



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00144-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Hall Auditorium		4-01 BUT-0014
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Benton Hall, Administration Building		
6. Specific Address or Location 101 South Campus Avenue		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Lloyd & Johnson		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Hall Auditorium
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694425 4375488 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use College/University		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
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 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: University		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8
17. Date(s) or Period 1908		28. No. of Stories Two story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) 1992		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Renaissance Revival		30. Foundation Material Rock-Faced Plain Ashlar, w/ cut stone water table		
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer Gustav W. Drach		32. Roof Type Truncated hip Roof Material Clay tile		
		33. No. of Bays 9 Side Bays 11		40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Common or American bond		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) This is a handsome Renaissance Revival style building with clay tile hipped roof, projecting eaves with stylized brackets, and facade with arched limestone entry portico. The facade is divided into 3 sections of 3 bays each, with the two side pavilions projecting to create a center recess. Windows are replacements, but they reflect the original sash pattern, 8/8 with a 4-pane transom. The portico has three arched bays, embedded pilasters, a classical entablature cornice, and decorative balustrade. The arches are repeated at the three entry doors. The sides of the building at the location of the auditorium have five window bays, with large square-headed windows at the first floor and round-arched windows at the second floor, all with the appearance of multi-paned sash. At the rear of the building, the 1992 addition is 2 stories in height, with a flat roof, gently curved rear elevation, and facing in brick and concrete block. Much of the interior lobby dates from that renovation and the original U-shaped auditorium was replaced.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Hall Auditorium was completed in 1908 and served as the Administration Building and Auditorium for Miami University until a new administration building was constructed in 1956. It housed administrative offices and was the location for commencement exercises for many years. The auditorium provided seating for 1200. The building was the design of Gustav W. Drach (1861-1940), a Cincinnati architect whose work included the Textile Building (1905) and Woodward High School (1910) in Cincinnati. In 1926, the building was named Benton Hall, after Guy Potter Benton, Miami's 12th president, 1902-1911. It became home of Miami's Music Department in 1956, with a remodeling that included teaching studios, a large classroom, a listening room and listening booths. It was renamed Hall Auditorium in 1969 in				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Hall Auditorium is located at the western edge of the Miami University campus, near Campus Avenue and East High Street. It faces onto the grassy area that is the location of Slant Walk. King Library was built immediately adjacent to the building in 1966.				
45. Sources of Information Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; Miami University Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2009; The Miami Alumnus, March 1956; Curry, Lucy and Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Forms, 1977 and 1999; Christa Alburda, Nick Amorini, Hannah Harpster, Gregg Stein and Cale Werder, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Report, Professor Helen Sheumaker, Fall 2008.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 101 South Campus Avenue
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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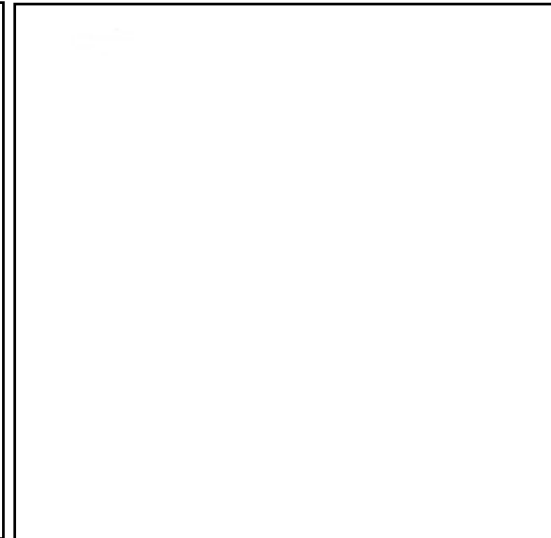
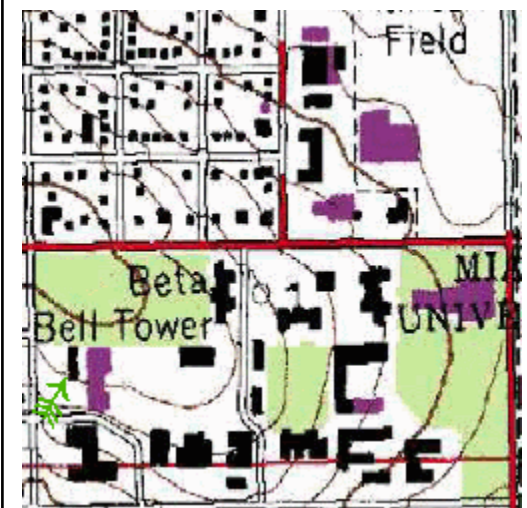
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Three or more

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Other

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)*

honor of Miami's fifth president, John W. Hall. In 1992, the building underwent a significant renovation, with an addition to the auditorium on the south side. The building currently houses the Classics Department, along with the auditorium.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*