

DRAWING ROOM

Original to the house, the 19th century gilt framed pair of pier mirrors rest on low marble-top tables. The fireplace equipment, wall sconces, ceiling fixtures and gilt framed over mantel mirror are also original to the house. The over mantel mirror matches the mirror in the First Lady's Parlor. The ebony Steinway grand piano was donated in 1983.



Drawing Room



Sun Porch

SUN PORCH

First Families before the invention of air conditioning enjoyed this sun porch with cool tile and surrounding windows.

THE GROUNDS

The Mansion sits on two acres of land, maintained by local garden enthusiasts and other Garden Club volunteers. The grounds feature the Alabama-shaped swimming pool, tennis courts, beautiful gardens, and sculptures.

The swimming pool was added during the George Wallace administration. The gardens feature a variety of native plants, as well as camellias, the state flower. There are several bronze sculptures by noted Alabama sculptor, Frank Fleming.



The Grounds

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ALABAMA GOVERNOR'S MANSION

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TOUR INFORMATION

Call the Alabama Governor's Mansion to make a reservation. Tours are by appointment only.

ALABAMA GOVERNOR'S MANSION GIFT SHOP

Open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
30 Finley Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104
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GOVERNOR'S MANSION AUTHORITY

This state agency that governs the Mansion complex and is responsible for maintaining and facilitating its day-to-day operations.

FRIENDS OF THE MANSION

This non-profit works toward the educational and historical promotion of the Governor's Mansion.

ALABAMA Governor's MANSION

Welcome Home.



FROM THE DESK OF THE *First Lady*

Welcome Home!

My husband and I are delighted that you have come to visit the people's house of Alabama. As Robert says, "It's your house, you just let us live in it." For more than 60 years, First Families have enjoyed the Mansion while raising their children, entertaining guests and hosting official functions.

"For such a time as this," (Esther 4:14) I have used my role as First Lady to not only advocate for domestic violence prevention, childhood literacy and adoption, but also to ensure the Mansion remains historically accurate. In 2011 the First Lady Dianne Bentley Mansion Preservation Act created an authority responsible for maintaining and restoring the century-old house to reflect its original heritage. I cannot thank the Friends of the Governor's Mansion and the Governor's Mansion Authority enough for helping me with this initiative, for with their hard work the building is now considered a living museum.

On behalf of the First Family, I hope you enjoy your visit to the Alabama Governor's Mansion. Don't forget to stop by the Gift Shop across the street for refreshments!

Sincerely,



Dianne Bentley

Dianne Bentley
First Lady of Alabama



A BRIEF HISTORY

The Alabama Governor's Mansion was designed in 1907 by T. Weatherly Carter. It was originally the private home of the Ligon family. Since 1951, it has served as the official residence of the Governor and First Lady of Alabama.

RECEPTION HALL

The front doors of the Mansion open up to the Reception Hall, which features the central and most impressive architectural feature of the house: the grand staircase. The room has elaborate woodwork and oak floors with cherry and mahogany banding.

The carpeting for the grand staircase was custom designed by Jimmy Sellars in 2013. He used motifs from the elaborate molding as inspiration for his design.

The circa 1900 French crystal wall sconces and chandelier over the staircase originally hung in the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. They were purchased for the Mansion by First Lady Alice Persons in 1951.



DINING ROOM

Many First Families and their guests have enjoyed meals and fellowship in the Mansion's Dining Room. The mahogany table and chairs, commissioned for the Mansion in 1959 by First Lady Mary Jo Patterson, were made by Southern Craftsman Company of Andalusia, Ala. The petit point seat covers, which depict coats of arms and symbols associated with Alabama history, were made by the Mountain Brook Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild.

The sterling silver candelabra, punch cups and tray were made for the *USS Alabama*, which was christened in 1942 and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. The five-piece sterling silver tea set was made in England in 1859. It was purchased for the Mansion in 1939 by First Lady Juliet Dixon.



FIRST LADY'S PARLOR

The late 19th century gilt framed over mantel mirror is original to the house.

The three-piece girandole set on the mantel appears in photographs from Governor Persons 1951 inaugural reception at the Mansion.