



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

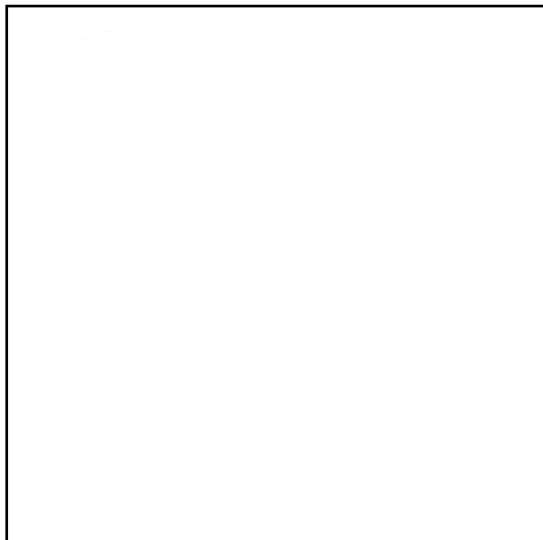
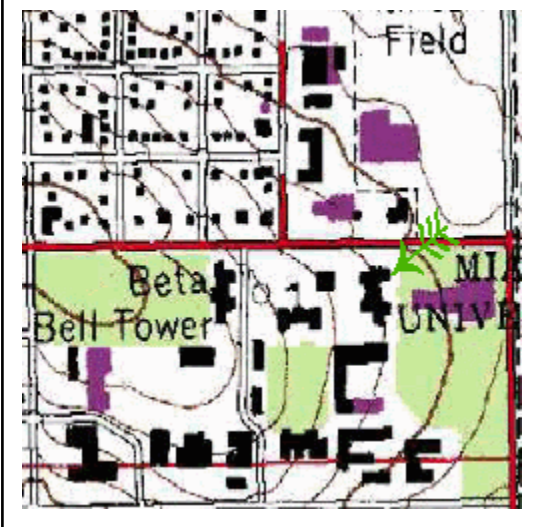
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02528-01</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Laws Hall</b>		8-01 <b>BUT-0252</b>
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Laws Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>551 East High Street</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County <b>Butler</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Knowlton Construction Company</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>Laws Hall</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 694889 4375584</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>U-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>
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		17b.
16. Thematic Associations: <b>University</b>		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) <b>12 over 12</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1959</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Three story</b>		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design <b>Transitional Georgian Revival</b> <b>Transitional Modern Movements</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Reinforced concrete</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>Off center within ridge line</b>
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Cellarius and Hilmer</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Reinforced concrete</b>		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
		32. Roof Type <b>Hip</b> Roof Material <b>Asphalt shingle</b>		51. Condition of Property: <b>Excellent</b>
		33. No. of Bays <b>15</b> Side Bays <b>8</b>		52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type  Date  Associated Activity
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Flemish bond</b>		53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)  Archaeological (OAI)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>Laws Hall is a three-story brick-faced hip-roofed building with a U-shaped plan. The facade has a central recessed section flanked by two projecting wings. The dominant feature is a classical entrance pavilion with smooth limestone facing and full entablature supported by four Doric pilasters. The center bay contains the entrance with a pediment over the double door with transom. The name Laws Hall is incised in the frieze. Other features of the design are windows with splayed brick lintels. A stone beltcourse separates the first from the second floor. A central window in the projecting wings has a classical surround, as do doors located on other elevations.</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>Laws Hall was completed in 1959 as the home for the School of Business Administration. Designed by university architects Cellarius and Hilmer, it was built at a cost of \$1.7 million. The building was named in honor of Samuel Spahr Laws, a member of the Miami class of 1848. Laws was an inventor, financier, educator, physician, theologian and benefactor of Miami University. He is known as the inventor of the stock market ticker tape. Laws presented the university with one of the five duplicate castings of the Houdon statue of George Washington.</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>Laws Hall is located in the central campus of Miami University, adjacent to Upham Hall. Its facade faces west directly opposite Ogden Hall and Beta Bell Tower. Laws is reached by several walks.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005; MU Archives, building files; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966.</b>				

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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)

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

45. Sources (Con't)