



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00143-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Bishop Hall		3-01 BUT-0014
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Bishop Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 300 East Spring Street		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Frank Messer & Sons, Inc.		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Bishop Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694559 4375374 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Dormitory		35. Plan Shape T-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.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: PUBLIC/College		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Casement
17. Date(s) or Period 1911-1912		28. No. of Stories Three story		
18. Style Class and Design Transitional Craftsman/Arts and Crafts		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
19. Architect or Engineer Frank L. Packard		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Unknown		
		33. No. of Bays 5 Side Bays 15		40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridge line
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stretcher or running bond		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>This is a distinctive brick residence hall designed in an eclectic Arts and Crafts style. The front portion is a rectangular block with gabled ends to the sides. Wide overhanging eaves have exposed rafters. The 5-bay front (north) facade has a central entry with gently curved stone entablature topped by a tall window with decorative stone surround. The name Bishop Hall is inscribed above the door. First floor windows have round-arched brick courses and keystones, and second floor windows have flat arch brick lintels and keystones. A decorative stone and brick belt course exists between 2nd and 3rd floors. Third floor face brick is set in geometric patterns. Flanking one-story porches exist to either side of the north facade, with Doric columns set in pairs, exposed rafters, and iron balustrades at flat roofs. The porches also have brick flooring and built-in benches. A wheelchair ramp was added to the west porch. East and west gable ends feature round-arched first floor openings and flat-headed windows on 2nd and 3rd floors, along with a central balconied window set within a blind brick arch. The building's long transverse section has 12 bays with double-hung continued...</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Bishop Hall was built in 1911 and dedicated and opened for use as Miami University's second women's dormitory in 1912. Built at a cost of \$75,000, it was designed by Columbus architect Frank Packard, who also designed Alumni Hall next door. The building retains a good deal of integrity, have changed very little since its construction. It was named for Robert Hamilton Bishop, first president of Miami from 1824-1841. Prior to the construction of MacMillan Hospital, portions of Bishop were used as a hospital, and the entire building was converted to hospital use during the Influenza epidemic of 1918. Bishop Hall remains in residential use today as an honors hall for upperclass students, and also serves as the home of the Honors Program and Center for Black Culture and Learning.</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>Bishop Hall fronts on a grassy quad at the western edge of the Miami campus, with other large campus buildings nearby.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Havighurst, Walter, The Miami Years, 1984. Miami University Archives, building files; MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 300 East Spring Street
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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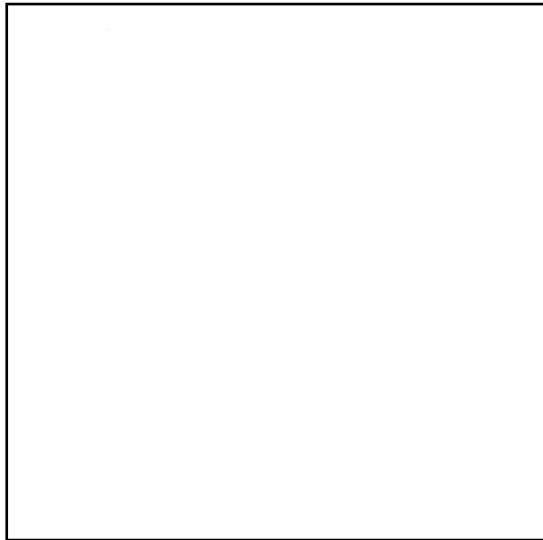
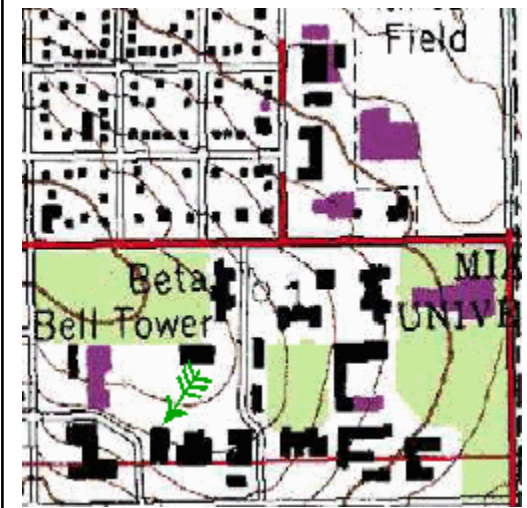
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Lateral axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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

windows on east and west elevations, and includes an exposed basement level. The building terminates on its south side with a central staircase bay from basement to 3rd floor level.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)