



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00171-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) McGuffey Museum		1-01 BUT-0017
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) William Holmes McGuffey House		
6. Specific Address or Location 401 East Spring Street		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Side Hallway		4. Present or Historic Name(s) McGuffey Museum
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694660 4375277 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Museum/Exhibition College/University		35. Plan Shape L-shaped
11. On National Register? YES 66000605		24. Ownership Public		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: Original/Most significant construct
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage .38		
16. Thematic Associations: EDUCATION		27. Other Surveys		17b. Substantial alteration/addition
17. Date(s) or Period 1833		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Federal Element Italianate		29. Basement? Yes		37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6 6 over 1
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Ashlar Stone, w/no water table		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		38. Building Dimensions
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 4		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>The McGuffey House is a 2-story Side Hallway brick house that is an example of Federal vernacular architecture. Flemish bond brick is found on three sides of the house. The facade has three windows on each floor, with parlor length first floor openings containing 6-over-6 sash. The entrance is located in the first bay and has a plain sandstone lintel and paneled wood door with transom. Stone lintels are at the first floor windows, while second floor openings have brick jack arches. A wood porch with four Doric columns is located across the front. The projecting wood cornice has scrolled brackets, an Italianate stylistic element. On the east elevation, the gable end has a unique carved-pendant bargeboard pattern. This side also features a two-story rear porch along the rear ell. The first floor of this porch has Doric posts, while the second floor is enclosed with wood framing and 6-over-6 windows. On the west side, the front portion of the house has 3 bays (one closed in on the first floor) and a two-story wing that projects to the west. The house underwent a significant renovation and restoration from 1999 to 2002.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>A National Historic Landmark, this house is significant as the home of William Holmes McGuffey, who authored the famous McGuffey Readers for children while living here. McGuffey joined the faculty of Miami University in 1826, bought this lot in 1828, and had his two-story six-room house built by 1833. It was in this house that the McGuffey Readers were born (he wrote his first four Readers here) and it was in this house that McGuffey tested his readers on local children. The famous octagonal table which he used remains in the house today, which is now the McGuffey Museum owned by Miami University. McGuffey left Miami in 1836 to become president of Cincinnati College. From 1839 to 1855 the house was held in trust by McGuffey's brother, Alexander, who was a Cincinnati attorney. It was sold</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>The McGuffey Museum occupies a corner location on the south side of Spring Street in the heart of the Miami University campus. It retains its residential setting, even as it is set amongst large scale academic buildings nearby. No outbuildings remain.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Gordon, Stephen C., Curator of the McGuffey Museum, website information, 2009; Curry, Lucy and Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1977 and 1999.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 401 East Spring Street
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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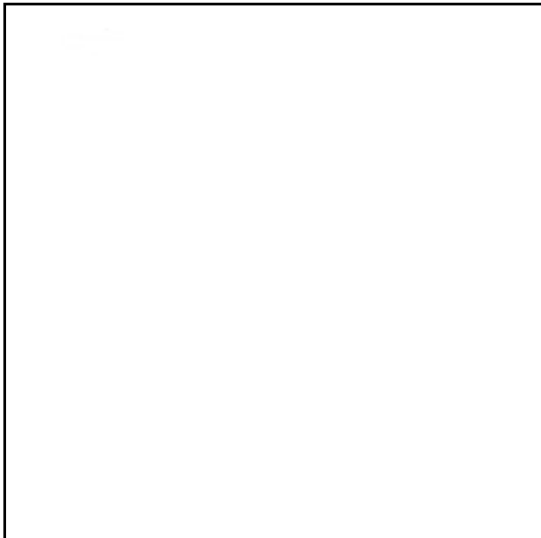
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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in 1855 to J.H. Shuey, who constructed the west wing addition in 1860. The next owner was Joseph McCord, who purchased it in 1866 and made a number of changes, including the addition of a front stair and hall and construction of the porch across the front. From 1925 to his death in 1956, the house was occupied by Wallace P. Roudebush, an administrator with the University for many years. The house was sold to Miami University by his widow in 1958.

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45. Sources (Con't)