567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, OH 43211 614/298-2000

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

•			RPR Number:		
1. No. BUT-00035-01	REV 4. Present Name(s	Mary Lyon Hall		BUT-0003 5-01	
2. County Butler	5. Historic or Othe	her Name(s) Mary Lyon Hall			
6. Specific Address or Location 500 Western College Drive		19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape Rectangular	2. County Butler	
		20. Contractor or Builder	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number	r	21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type	17. Original/Most significant construct		
7. City or Village Oxford		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory College/University	37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6	4. P	
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695384 4374942		23. Present Use Dormitory College/University	38. Building Dimensions	4. Present or Historic Name(s. Mary Lyon Hall	
Zone Easting	Northing	24. Ownership Public	39. Endangered? NO	storic 1 Ha	
10. Classification: Building 11. On National Register? Y	ES	25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University	By What?	Name(s)	
11. On Wational Register:		Oxford, Ohio 45056	40. Chimney Placement		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist		26. Property Acreage	Off center within roof surface		
15. Other Designation (NR or Lo	ocal)	27. Other Surveys	41. Distance from & Frontage on Road		
Western Female Seminary		28. No. of Stories	51. Condition of Property:		
16. Thematic Associations:		Two and a half story	Excellent		
PRIVATE/College		29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material Unknown	52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type		
17. Date(s) or Period 1925 18. Style Class and Design	17b. Alteration Date(s)	31. Wall Construction Unknown	Date		
Element Jacobet	han	32. Roof Type Truncated hip Roof Material	Associated Activity		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		Slate	52 ACCI: 4-J Investors Numbers	4	
19. Architect or Engineer Joseph C. Wespiser		33. No. of Bays 16 Side Bays 4 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Limestone Rubble or unsquared stone	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)	4	
Mary Lyon Hall is a 2-1/2 sto	ory limestone-faced dormito nain facade. Window openin	res (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) rry with original hipped slate roof. The building has a lor gs have flat-arched stone lintels and paired 6-over-6 do	uble hung sash.	6. Specific 500 We	

one-story bay windows with flat roofs and battlements. The central bay contains the building's round-arched entry and also features the entry porch with round-arched opening with smooth stone surround, corner quoins and battlements at the flat roof. At each end of the building is a two-story wing with lower roofline adjoining the main section. The rear elevation has paired windows, hipped-roof dormers and an unornamented entry door with steps at the center. On the interior, the dormitory has a central corridor plan bisected by the entry hall. A living area with fireplaces is located on the first floor. Stairs are located off the corridor near each end of the building and restrooms are located in the end wings.

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

Built as a dormitory in 1925, Mary Lyon Hall was the second dedicated dormitory to be constructed on the campus of the Western College for Women. (McKee Hall had been built as New Dormitory in 1904, while Peabody Hall was multi-use.) Needed to accommodate the growing student population of the early 1920s, the building originally housed 110 young women. It was designed by Joseph C. Wespiser, also the architect for Presser Hall (music education building), built in 1931. Like Presser and Kumler Chapel before it on the Western College campus, Mary Lyon Hall is faced with uncoursed fieldstone (limestone). (Clawson and Boyd Halls followed suit in the 1940s.) In 1934, college trustees named this building in honor of Mary Lyon, founder of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, which had served as the model for the

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

Mary Lyon Hall is located among other dormitories off of Western Drive on the Western campus of Miami University. It sits on a diagonal axis in line with McKee Hall to its southeast. A connecting walkway on this axis in front of the building contains historic iron lamp posts placed on cobblestone piers. Several mature trees exist along this walk. A large parking area exists to the rear of the building.

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 Digital Collections; Curry, Lucy, Ohio Historic Inventory form, 1976.

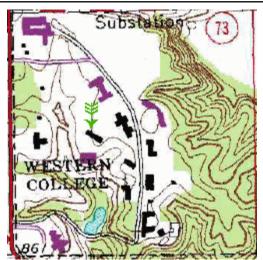
46. Prepared By: Judy 49. PIR Reviewer:

50. PIR Review Date:

Address or Location stern College Drive

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection:

Single centered

Door Position:

Flush

Orientation:

Lateral axis with multiple smaller lateral extension

Symmetry:

Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:





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42. Further I	Description of Important Interior	and Exterior Features (Con't)			
43 History	and Significance (Con't)		_		
Western F	Western Female Seminary at its founding in 1853. Mary Lyon Hall continues to function as a dormitory on the Western campus of Miami University today.				
44. Descript	ion of Environment and Outbuild	ings (Con't)			
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45. Sources (Con't)