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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00034-01	REV 4. Present Name(s	McKee Hall		BUT-0003 4-01
2. County Butler	5. Historic or Othe	her Name(s) New Hall		003
6. Specific Address or Location 600 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		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type	17. Original/Most significant construct	
7. City or Village Oxford		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University Dormitory	37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1	S . ⁴ .
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695499 4374854		23. Present Use College/University Dormitory	38. Building Dimensions	McKee Hall
Zone Easting	Northing	24. Ownership Public	39. Endangered? NO By What?	oric
10. Classification: Building 11. On National Register? YES		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University	,	Name(s)
11. On National Register? YE		Oxford, Ohio 45056	40. Chimney Placement	1
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? YES 15. Other Designation (NR or Local) Western Female Seminary 16. Thematic Associations: University		26. Property Acreage 27. Other Surveys	Two chimnevs asymetrical 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	-
		28. No. of Stories	51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair	1
		Three story 29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material	52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type	1
17. Date(s) or Period 1904 18. Style Class and Design	17b. Alteration Date(s)	Stone bearing 31. Wall Construction Brick bearing	Date	
High Neo-Classical Revival 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material	Associated Activity	
		Unknown 33. No. of Bays 11 Side Bays 3	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers:	
19. Architect or Engineer		34. Exterior Wall Material(s)	Historic (OHI)	
Geyer & Neuffer		Brick Common or American bond	Archaeological (OAI)	
12 Further Description of Import	ant Interior and Exterior Featu	ures (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)	-	

This is an impressive early 20th century dormitory with Classical Revival features. Constructed of red brick trimmed in limestone, it is three stories with a hipped roof and raised basement of rusticated limestone block. The building is crowned by a brick parapet and projecting cornice with heavy modillions on four sides. Numerous windows are flat-headed with splayed stone lintels on first and third floors, plain lintels on the second floor. The first floor is rusticated brick, set off with a stone belt course. Entries are located on all four sides, with the south side being the most prominent. Here, the entry is recessed, with a massive rusticated stone surround. Also present on this side is a large projecting bay at the dormitory's living room and a smaller bay window flanking the entry to the east. The east side of the building has a distinctive portico with limestone base and corner piers, and wood Doric columns. On the west side are a pair of oriel bays at the second and third floors. A raised platform reaching the door on this side is a later addition.

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

McKee Hall was constructed in 1904 as the first separate dormitory built to serve Oxford's Western College for Women. It was dedicated at the school's 1904 commencement. Begun as Western Female Seminary in 1853, the school had evolved by the 1880s into full college status, with the first four-year classical course of instruction leading to a Bachelor of Arts established in 1893. In 1904, the seminary instruction was dropped in favor of a full college curriculum and the name was changed to The Western College for Women. This building, known originally as New Hall, was named in 1917 to honor Leila McKee, who led the college through those changes as its president from 1888 to 1904.

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

Occupies a spacious setting among other collegiate buildings on the Western College campus of Miami University.

45. Sources of Information

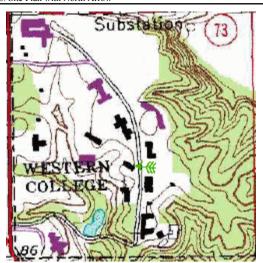
Mitchell, Lawrence, Western Female Seminary, National Register nomination, 1979; Miami University Libraries Digital Collections; Elliott, Valerie E., Oxford, Arcadia Publishing, 2004.

46. Prepared By: Judy 49. PIR Reviewer:

Specific Address or LocationWestern College Drive

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection:

Single off center

Door Position:

Recessed

Orientation:

Gable end axis

Symmetry:

Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:





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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)		\mathbf{I}		