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built as County Court House, Philadelphia, 1787-1789.

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This oldest-surviving U.S. Capitol building was home to the U.S. Congress from 1790-1800. In that time, the Bill of Rights became part of the Constitution, Congress created the U.S. Mint and the Navy, and three new states were added (VT, KY, TN). Here John Adams was inaugurated as the second President in the nation's first peaceful transfer of power.

"All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States..." --U.S. Constitution, 1787