered somewhat by the Commissioners who reportedly had the principal story "... finished off in a style rather superior to that originally contemplated." Christopher Tompkins was employed as the builder.

By 1813 the new house was sufficiently complete for Governor James Barbour to occupy it, and it has been the home of every Virginia Governor since then. During its many years of service to the state, the Governor's Mansion has provided a dignified setting for the entertainment of such notable guests as Lafayette, King Edward VII, Marshal Foch, Winston Churchill, Queen Mother Elizabeth, and many United States presidents. During the Civil War, the body of Stonewall Jackson was brought to Richmond to lie in state in the Mansion.

While the Governor's Mansion is one of the state's outstanding examples of Federal style architecture, it should also be remembered that it houses the head of an executive office which traces its lineage back to 1607.



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