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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00039-01 REV 4. Present Name(s) Kumler Chapel				BUT-0003 9-01
2. County Butler	5. Historic or Other	r Name(s) Kumler Memorial Chapel		8
6. Specific Address or Location 650 Western College Drive		19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape Latin cross	2. County 4. Present or Historic Name(s) Butler Kumler Chapel
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Cephas Burns and others 21. Building Type or Plan Bascilican Plan Church 22. Original Use, if apparent Church/Religious Structure	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.	
7. City or Village Oxford			37. Window Type(s) Stained glass/painted	
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695491 4374756		23. Present Use Social/Civic	38. Building Dimensions 45' by 140'	
Zone Easting	Northing	24. Ownership Public 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known	39. Endangered? NO By What?	istoric Na hapel
10. Classification: Building 11. On National Register? YES		Oxford, Ohio 45056 Miami University 40. Chimney Placement	40. Chimney Placement	me(s)
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? YES		26. Property Acreage	No chimney observed	
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) Western Female Seminary Historic District		27. Other Surveys	41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	
16. Thematic Associations: Seminary RELIGION: ECCLESIASTICAL GROUP 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 1918 18. Style Class and Design		28. No. of Stories One story 29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material Stone bearing 31. Wall Construction Stone bearing	51. Condition of Property: Excellent 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date	
Transitional Late Got	thic Revival Colonial/Norman Revival	32. Roof Type Cross gable Roof Material Patterned slate (color)	Associated Activity	
19. Architect or Engineer Carrere and Hastings		33. No. of Bays 8 Side Bays 1 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Rubble or unsquared stone	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)	
	tant Interior and Exterior Feature	es (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)		၉ ေ

Constructed of random-laid fieldstone (limestone) in a transitional Late Gothic/Norman Revival style, the Chapel consists of a long gabled sanctuary with entrance porch at its south end and circular apse with conical roof at its north end. The roof is steeply-pitched and covered with multi-colored slate. At the center of the Latin cross plan is the imposing stone tower, designed with a steeply-pitched gabled roof and plain walls with narrow windows on each side. Below the tower are east and west gabled projections, lower in height than the main body of the building. The east-facing gable (street side) has a round window trimmed in limestone with two 6-over-6 windows and door centered below. To the south is a conical-roofed entry tower in the Norman style. The south Chapel entrance has a heavy old English style door with segmental-arched limestone surround and is sheltered by a wood and limestone porch. The porch has a broad elliptical arch flanked by two smaller openings and s slate hipped roof. A large round stained-glass window is centered in the gable above. Secondary doors from the narthex are found on the east and west sides. The long east and west walls of continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

Kumler Memorial Chapel was a gift to Oxford's Western College from Anna Kumler Wright of Montclair, NJ (class of 1879) and her sister, Emma Kumler McKelvy of Pittsburgh, PA, as a memorial to their father, Rev. Jeremiah Prophet Elias Kumler (1830-1909). Rev. Kumler was a Western College trustee from 1871-1898 and benefactor of the college. In addition, the Chapel honored their mother, Abbie Goulding Kumler, who was a faculty member in 1855-56, and their grandfather, Elias Kumler, who was a college trustee from 1854-1872. The building was completed and dedicated in 1918. Designed by the architectural firm of Carrerre and Hastings, Kumler Chapel is said to be based on a Normandy cathedral in Bazouche-en-Honline. The stone was laid by Cephas Burns, Oxford's stone mason who built many other

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

Kumler Chapel is located on the Western College campus of Miami University amid sloping topography and mature trees. It occupies a spot just to the east of McKee Hall on Western Drive, which winds through the campus. Concrete walks lead to the various Chapel doors. To the south and west the ground drops off; the Freedom Summer '64' memorial amphitheater is located on the hillside to its south.

45. Sources of Information

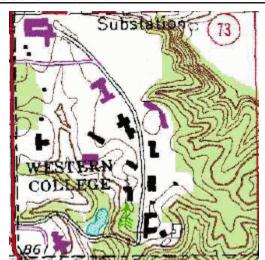
Mitchell, Lawrence, Western Female Seminary, National Register nomination, 1979; Western College Memorial Archives, Miami University; Photographs of Frank R. Snyder, Miami University Libraries Digital Collections; Curry, Lucy, Ohio Historic Inventory form, 1976.

46. Prepared By: **Judy**

Specific Address or Location

50 Western College Drive

8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection:

Three or more

Door Position:

Flush

Orientation:

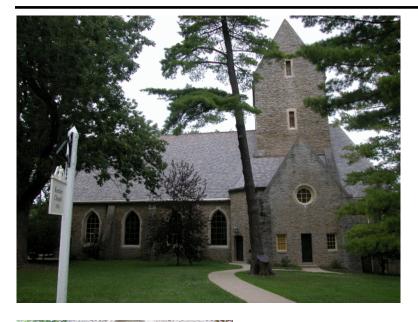
Lateral axis

Symmetry:

Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:





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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

the chapel have buttresses located between four Gothic-arched windows outlined in limestone. Five Gothic-arched stained glass windows also exist in the apse, with symbolism relating to the Bible and the arts and sciences of liberal education. Kumler Chapel's slate roof was restored and its walls repaired in 2008.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

structures on the Western College campus during this period. The chimes in the bell tower were donated by the Fletcher Heath family. Regular religious services are no longer held in the Chapel, but it is still a site for weddings and other special events.

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45. Sources (Con't)