



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

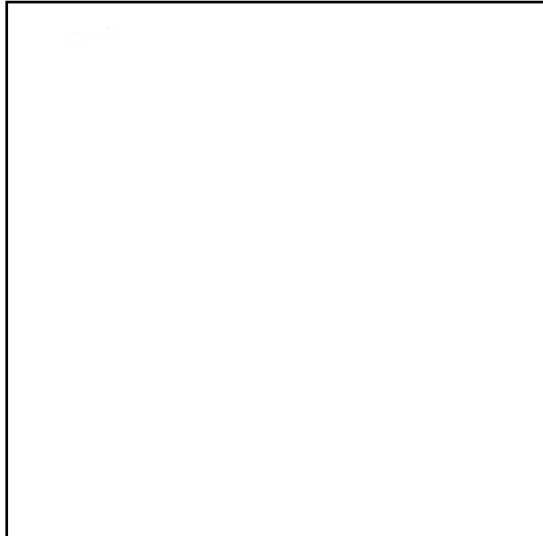
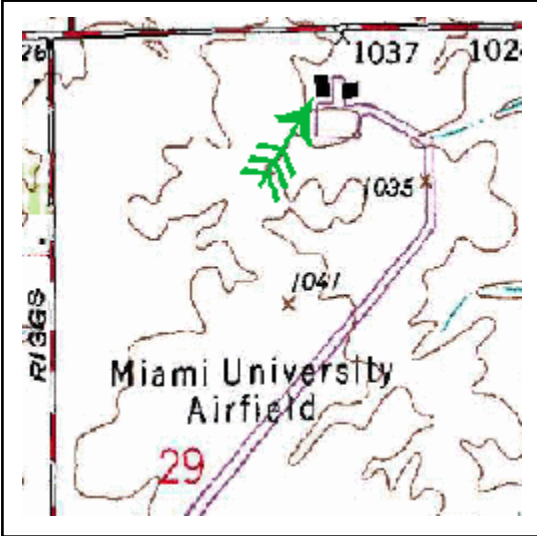
RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02500-01		4. Present Name(s) Miami University Airport		0-01 BUT-02500
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Miami University Airfield		
6. Specific Address or Location 7101 Fairfield Road		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder A. Benzing & Sons		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Quonset		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Miami University Airport
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: College Corner 16 690573 4375202 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
11. On National Register? NO		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: 17. Original/Most significant construct
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATION Air University		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Steel Casement
17. Date(s) or Period 1944		28. No. of Stories One story		
18. Style Class and Design		29. Basement?		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material Tile block/hollow tile		
19. Architect or Engineer Thomas E. Brand, State Architect		31. Wall Construction Tile block/hollow tile		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		32. Roof Type Hangar Roof Material Built-up (tar paper, membrane, graveled)		
		33. No. of Bays 11 Side Bays 6		40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Tile block		
		35. Condition of Property: Good/Fair		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
		36. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type		
		37. Date		51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
		38. Associated Activity		
		39. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)		52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type
		40. Archaeological (OAI)		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>The main hangar at the airport is a tile block and frame building constructed in 1944, which serves as the airport hub and control center. The building consists of a quonset hut terminal flanked to either side by one- and two-story flat-roofed buff-colored block wings. The primary Fairfield Road elevation has 11 bays with a 3-bay central raised parapet entrance containing a recessed door with wood canopy. A wood insignia with flight wings and a shield with a red letter M is above the door. Windows appear to be the original metal industrial sash. The rear block section is 2 stories and 10 bays with entry in the second bay. Historic photos show that the southwest corner originally had a hipped-roof control tower with a unique airplane-shaped weathervane. The tower has been removed. Across from this hangar to the east is a metal quonset-hut hangar also built in 1944. This hangar has 8 bays with industrial style windows on the north elevation. A shed roofed wing exists on the south side. This hangar was renovated in 2008, with a new hangar door installed.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>The Miami University Airport was built in 1943-1944 on 300 acres of farmland that the University acquired for this purpose in 1942. The airfield's construction during WWII was to provide training facilities for Naval and Air Force ROTC pilots through the War Training Service. In addition, Miami participated in the Civilian Pilot Training Program through the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The first hangar was an older metal hangar moved here from another airport. The larger main hangar was built in 1944 to provide a control tower, office space and living quarters, and was dedicated in memory of Miami graduate Lawrence A. Williams, who was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, making him Miami's first alumni casualty of WWII. The airport was renovated in 1961 with the addition of continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>The airport is located 3 miles west of Oxford in a rural setting.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Moberly, Joe, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Report, Professor Curt Ellison, Fall 2008; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 7101 Fairfield Road
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Lateral axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

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)*

a 3000-foot blacktop runway and a 1700-foot hard surfaced taxiway. Today, the airport continues to serve the University president, staff and other officials as well as athletic teams and even students and their families.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*