



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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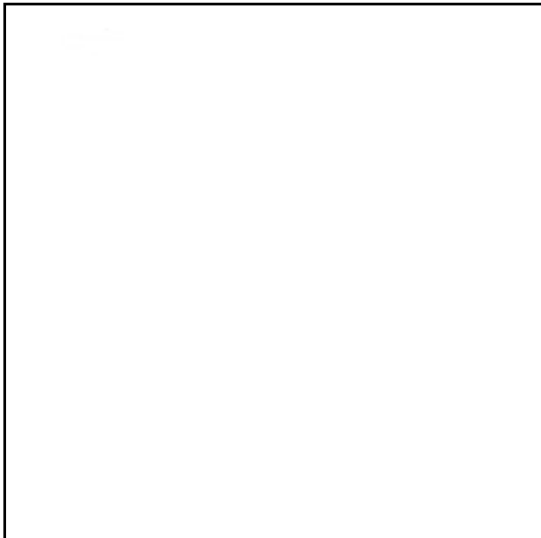
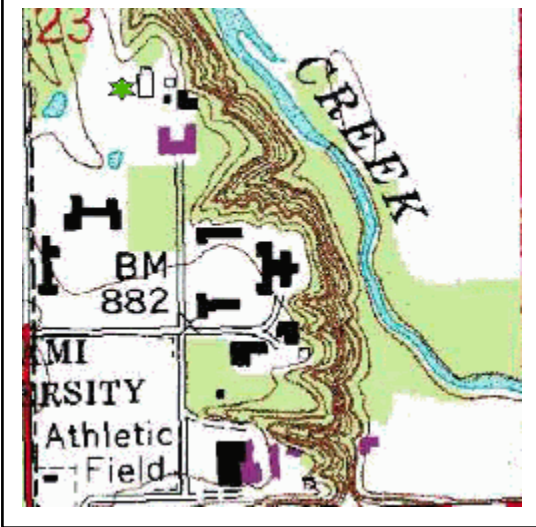
1. No. <b>BUT-02513-01</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Conrad Formal Gardens</b>		3-01 BUT-0251
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Formal Gardens</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>Fisher Drive</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village <b>Oxford</b>		21. Building Type or Plan		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Conrad Formal Gardens
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 695260 4376038</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>LANDSCAPE/OPEN SPACE Garden</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Site</b>		23. Present Use <b>LANDSCAPE/OPEN SPACE Garden</b>		2. County Butler
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Public</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Miami University</b> <b>Oxford, Ohio 45056</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Conrad Formal Gardens
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>PRIVATE/College University</b>		27. Other Surveys		2. County Butler
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1933</b>		28. No. of Stories		
18. Style Class and Design		29. Basement?		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Conrad Formal Gardens
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction		2. County Butler
17b. Alteration Date(s)		32. Roof Type		
		Roof Material		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Conrad Formal Gardens
		33. No. of Bays Side Bays		
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s)		2. County Butler
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p><b>Conrad Formal Gardens has a balanced and symmetrical layout consisting of three rectangular plots placed in a geometric pattern and connected by a brick walks. Trees, shrubs and flowering plants are well tended. The different sections of the garden are surrounded by neatly trimmed box hedges. There is one structure, an open pergola consisting of eight stacked limestone piers supporting an open wood lattice roof structure. This feature provides entry to the rose garden, which was a centennial anniversary gift of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, 1874-1974. At the north end of the gardens, the path terminates in a circular brick design with a large boulder at its center. A plaque there notes the gardens as the burial place for Robert Hamilton Bishop, Miami's first president, and his wife, who were brought back to the campus for reburial in 1959.</b></p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p><b>The Formal Gardens were established at this location in 1931, following a suggestion of Wallace P. Roudebush, a Miami administrator from 1911 until his death in 1956. The university had a greenhouse here as well, providing the campus grounds department with flowers and shrubs. In addition, the gardens were used by horticulture and botany students as an outdoor classroom. The gardens are named for Arthur F. Conrad, who served as university grounds superintendent from 1937 to 1972. The Formal Gardens are considered a campus beauty spot that is an attraction as well for visitors and garden clubs.</b></p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p><b>The gardens are located to the east of Patterson Avenue near the university's East Quad. They occupy a level tract of ground just east of the area known as Dogwood Grove.</b></p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p><b>Lane Public Library archival database; The Miami Student, miscellaneous newspaper articles, 1947-1986.</b></p>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Judy Williams</b>				
47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>				
48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>				
49. PIR Reviewer:				
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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)

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

45. Sources (Con't)