

INVENTORY FORM

The Washington State Inventory of Historic Places

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NAME			
COMMON: *Washington State Capitol Campus (Governor's Mansion)			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
LOCATION 26051			
STREET AND NUMBER: State capitol campus			
CITY OR TOWN: Olympia		COUNTY: Thurston	
CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
Describe briefly on the back; attach a small photo.			
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) Constructed 1907-1909			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
Briefly describe the significance on the back.			
FORM PREPARED BY			
NAME AND TITLE: Washington State Historic Preservation Inventory Project			
ORGANIZATION Washington State University			DATE Nov. 1974
STREET AND NUMBER:		CITY OR TOWN: Pullman	
		99163	

The inventory of historic places is an attempt to develop a catalog of all properties in the state that demonstrate a contribution to our present by peoples of the past. It is a basic part of the State Historic Preservation Plan that can tell planners, engineers, government officials and others what features in our cities, towns and rural areas they should be aware of as they develop new projects. The inventory form is not a substitute for a nomination to the National or State Registers of Historic Places but it will alert the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation staff to potential nominations and their locations; it will enable the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to more effectively assist you in the preparation of actual nominations.

No one knows how many historic sites there are in Washington; that is one of the purposes of the inventory; There are certainly thousands and, consequently, the inventory will be in progress for several years. Eligible properties are those which bear the mark of man: houses, commercial buildings, mines, vessels, archaeological sites and the sites of historic events, transportation facilities -- virtually any evident structure, object or site that has played a part in our collective heritage. Generally, properties less than 50 years will not be a part of the inventory.

Send the completed form to: Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
Washington State Parks
P.O. Box 1128
Olympia, Washington 98504

DESCRIPTION:

This handsome two-story red brick structure exhibits many decorative features, including gabled dormers with overhangs, decorated boxed cornices with returns, palladian and fan-shaped windows, arched radiating voussiors above the many rectangular windows, and wide white-columned porches. The mansion sits directly west of the capitol dome. Constructed between 1907 and 1909, the building contains only Washington materials with the exception of Alaskan marble keystones placed over the windows. In 1933, during Governor Clarence B. Martin's first term, a few interior modifications were made, and other minor alterations have occurred since then.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Governor Samuel G. Cosgrove, who would have been the mansion's first occupant, was seriously ill on his inauguration day and immediately went to California where he died soon after. Thus Lieutenant Governor Marion E. Hay of Spokane became the home's first occupant, and this Georgian mansion has ever since been the residence of Washington's governors.

REFERENCES:

Werner Lenggenhager and Lucile McDonald, Where the Washingtonians Lived (Seattle: Superior Publishing Company, 1969), pp. 79-80.

Travel Development Division, The Washington State Capitol Campus (Olympia: Department of Commerce and Economic Development, 1972).

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