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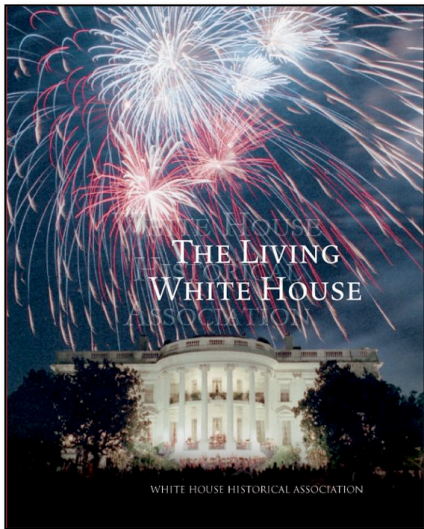
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Betty C. Monkman served more than thirty years in the Office of the Curator, The White House, retiring as Chief Curator in 2002. She is the author of *The White House: Its Historic Furnishings and First Families* and *Treasures of the White House*, she is a frequent contributor to *White House History*.

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