



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

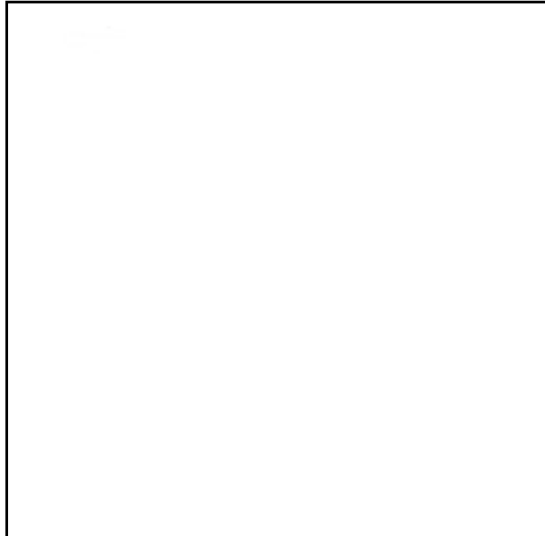
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02476-01</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>MacCracken Hall</b>		6-01 <b>BUT-0247</b>
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>MacCracken Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>500 Center Drive</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County <b>Butler</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Knowlton Construction</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>MacCracken Hall</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 694781 4374958</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Dormitory</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>Dormitory</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>Irregular</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, OH 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>8 over 8</b> <b>6 over 6</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1957</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>		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Unknown</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Cellarius &amp; Hilmer</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Unknown</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
		32. Roof Type <b>Gable</b> Roof Material <b>Clay tile</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>19</b> Side Bays <b>7</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>Three or more chimneys</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Flemish bond</b>		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>MacCracken Hall is a 3-1/2 story red brick dormitory building, designed in the Georgian Revival style. Completed in 1961, it is similar in design to the other dormitories facing the same quad. The building is u-shaped, with wings that project to the south, toward the southern section of South Quad. The primary entrance faces north and is emphasized by a two-story porch, supported by slender columns. The porch has a wood geometric balustrade and modillion cornice. The doorway, with sidelights and transom window, has an entablature surround and broken pediment. The central block of the building is characterized by a two-tiered cupola with weathervane. A low balustrade, with urns on the corners, encircles the cupola. The rear elevation, facing south, has a circular porch covering the entrance. The 12-light wood door has sidelights and a plain entablature. The porch is supported by wrought-iron posts with a geometric pattern. Only half of the porch is covered with a roof, the rest is open, forming an outer patio. Other, secondary, entrances have small porches with Doric columns and a triglyph and metope entablature. Other features of the building continued...</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>MacCracken 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...</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>MacCracken Hall occupies a location on the south side of the quadrangle, in the vicinity of other similar dormitories from the same period. MacCracken Hall is the central anchor for the north and south sections of the South Quad. It is connected by a colonnade to Richard Hall, on the west, and Scott Hall to the east.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings, Past and Present, 1966; Miami Alumnus, March 1956; Miami Alumnus, 1957.</b>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Nathalie Wright</b>		47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>500 Center Drive</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Three or more**

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)*

**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.**

*43. History and Significance (Con't)*

**exception of Hamilton Hall and the north wing of Richard Hall, the buildings were designed by the architectural firm of Cellarius and Hilmer. Construction on the west wing was completed in 1957, and the building was known as Center Hall, at that time. The central portion and the east wing were completed in 1961, and the dormitory was renamed MacCracken Hall. All sections of MacCracken Hall were designed by Cellarius and Hilmer. MacCracken Hall contains rooms and sorority suites for upper class women. Completed for a cost of \$1,690,000, MacCracken Hall was dedicated September 16, 1961, in honor of Henry Mitchell MacCracken. An Oxford native, Henry MacCracken graduated from Miami in 1857. He was an educator and Presbyterian minister. He was a founder of the College of Wooster and served as chancellor of the Western University of Pennsylvania and New York University.**

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

*45. Sources (Con't)*