White House
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME):
White House

SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE:
(Executive Mansion; White House National Historic Park)

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES):
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE):
1792-1810

ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE):
James Hoban

SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE):
Home of the President of the United States, the White House has come to be a symbol of American government. Architecturally, it is a fine example of the Federal/Greek Revival styles.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):
Federal/Greek Revival

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS):
Aquia sandstone

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE):
170' x 85'; 2 stories plus attic; east and west terraced galleries; east and west wings

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE:
Ionic portico on north facade; ionic semi-circular portico on south facade; triangular and segmental window surrounds; balustrade at roof line

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED):
Expertly decorated and furnished, with emphasis in the public rooms on classical motifs

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES:
1807: east and west terraced galleries designed by Benjamin Latrobe. 1814: burned by the British during the War of 1812. 1814-1817: rebuilt under James Hoban. 1824-1829: porticoes added under Hoban's direction using Latrobe designs. 1902: interior completely

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE:
CONTINUED

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE:

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MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

refurbished and west wing added, McKim, Mead and White, architects. 1948-1952: interior completely gutted and rebuilt to preserve structural soundness
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