



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00201-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Alumni Hall		1-01 BUT-0020
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Alumni Library		
6. Specific Address or Location 350 East Spring Street		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Alumni Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694612 4375368 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Library-Public and Private College/University		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use College/University		35. Plan Shape U-shaped
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Public		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: Library University		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Other
17. Date(s) or Period 1909-1910		28. No. of Stories Two story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) 1924, 1952, 1997		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design Transitional Renaissance Revival Transitional Neo-Classical Revival		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer Frank L. Packard (1910), I. Ralph Ridley (1924)		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Clay tile		
		33. No. of Bays 15 Side Bays 11		40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Common or American bond		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
51. Condition of Property: Excellent				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) The central portion of Alumni Hall is the original, built with a rectangular plan with cross gables at the second story and topped in the center by a cylindrical drum with low copper-roofed dome. The drum is encircled with round-arched windows. Below are the cross gabled wings visible today on north, east and west sides. The gables each have a row of 5 arcaded windows at the 2nd floor. At the first floor the corners created by the cross gables are filled with one-story sections with flat roofs, balustrade and 3 round-arched windows. The overall composition is symmetrical and unified by stone water table and belt courses. At the main (north) facade is a projecting flat-roofed portico with balustrade and two smooth stone Tuscan columns and brick piers that create a recessed entry porch. The entry has a classical stone surround and paired wood doors with copper door handles designed by Albert Paley in 1997. The interior is defined by a 2-story octagonal rotunda capped by the dome on arched pendentives. The space has glazed brick and terra cotta walls and a marble floor. At its center is a bronze statue of George Washington cast by William Hubbard in 1853 and given continued...				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Alumni Hall was originally built as Alumni Library in 1909-1910. The original central portion was built at a cost of \$80,000 with half of that amount pledged by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Matching funds were provided by alumni, former students and friends of the university through the Alumni Centennial Fund. Designed by Columbus architect Frank Packard, the library opened in April 1910 and featured stacks, reading rooms, seminar rooms and a 70-foot high rotunda. The building housed an initial collection of 28,000 volumes that were moved from Harrison Hall. The library was expanded with an east wing in 1924, again with funds from Carnegie. This wing was designed by architect I. Ralph Ridley and contained a main reference and reading room and a reserve book room. Additional stacks were continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Alumni Hall is located in the Upper Campus area, across from Harrison Hall and facing north onto green space that contains the university's Slant Walk. Its rear elevation fronts on Spring Street.				
45. Sources of Information Miami University Archives, Selected Buildings of Miami, 1998; Havighurst, Walter, The Miami Years 1809-1984, 1996; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; Curry, Lucy and Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1977 and 1999; Lippert, Scott and Smola, Matt, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Project, Professor Curt Ellison, Fall 2008.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 350 East Spring Street
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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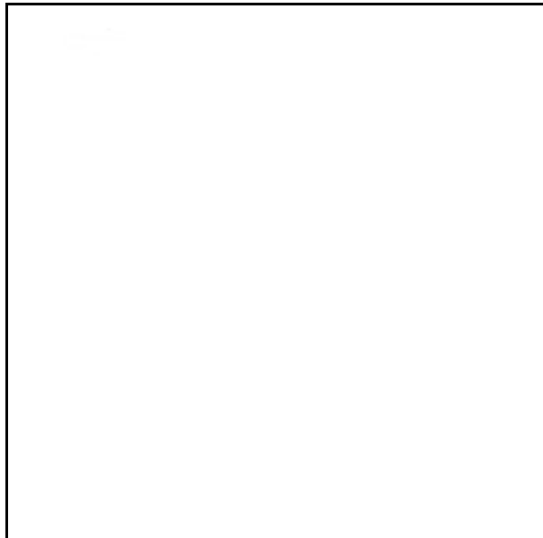
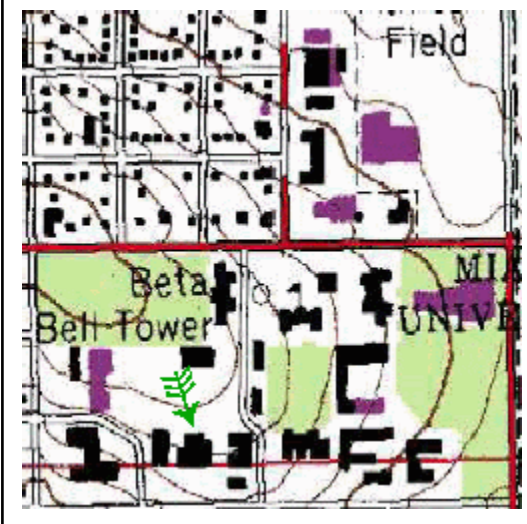
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable with lateral wing

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

to the university in 1920. Added to the building in 1924 and 1952 are east and west rectangular 2-story wings with gabled facades, north and south. The wings are unified with the original structure by brick construction, stone water table and belt courses, pediments and arched windows. To the rear of the building is a 1997 contemporary addition that filled the U-shape created by the two wings.

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added to the building in 1930, 1948 and 1958. A new west wing was added with state funds in 1952, designed by Potter, Tyler and Martin. Alumni Library building remained the main university library until the construction of King Library in 1972. It was renovated in 1997, including the major south side addition designed by the Chicago firm of Hammond Beeby & Babka. Now known as Alumni Hall, it houses the Architecture Department and the Art and Architecture Library.

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45. Sources (Con't)