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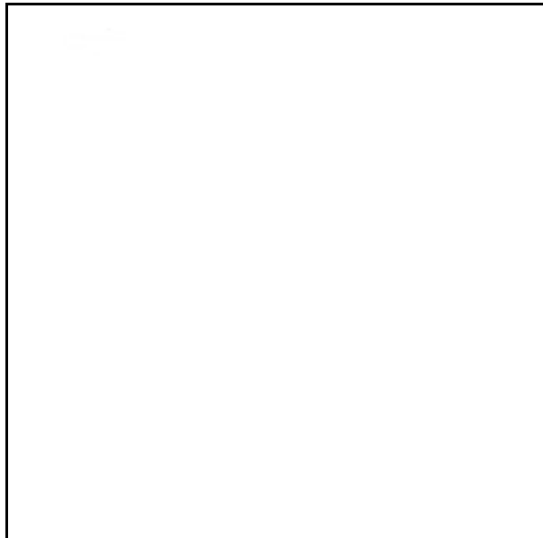
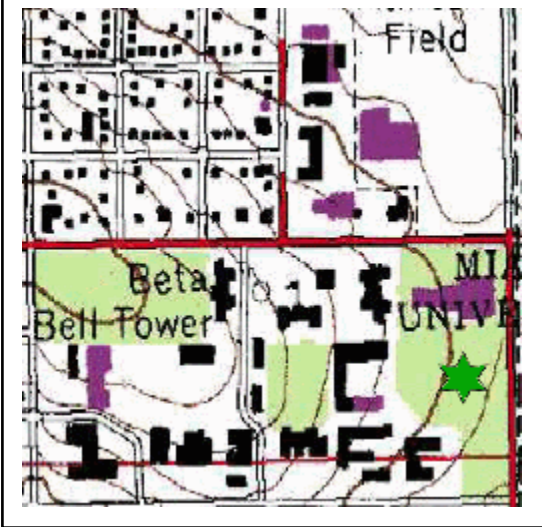
RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02519-01		4. Present Name(s) Bishop Woods and Bishop Memorial Gates		9-01 BUT-0251
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Bishop Woods and Bishop Memorial Gates		
6. Specific Address or Location Patterson Avenue at Bishop Circle		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
		20. Contractor or Builder		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		21. Building Type or Plan		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Bishop Woods and Bishop Memorial Gates
7. City or Village Oxford		22. Original Use, if apparent LANDSCAPE/OPEN SPACE Monument/Marker		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695019 4375466 Zone Easting Northing		23. Present Use LANDSCAPE/OPEN SPACE Monument/Marker		
10. Classification: Site		24. Ownership Public		
11. On National Register? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		26. Property Acreage		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		27. Other Surveys		
16. Thematic Associations: University		28. No. of Stories		
17. Date(s) or Period 1960		29. Basement?		
18. Style Class and Design Element Neo-Classical Revival		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		
19. Architect or Engineer Donald B. Johnston, landscape; Charles F. Cellarius. gates		32. Roof Type Roof Material		
		33. No. of Bays Side Bays		
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
		35. Plan Shape Square		
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.		
		37. Window Type(s)		
		38. Building Dimensions		
		39. Endangered? NO By What?		
		40. Chimney Placement		
		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) Bishop Woods is a natural dense woods which stands in contrast to the manicured public spaces elsewhere on the Miami University campus. Four irregular paved paths criss-cross the woods, leading to academic buildings to the north, west and south. The woods are surrounded by a semi-circular roadway, named Bishop Drive. At its intersections with Patterson Avenue to the east are the Bishop Memorial Gates, a pair of brick piers and low brick walls that mark each side of the intersection. Designed to reflect the formal classical red-brick style of the campus, these gates mark a symbolic entrance to the university. Each of the four piers is brick trimmed in stone, topped with a copper lantern, and with a stone plaque carved with 'Bishop Memorial Miami University 1809-1959' on the street-facing side. Each pier is 'supported' by a short brick wall capped in stone, connected by a graceful curve and stone bracket to the side of the pier.				6. Specific Address or Location Patterson Avenue at Bishop Circle
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Bishop Woods was originally referred to as Lower Campus Woods. The existing semi-circular layout for the woods is shown in a 'Survey and Plan for the Central Quadrangle and East Half of the Main Campus' by landscape architect Donald B. Johnston, dated August 6, 1948. At the time, Upham Hall at the west side of the woods was partially constructed and plans for new buildings symmetrically placed to the north and south of the woods were shown in footprint. A note on the plan indicates that it was an update for a plan made 12 years before. In 1960, the gates were erected at each intersection of the semi-circular drive with Patterson Avenue. The gates were a gift of Mrs. Robert Hamilton Bishop IV of Cleveland, as memorial to her husband, a 1903 Miami graduate and university trustee from 1918 to continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The woods and gates form an entrance to Miami University, particularly the central quadrangle defined by Upham Hall and its surrounding academic buildings and open spaces. The gates present a formal entrance to the semi-circular drive, while the woods themselves are dense and natural. The site is bordered by Patterson Avenue on the east and academic buildings on the north, west and south.				
45. Sources of Information Johnston, Donald B., Survey and Plan for the Central Quadrangle and East Half of Main Campus, Miami University, August 6, 1948; Miami University archives, building and subject files.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:

Door Position:

Orientation:

Symmetry:

Report Associated With Project:

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

43. *History and Significance (Con't)*
1955. His great-grandfather, Robert Hamilton Bishop, was the university's first president. The gates are considered a memorial to all members of the Bishop family who served Miami University. They were dedicated June 4, 1960.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*