



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00038-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Clawson Hall		8-01 BUT-0003
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Edith Clawson Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 440 Western College Drive		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Ferro Concrete Construction Co.		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Clawson Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695484 4374975 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use College/University Dormitory		35. Plan Shape Irregular
11. On National Register? YES		24. Ownership Public		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? YES		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) Western Female Seminary		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: PRIVATE/College		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8
17. Date(s) or Period 1946-1948		28. No. of Stories Three story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) 1962		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design Transitional Colonial Revival		30. Foundation Material Reinforced concrete		
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		31. Wall Construction Reinforced concrete		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer Charles F. Cellarius		32. Roof Type Gable with side gable Roof Material Slate		
		33. No. of Bays 21 Side Bays 3		40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridge line
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Limestone Rubble or unquared stone		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
51. Condition of Property: Excellent				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Designed by Charles F. Cellarius, Clawson Hall is a large dormitory and dining hall built of reinforced concrete, faced with uncoursed fieldstone, and containing elements of a Classical Revival style. The building consists of an asymmetrical three-story gabled block with cross-gabled pavilions at its north and south ends. The south pavilion is simply designed with three bays. The north features a central rounded 2-story bay window on 2nd and 3rd floors. An arcaded stone entry porch is located just south of this pavilion. It has smooth ashlar stone surrounds at the three arches, with keystones. The single main entry door has sidelights and an elliptical transom. Windows have flat-arch stone lintels and 8-over-8 paned sash on the second floor and 10-over-15 paned sash on the first floor. The building has a slate roof and modillions at the box gutter cornice. Built into the original design is a 'tea and dance' terrace that opened from the dining room and a sun deck accessed from the second floor. At the northwest corner of the building is an octagonal dining room addition from 1962.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Clawson Hall was constructed as part of Western College for Women's \$1.5 million building program of the mid-1940s. In addition to housing 108 young women, it was designed to provide central kitchen and dining room facilities for the campus. It contained three dining rooms, for 120 persons, 30 persons and a private dining room for small parties. The kitchen was built to provide food for all college dining halls with equipment to serve 500. Plans for the building were announced in the October 12, 1945 issue of the Western Round-Up student newspaper. Construction was delayed by the discovery of 'quicksand' beneath the building during excavation and the need to redesign the foundation. The contractor had to sink concrete piers 20 feet below the surface to support the building. At its continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The building is located in the heart of Miami's Western campus. Facing east on Western Drive, it is surrounded by other dormitories, including the historic dorms of Mary Lyon Hall to the west and McKee Hall to the south. Walkways connect it to adjacent roads and buildings.				
45. Sources of Information Mitchell, Lawrence, Western Female Seminary, National Register Nomination, 1979; Western College Memorial Archives, Miami University; Western Round-Up student newspaper, 'Contracts Awarded for Second Building Project,' October 12, 1945; 'Edith Clawson Hall Is Dedicated Here on Tree Day, May 15,' May 30, 1948; Curry, Lucy, Ohio Historic Inventory form, 1976.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008 50. PIR Review Date:
49. PIR Reviewer:				

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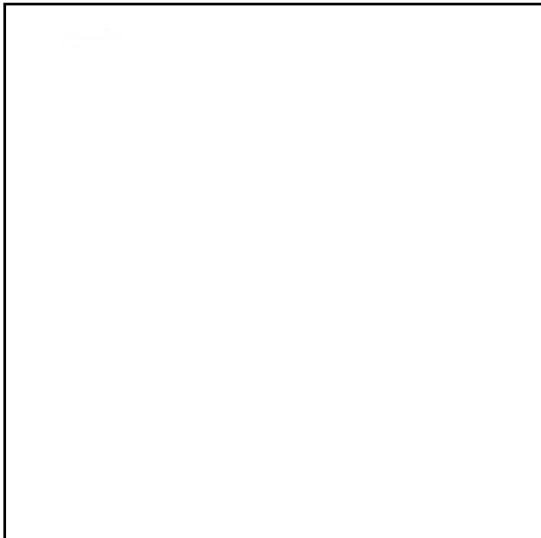
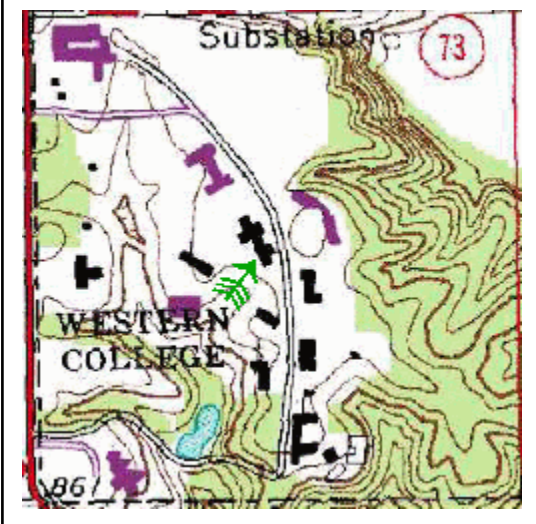
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Lateral axis with multiple smaller lateral extension

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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

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dedication in 1948, the new dorm was named Edith Clawson Hall in honor of the first alumnae representative on the Western College board of trustees. At the time of her death in 1944, Clawson left a sum of \$207,000 in cash and securities to the college from which she graduated in 1900, helping make the construction of this hall possible.

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

45. Sources (Con't)