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This 1981 White House Christmas Angel Ornament has been carefully reproduced for the White House Historical Association. The original ornament was on the tree in the Blue Room of the White House during the 1981 Christmas season.

The ornament is the first in a series, and is a faithful hand-crafted miniature replica of the famous angel weathervane made in 1840 in Charlestown, Massachusetts for the Universalist Church in Newburyport.

Christmas has been celebrated in the White House since 1803 when President Thomas Jefferson resided there. The first record of a Christmas tree in the White House was in 1889 when President Harrison decorated a live tree with tinsel and popcorn. Since then a trimmed Christmas tree has become a tradition of the White House. President and Mrs. Reagan have continued this tradition.



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