

## The Old Governor's Mansion: Where History Lives!

**Directions: Using the word bank, read the following historical account of the Mansion and fill in as many blanks as you can. Have fun and see how much you learned during your visit to this amazing historical site!**

*antebellum*

*Joseph Brown*

*abandoned*

*Charles Cluskey*

*National Historic Landmark*

*pink*

*Georgia College & State University*

*March to the Sea*

*renovate*

*George Gilmer*

*James Oglethorpe*

*Ionic*

*house museum*

*William T. Sherman*

*Reconstruction*

*headquarters*

*Atlanta*

*Milledgeville*

*Savannah*

*Greek Revival*

*house museum*

Georgia was founded in 1733 by \_\_\_\_\_, an Englishman. He landed on our coast and named his new city \_\_\_\_\_. Not long after, the new city was booming! Once Georgia became a part of the United States of America, Savannah was named its capital city.

Because the new state was growing so rapidly and the population was moving further upcountry and inland, the capital moved first to Augusta, then to Louisville, and, in 1807, it moved again to \_\_\_\_\_, where the Old Governor's Mansion is located. The Mansion was not built at once, though. It took state leaders almost thirty years to decide to build a mansion fit for a king - ummm, a governor! An Irish architect named \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed to design the Mansion. The Mansion is built in the \_\_\_\_\_ style complete with four \_\_\_\_\_ columns. The Mansion is the color \_\_\_\_\_! This color was supposed to look like a beautiful sunset. The architect and builders must have done an excellent job, because the mansion is considered to be one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the country. That's pretty cool.

The first Georgia governor to move into the Mansion was \_\_\_\_\_. He moved in as soon as the paint dried in 1839! After he left office, nine other governors lived there before the capital moved again to \_\_\_\_\_. The most notable governor to live in the Mansion was \_\_\_\_\_, who served as Georgia's governor in the years up to, during, and following the Civil War. He lived in the Mansion longer than any other governor. We call the years before the Civil War the

\_\_\_\_\_ period and the years following the Civil War are known as \_\_\_\_\_.

While the Civil War was raging, the Mansion was an important place. Many important people visited and Governor Brown attended to the business of war. In November, 1864, Union General \_\_\_\_\_ marched into Milledgeville and used the Mansion as his \_\_\_\_\_. This was one stop on his famous and destructive \_\_\_\_\_. During your tour, your guide will show you the room that General Sherman occupied.

After the Civil War ended and Reconstruction began, times were tough for all Georgians, including the Governor. In 1868, the state capital was moved to Atlanta, and the Mansion was all but \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1879, a military college was founded at Milledgeville. During this time, the Mansion served as a \_\_\_\_\_, or building where soldier cadets live. In 1891, the Mansion changed hands again when it became home to the president of the new Georgia Normal and Industrial College, which is now known as \_\_\_\_\_.

Georgia College presidents lived in the Mansion until 1987. In 1973, the Mansion received a huge honor when it was designated a \_\_\_\_\_. After that, Georgia College decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the old Mansion and open it as a \_\_\_\_\_ so that all Georgians could enjoy it!<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Turner, James. "Old Governor's Mansion." New Georgia Encyclopedia. <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-620> (accessed June 3, 2012).