



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02021-01</b> REV		4. Present Name(s) <b>Gaskill Hall</b>		1-01 <b>BUT-0202</b>
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Industrial Arts Building</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>540 East Spring Street</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County <b>Butler</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Boydjohn and Barr (1925), A Benzing &amp; Sons (1951)</b>		
7. City or Village <b>Oxford</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) <b>Gaskill Hall</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 694845 4375377</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>College/University</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>College/University</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>L-shaped</b>
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>		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. <b>Original/Most significant construct</b> 17b. <b>Substantial alteration/addition</b>
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>University</b>		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) <b>Casement</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1925</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Three story</b>		
17b. Alteration Date(s) <b>1951, 1959</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design <b>Element Neo-Classical Revival</b>		30. Foundation Material <b>Stone bearing</b>		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction <b>Brick bearing</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Herbert S. Briggs (1925), C. F. Cellarius (1951)</b>		32. Roof Type <b>Hip</b> Roof Material <b>Asphalt shingle</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>20</b> Side Bays <b>22</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>Three or more chimneys</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Stretcher or running bond</b>		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
				51. Condition of Property: <b>Excellent</b>
				52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type  Date  Associated Activity
				53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)  Archaeological (OAI)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p><b>Gaskill Hall was built in 3 sections, beginning with the northwest section in 1925. This is a 2-story building with basement. Ornamentation includes a stone belt course between the first and second floors, industrial sash windows, rounded roof dormers, and a classical stone surround with incised 'Gaskill Hall' at the west end door. A south wing addition was built in 1951, creating the L plan. This wing repeats features of the original, although differences in brick detailing are seen. The final addition was built in 1959 to accommodate the Audio Visual Service. This wing is three stories because of differences in grade. Windows here are still industrial-type sash but the openings are much larger. On the north side there is a cross-gabled pavilion with pediment and decorative oculus window in the gable.</b></p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p><b>Gaskill Hall was originally known as the Industrial Arts Building and was first occupied in September, 1925. The university requested a state appropriation in 1944 to enlarge the building, anticipating an influx of students interested in industrial training following the close of the WWII. Wings were added to the original building in 1951 (designed by Charles F. Cellarius) and in 1959 (designed by VanBuren, Ayers &amp; Blackburn). The building was named the Fred G. Whitcomb Laboratories in 1948-49, but shortly after was renamed Gaskill Hall in honor of David Lewis Gaskill, a lawyer who was a Miami trustee from 1907-1939 and who established the Greenville Electric Light Co. and the Ohio Electrical Association. Gaskill Hall was built around the university's first steam power plant. The boiler continued...</b></p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p><b>Gaskill hall is located immediately south of Upham Hall in the center of the Miami University campus. A parking area exists to the southeast of the building. To accommodate a grade change, there is a set of steps with a distinctive brick cap along one side of the building.</b></p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p><b>Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; Post War Building Program for the State Universities of Ohio, June 1944; The Miami Student, March 6, 1925; Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999</b></p>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Judy Williams</b>		47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>540 East Spring Street</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>		
		50. PIR Review Date:		

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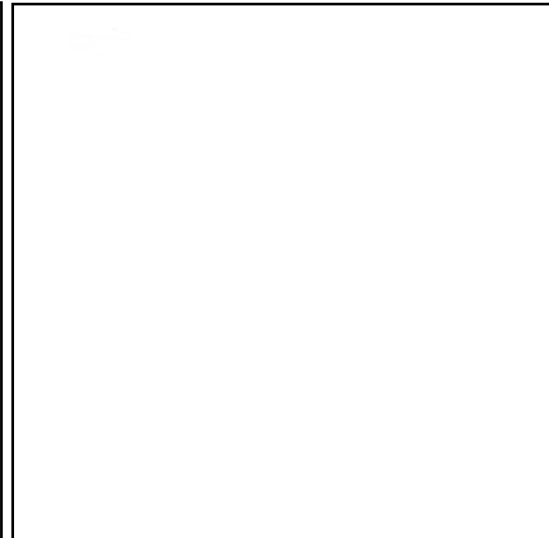
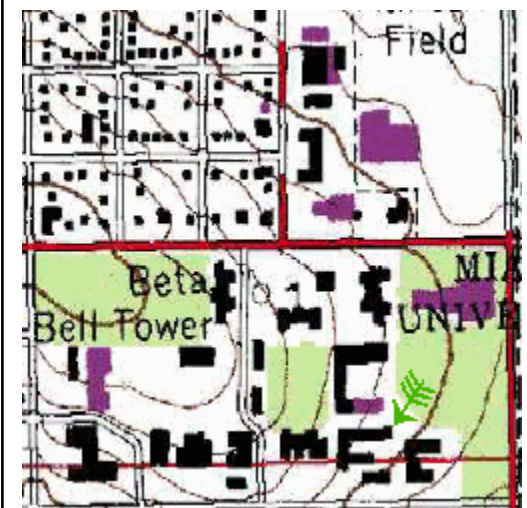
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Single off center**

Door Position:  
**Flush**

Orientation:  
**Multiple facade orientation**

Symmetry:  
**Bilateral asymmetry**

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)

**house and stack were demolished in 1981.**

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

45. Sources (Con't)