

RENWICK MUSEUM, NE corner, 17th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW., 1859-1860, James Renwick, architect. Brick, sandstone; rectangular, mansard roof, 1 entrance and 3 corner pavilions, each with vermiculated quoins, coupled columns or pilasters, segmental arched windows in lower floor of each bay and pavilion, niches on 2nd story; Palladian window in central pavilion, decorative swags; interior grand staircase, octagonal gallery. Restored.

Second Empire. Built for W. W. Corcoran, Washington merchant and banker, to house art collection which he donated to the Nation. Seized by Federal government during the Civil War; opened to the public, 1874. The Corcoran collection moved to the present Corcoran Gallery in 1897, and the Renwick is now a part of the Smithsonian museum system. *Federal/Smithsonian Institution: HABS.*