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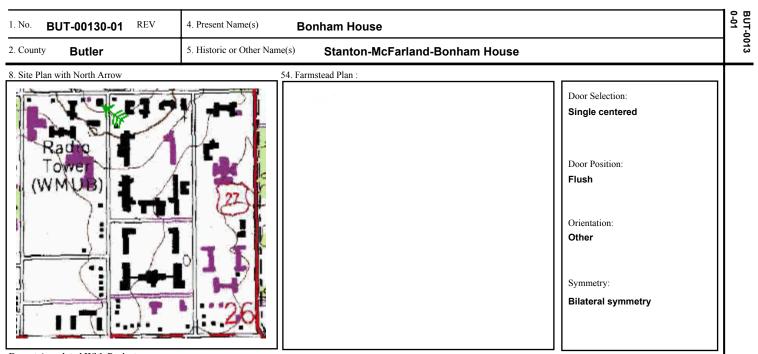
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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number BUT-0013 0-01 REV 4. Present Name(s) 1. No. BUT-00130-01 **Bonham House** 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 2. County Stanton-McFarland-Bonham House Butler 2. County 6. Specific Address or Location 35. Plan Shape 19a. Design Sources Butler L-shaped 351 East Spring Street 20. Contractor or Builder 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: Howard Free 17. Original/Most significant construct 21. Building Type or Plan 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number Four-over-Four 17b. Some alteration 22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling 7. City or Village College/University 37. Window Type(s) Present or Historic Name(s) Oxford Bonham 4 over 4 23. Present Use 9 over 9 9. U.T.M. Reference 38. Building Dimensions College/University Oxford Quadrangle Name: 16 694613 4375266 House 39. Endangered? NO Easting Northing Zone 24. Ownership Public By What? 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known 10. Classification: Building Miami University NO 11. On National Register? 40. Chimney Placement Oxford, Ohio 45056 Three or more chimneys 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? 26. Property Acreage NO 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 15. Other Designation (NR or Local) 27. Other Surveys 51. Condition of Property: 28. No. of Stories Good/Fair Two story 16. Thematic Associations: 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies University 29. Basement? Yes Structure Type 30. Foundation Material Stone bearing 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 31. Wall Construction 1868 1946 Brick bearing Date 18. Style Class and Design 32. Roof Type Italianate High Associated Activity Hip Roof Material 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Asphalt shingle 33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 7 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) 19. Architect or Engineer 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) A. Howard Hinkle, Cincinnati Common or American bond Archaeological (OAI) 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) 6. Specific Address or Location 351 East Spring Street This house has a symmetrical facade with a central entry flanked by projecting bays. The entry door was altered by architect Charles Cellarius in 1946; it may have had a porch at one time. The projecting bays are first floor, two-sided and triangular in shape, with parlor-length 4-over-4 sash windows. The second floor brick above the bays projects out and terminates at the roofline in pedimented wall dormers with small triangular windows. Second floor windows have paired 4-over-4 sash. Windows and doors have plain stone lintels and lug sills. The wide cornice has decorative wood brackets set in pairs. 43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Miami University President Robert Livingston Stanton (1810-1885) purchased this lot in 1867 and built his 'Magnificent Dwelling' in 1868. The home was used as the president's residence while Stanton served as Miami president from 1866 to 1871. A famous visitor in January 1870 was Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the feminist and niece of President Stanton. In 1871, Robert Stanton resigned his position and left Oxford. The house was bought at sheriff's sale by Robert W. McFarland in 1873, and was rented out until McFarland's return to Oxford as Miami University President from 1885-1888. Robert and Lizzie McFarland lived in the house until 1910, when it was passed to their daughter Frances McFarland and her husband Llewellyn Bonham, who resided here until their deaths in 1943 and 1944. The house was continued. 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The house occupies a corner location on Spring Street and still maintains a residential setting in the heart of the Miami University campus, with the William Holmes McGuffey House to the east and Joyner House to the west.

45. Sources of Information

Gordon, Stephen C., Curator, McGuffey Museum; Baker, Natalie, student research; MU Archives, building files.



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acquired by Miami University in 1946 and was remodeled for office use. It may have suffered a fire, hence some of the exterior modifications.

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

45. Sources (Con't)