

A photograph of the White House in Washington, D.C. The building is white with a prominent portico supported by columns. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the building. In the foreground, there is a large, circular stone fountain with multiple jets of water. The fountain is surrounded by a landscaped area with red mulch and various green and yellow plants. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

The White House

WHITE HOUSE

- WHITE HOUSE is the official name of the executive mansion of the President of the United States. It is on the south side of *Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C., facing Lafayette Square.*
- The building, constructed of Virginia freestone, is of simple and stately design. The main entrance is a portico of high Ionic columns reaching from the ground to the roof pediment; it is balanced by a semicircular colonnaded balcony on the south with a second-floor porch, completed in *1948.*

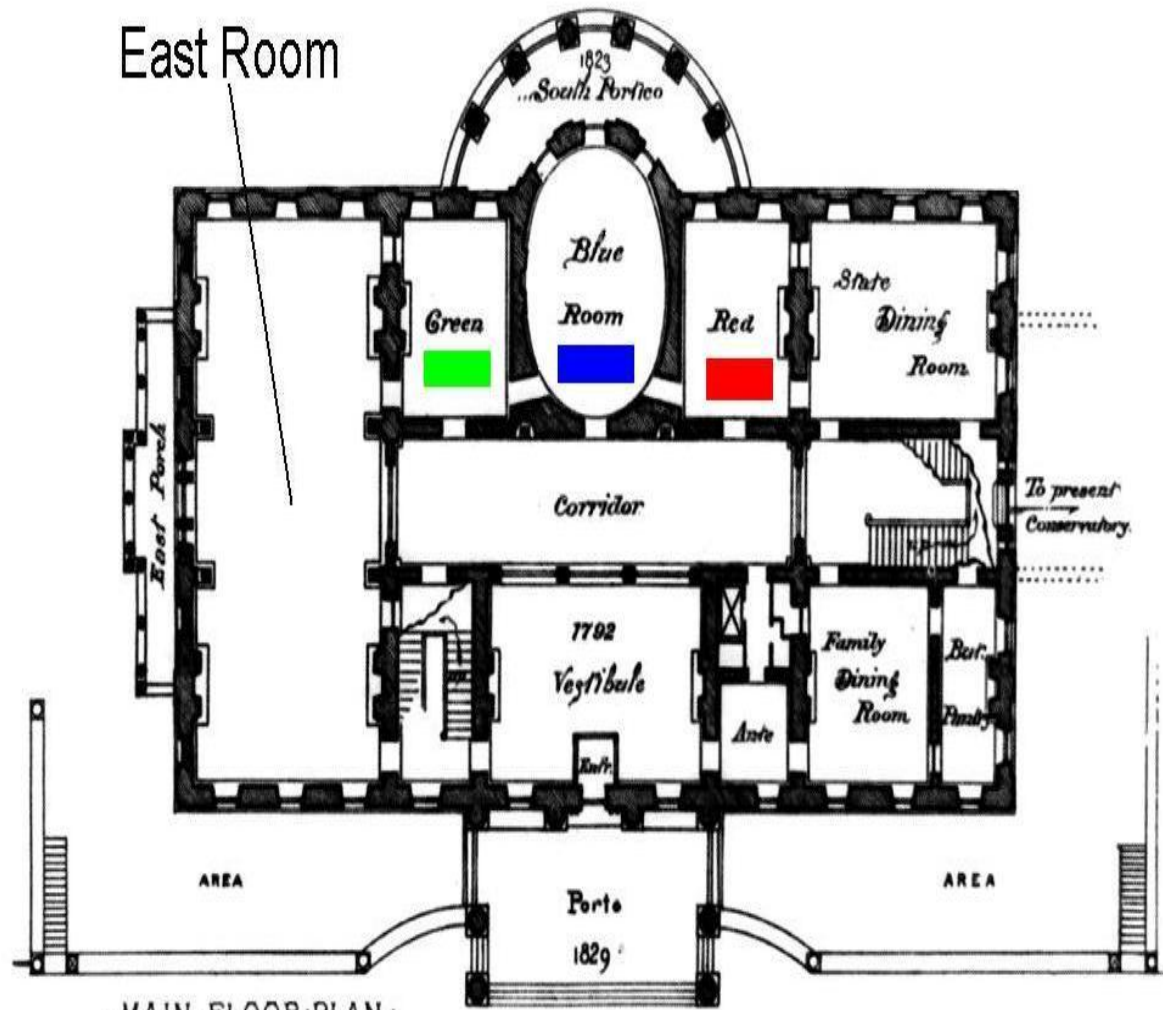




The main building (four stories high) is about *170 ft* (*52 m*) long by *85 ft* (*26 m*) wide.

The east and west terraces, the executive office (*1902*), the east wing (*1942*), and a penthouse and a bomb shelter (*1952*) have been added.

The colonnade at the east end is the public entrance. The executive office is approached by an esplanade.

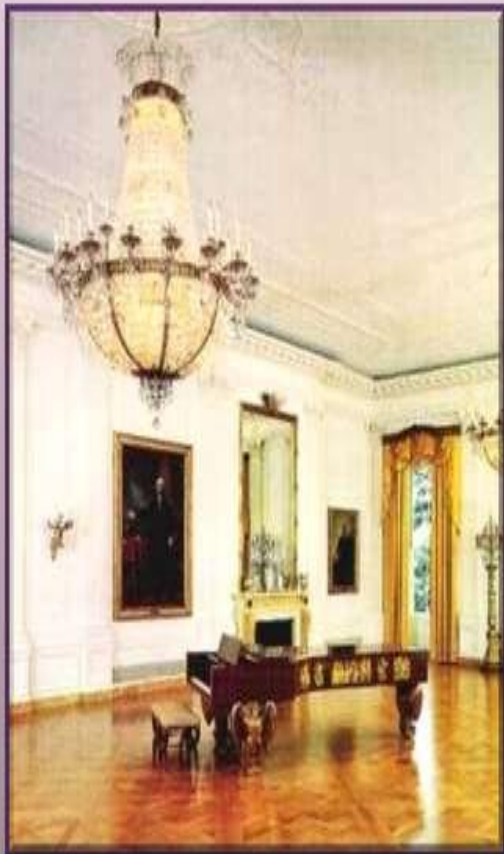


- Large receptions are usually held in the East Room, which is 40 ft (12 m) by 82 ft (25 m). The elliptical Blue Room is the scene of many social, diplomatic, and official receptions. The Red Room and the Green Room are used for private and quasi-official gatherings.

- MAIN FLOOR PLAN -
 PRESENT
 EXECUTIVE MANSION
 James Hoban, Original Architect. 1792.

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The East Room



THE BLUE ROOM



Oval Office



Its interesting to know...

- There are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 levels in the Residence. There are also 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, and 3 elevators. At various times in history, the White House has been known as the "President's Palace," the "President's House," and the "Executive Mansion." President Theodore Roosevelt officially gave the White House its current name in 1901. With five full-time chefs, the White House kitchen is able to serve dinner to as many as 140 guests and hors d'oeuvres (закуска) to more than 1,000.

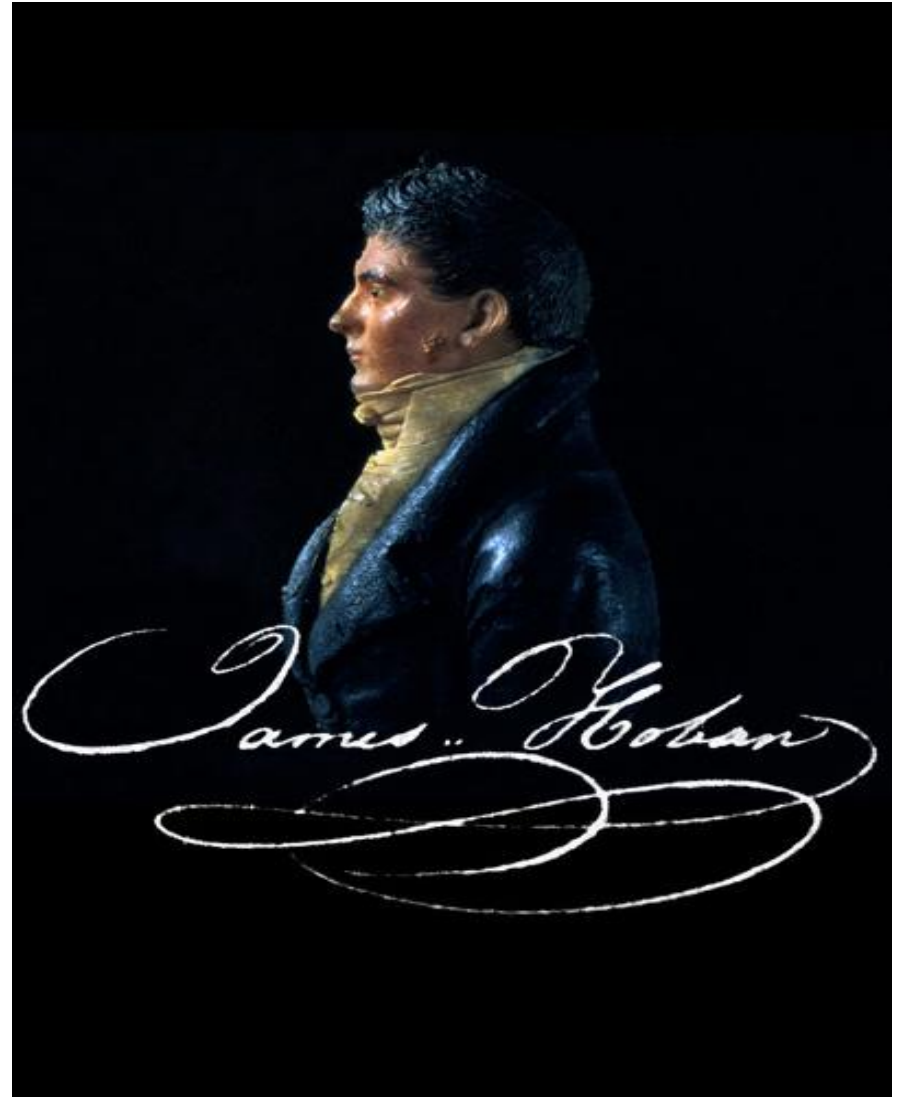
Red room room



Green



- The White House, designated "the Palace" in the original plans, was designed by James Hoban on a site chosen by George Washington. It is the oldest public building in Washington, its cornerstone having been laid in 1792. John Adams was the first President to live there (1800). The building was restored after being burned (1814) by British troops, and the smoke-stained gray stone walls were painted white. Despite popular myth the cognomen "White House" was applied to the building some time before it was painted.



James Hoban



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James Hoban White House Architect



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The grounds, which cover about 18 acres (7 hectares), are attractive with broad lawns, fountains, trees, and gardens. They were planned by Andrew Jackson Downing.

Pennsylvania Ave. between the White House and Lafayette Square was closed to vehicular traffic in 1995 for security reasons.





The End

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