



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-01965-01</b> REV		4. Present Name(s) <b>Hamilton Hall</b>		5-01 BUT-0196
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Hamilton Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>401 South Oak Street</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>James I. Barnes Co.</b>		
7. City or Village <b>Oxford</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Hamilton Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 694692 4375123</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Dormitory</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>Dormitory</b>		Hamilton Hall
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, OH 45056</b>		Hamilton Hall
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>University</b>		27. Other Surveys		Hamilton Hall
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1940</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Three and a half story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>Dominant Georgian Revival</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		Hamilton Hall
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Unknown</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer <b>John P. Schooley</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Unknown</b>		Hamilton Hall
		32. Roof Type <b>Gable</b> Roof Material <b>Clay tile</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>20</b> Side Bays <b>8</b>		Hamilton Hall
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Flemish bond</b>		
		35. Plan Shape <b>L-shaped</b>		Hamilton Hall
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b>		
		37. Window Type(s) <b>8 over 8</b>		Hamilton Hall
		38. Building Dimensions <b>6 over 6</b>		
		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?		Hamilton Hall
		40. Chimney Placement <b>Three or more chimneys</b>		
		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road		Hamilton Hall
		51. Condition of Property: <b>Excellent</b>		
		52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type		Hamilton Hall
		Date		
		Associated Activity		Hamilton Hall
		53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)		
		Archaeological (OAI)		Hamilton Hall
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>Hamilton Hall is a 3<sup>1/2</sup> story red brick dormitory building, designed in the Georgian Revival style. Completed in 1940, it is similar in design to the other dormitories facing the same quad. The building is L-shaped, with a wing that extends east into the quad. The facade has two primary entrances, facing the South Quad. The projecting southern entrance has a two-story portico and is solid brick at the ground level, except for the door opening. At the second story, Doric columns support a pediment with oculus window. The northern entrance has a curved one-story porch, with Doric columns. The solid wood door has sidelights. Above, the second and third story bay windows match the curve of the porch. Secondary entrances on the facade open onto a large, brick-walled patio, roughly in the center of the building. Secondary entrances, on each end of the building and the east wing, have a brick arcaded porch. Other features of the building include 8-over-8 window sash, Flemish bond brick pattern, splayed-brick lintels (with keystones on the first floor), bay windows, fanlight windows, cornice modillions and pedimented dormers.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Hamilton Hall is part of a group of five large dormitories built from 1940-1962 that comprise the northern section of what is known as the South Quadrangle of the South Campus of Miami University. This area had formerly been the site of the Miami Lodges, temporary housing constructed in 1947 to house approximately 600 men, who came to campus following WWII. The South Quad dorms were built in response to enrollment increases. South Quad was designated as the women's residence hall quadrangle. The first two halls constructed were Hamilton (1940) and Richard (1941-1962). They were followed by Scott Hall. MacCracken Hall, the centerpiece of the quadrangle, was finished in 1961. The final building in the northern section of South Quad, Minnich Hall, was completed in 1962. With the continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>Hamilton Hall occupies a location on the west side of the quadrangle, in the vicinity of other similar dormitories from the same period.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings, Past and Present; Miami Alumnus, September 1, 1955.</p>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Nathalie Wright</b>		47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>		6. Specific Address or Location 401 South Oak Street
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>		
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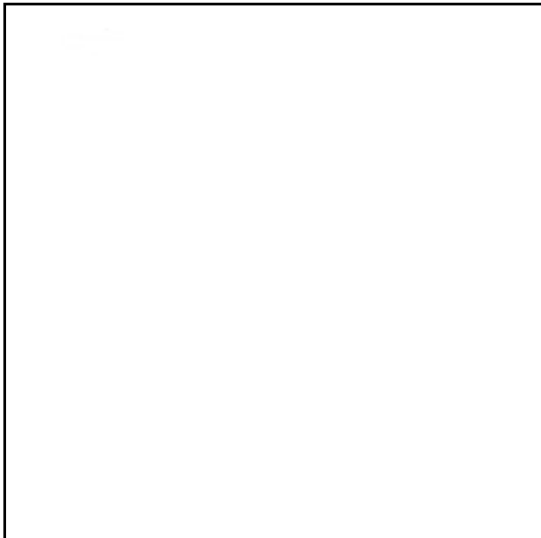
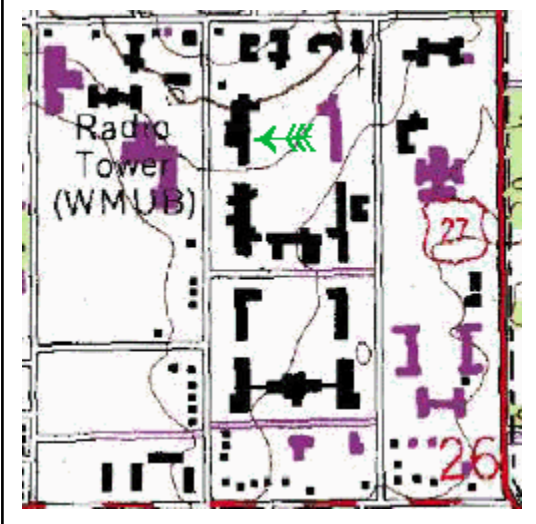
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Three or more**

Door Position:  
**Flush**

Orientation:  
**Other**

Symmetry:  
**Other**

Report Associated With Project:

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**exception of Hamilton Hall and the north wing of Richard Hall, the buildings were designed by the architectural firm of Cellarius and Hilmer. Completed in 1940, the building was originally known as North Hall. The building was designed by John P. Schooley, Ohio state architect. Completed for a cost of \$398,000, Hamilton Hall was renamed in 1948, in honor of Elizabeth W. Hamilton. She arrived at Miami University in 1905, to serve as the Dean of Women. She held this position for 40 years, in addition to teaching English and Greek. She was active in several recreational clubs, as well as professional associations that furthered the advancement of women.**

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

45. Sources (Con't)