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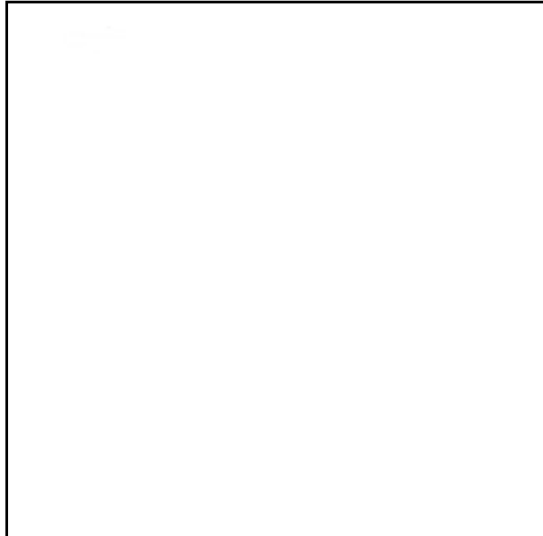
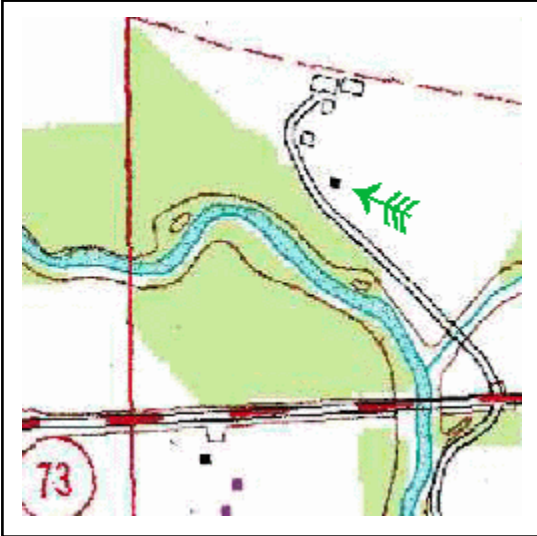
RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02517-01		4. Present Name(s) DeWitt Log Homestead		7-01 BUT-0251
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Zachariah Price DeWitt Cabin		
6. Specific Address or Location 4824 Oxford Trenton Road		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Single Pen		4. Present or Historic Name(s) DeWitt Log Homestead
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 696159 4375665 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Museum/Exhibition		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
11. On National Register? YES 73001392		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: General Mixed Farm Sawmill		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6
17. Date(s) or Period 1805		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design None		29. Basement?		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material Rubble Stone, w/ wood water table		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Hewed log		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Wood shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 1		40. Chimney Placement Gable end, exterior
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Log or Plank		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) This is a two-story house constructed of hewn logs. The gabled roof has wood shingles. The attic rafters have exposed ends. The front elevation contains 3 bays, with a center door flanked by two small windows at the first floor and three small windows on the second level. Windows are 6-over-6 and shutters are operable. The side elevations are plain, with clapboards in the gable ends. A single window exists on the west side, and a large exterior chimney of stone exists on the east side. The rear elevation has a door and a single window on each floor. The interior of the house contains four rooms, plus an attic. It has floors of ash and ceilings of tulip poplar and walnut. An Ohio Historical Marker stands in front of the house, and there are several plaques on the smokehouse.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Listed on the National Register, the DeWitt Log Homestead is significant as the oldest remaining building in Oxford Township and one of the oldest remaining structures in Ohio. It was built in 1805 by Zachariah Price DeWitt, who arrived from Kentucky that year and entered 230 acres in Section 24 of Oxford Township. Zachariah and his wife Elizabeth raised corn and hogs, and Zachariah also operated a sawmill and built houses in Oxford. It is believed that the Miami trustees visited the DeWitt farm in 1810 looking for a place to build, and Zachariah suggested the crest of the hill to the west of his home, where the university was built. The log house is noteworthy as an early example of hewn log construction, with attic rafters that are pegged, instead of nailed. The home had been covered continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The DeWitt Homestead is located to the east of Oxford, near the Four Mile Creek in an area that remains rural. The homestead site is surrounded by a split rail fence. An important remaining outbuilding is the smokehouse, which is constructed of brick with a stone foundation and an overhanging gabled roof supported by large wood braces. A single door is on the west side, and boarded window openings are on the south and east. Also present on the property are a frame privy and a wishing well.				
45. Sources of Information Ohio Historical Marker, The DeWitt Log Homestead, 2002; MU Archives, building files; The Miami Student, October 1, 1971; The Oxford Press, 'Hope to Save DeWitt Cabin,' December 7, 1972.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 4824 Oxford Trenton Road
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 04/13/2009		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Lateral axis

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)
with siding and neglected when it was rescued by Miami University and the Oxford Museum Association and restored in the early 1970s.

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

45. Sources (Con't)