

# It's a Landmark Day a

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The city Landmarks Preservation Commission is submitting Gracie Mansion for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

A special ceremony held by Mayor Beame to honor the mansion was scheduled today at the mayoral home with Interior Secretary Rogers C.V. Morton, and Sens. Javits and Buckley expected to attend.

At the same time, Beverly Moss Spatt, chairman of the commission, is announcing a program to have all the city's 440 individual landmarks and 25 historic districts similarly listed on the National Register by the Bicentennial in July 1976.

"I can think of no more appropriate or auspicious be-

ginning for such a program than with Gracie Mansion," Mrs. Spatt said earlier this week.

The objectives of the new program, Mrs. Spatt says, are "to honor all our landmarks, to obtain available federal funds for preservation of them and to use the national register program to preserve, stabilize and enhance neighborhoods."

The National Register of Historic Places, kept by the Dept. of the Interior's National Park Service, is a list of buildings, monuments, sites and districts of historical, cultural and esthetic distinction. A local site may not be listed without nomination by an appropriate local or state agency.

Once listed, national sites

are eligible for federal preservation funds. Some 80 city landmarks are already listed.

Gracie Mansion was built in 1799 as a summer house for Archibald Gracie who lived at 110 Broadway. The banks of the East River were then a summer resort area. There Gracie lived in great elegance and entertained Alexander Hamilton, Washington Irving, DeWitt Clinton and John Quincy Adams, among others.

Two other families occupied the house before it was bought by the city around 1900. For a while it was used by the Museum of the City of New York before it moved to its Fifth Av. headquarters. It became a mayoral residence in the 1940s.