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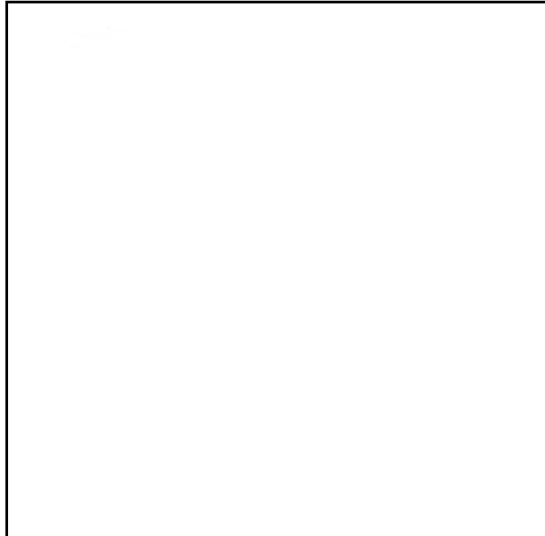
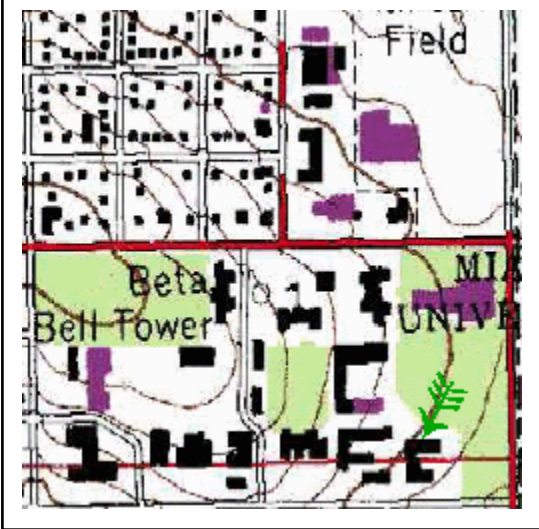
RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02529-01		4. Present Name(s) Culler Hall		9-01 BUT-0252
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Culler Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 620 East Spring Street		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Frank Messer & Sons		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Culler Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694952 4375352 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use College/University		35. Plan Shape U-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
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: University		27. Other Surveys		17b.
17. Date(s) or Period 1961		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design Element Neo-Classical Revival		29. Basement? Yes		37. Window Type(s) 12 over 12
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Reinforced concrete		
19. Architect or Engineer Cellarius and Hilmer		31. Wall Construction Reinforced concrete		38. Building Dimensions
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Culler Hall is a three-story U-shaped building designed with elements of a Neo-Classical style. At the center of the U is the main entrance pavilion, with a three-story glass entrance feature with simple limestone surround. It features a stone cornice with block modillions. Wings extend to either side and then turn to the east to form the U-shape. The stone cornice and frieze continue on all sides, but without modillions. There are modest round dormer vents at the roof. Windows are regularly spaced on all floors, with 8/8, 12/12, or 15/15 sash and brick jack arches. The north and south sides of the building have first floor entry doors with classical stone surrounds and a transom detail that is seen on many of Cellarius and Hilmer's Miami buildings. The telescope observatory is a small domed structure located at the southwest corner of the building's roof, not readily visible from the ground.		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Culler Hall was built in 1959-61 as a classroom and laboratory building for physics, mathematics and aeronautics. About 2.75 acres of the lower campus woods were cleared for its construction. The building is named for Joseph Albertus Culler, professor of physics at the university from 1903-1926. The establishment of physics as a separate department at Miami was initiated with his appointment in 1903. The building contains a Foucault pendulum, which was installed about 1965. A rooftop astronomical observatory was added to the building in 1998 at the time of a roof renovation.		33. No. of Bays 14 Side Bays 9		39. Endangered? NO By What?
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The building is located in the area originally referred to as lower campus. Bishop Woods is located to the north, other academic buildings are to the east and west, and Spring Street fronts on the south. The courtyard created by the U-shaped plan is grassy with several mature trees.		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
45. Sources of Information Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present; MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005; The Miami Student, 'Culler Pendulum's Path Unchanged,' Feb. 3, 1970; Miami Reporter, 'Astronomical Observatory tops Culler Hall,' Feb. 26, 1998.		40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface		6. Specific Address or Location 620 East Spring Street
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road		
47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Culler Hall is a three-story U-shaped building designed with elements of a Neo-Classical style. At the center of the U is the main entrance pavilion, with a three-story glass entrance feature with simple limestone surround. It features a stone cornice with block modillions. Wings extend to either side and then turn to the east to form the U-shape. The stone cornice and frieze continue on all sides, but without modillions. There are modest round dormer vents at the roof. Windows are regularly spaced on all floors, with 8/8, 12/12, or 15/15 sash and brick jack arches. The north and south sides of the building have first floor entry doors with classical stone surrounds and a transom detail that is seen on many of Cellarius and Hilmer's Miami buildings. The telescope observatory is a small domed structure located at the southwest corner of the building's roof, not readily visible from the ground.		51. Condition of Property: Excellent
48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Culler Hall was built in 1959-61 as a classroom and laboratory building for physics, mathematics and aeronautics. About 2.75 acres of the lower campus woods were cleared for its construction. The building is named for Joseph Albertus Culler, professor of physics at the university from 1903-1926. The establishment of physics as a separate department at Miami was initiated with his appointment in 1903. The building contains a Foucault pendulum, which was installed about 1965. A rooftop astronomical observatory was added to the building in 1998 at the time of a roof renovation.		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Multiple facade orientation

Symmetry:
Bilateral 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)