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

## OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00189-01 REV 4. Present Name(s) Oxford College				
2. County <b>Butler</b>	5. Historic or Other Name(s) Oxford Female Institute, Oxford Hotel			BUT-0018 9-01
6. Specific Address or Location 10 South College Avenue		19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape <b>T-shaped</b>	2. County Butler
		20. Contractor or Builder	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b. Substantial alteration/addition	
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		
7. City or Village Oxford		22. Original Use, if apparent School Hotel/Inn/Motel Dormitory	37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6	<u></u> 0 ±
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 693780 4375577		23. Present Use Office	1 over 1 38. Building Dimensions	Oxford College
Zone Easting Northing  10. Classification: Building		24. Ownership Public 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University	39. Endangered? NO By What?	College
11. On National Register? YES 76001379		Oxford, Ohio 45056	40. Chimney Placement  Three or more chimneys	
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO 15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage 27. Other Surveys	41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	+
TO THE STATE OF TH		28. No. of Stories Three story	51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair	
16. Thematic Associations: PRIVATE/College University		29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material Ashlar Stone, w/no water table	52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type	
	teration Date(s) <b>1884-94, 1929</b>	31. Wall Construction  Brick bearing	Date	
Element Neo-Classical Revival		32. Roof Type		
Element Queen Anne		Gable Roof Material	Associated Activity	
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		Standing seam (metal)  33. No. of Bays 17 Side Bays 9	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)	
19. Architect or Engineer		34. Exterior Wall Material(s)  Common or American bond	Archaeological (OAI)	

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

Ox College is a large three-story brick building with a long facade fronting on College Avenue and a large wing in the center rear. It has had many alterations and additions over the years. Positioned off-center at the east facade is a projecting pedimented pavilion with dentilled cornice and oval window in the brick gable face. A two-story portico has round fluted columns supporting a cornice with ornamental motifs topped by dentils. Centered in the pavilion is a segmental-arched entry door with Neo-Classical details flanked to either side by French doors with leaded glass transoms. At the northeast corner of the building is a three-story five-sided projecting bay, the remnant of a four and one-half story tower. To the south of the entry pavilion is a one-story veranda that wraps to the short south side of the building. The veranda features square Doric posts, a substantial cornice, and portions of the balustrade. Secondary entries are located at this porch on the east and south sides. In addition to the rear three-story wing, there is a two-story Neo-Classical Revival brick wing to its south with tall casement round-arched windows on the second floor.

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

This building is significant as the original home of the Oxford Female Institute, one of three colleges for women established in Oxford during the 19th century. The Institute was founded in 1849 by Dr. John W. Scott, whose daughter Caroline Scott graduated from the Institute in 1852 and married Miami graduate Benjamin Harrison, who became the 23rd president of the United States. She was also the first President General of the DAR. After Dr. Scott left to found the Oxford Female College on the east side of town, the Institute fell into debt and was merged with Oxford Female College in 1867. This building was used as the Oxford Hotel for several years, until the Oxford Female College returned here in 1882 after selling its property to the Oxford Retreat. In 1897, the institution was renamed continued..

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

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This large building occupies an entire block in a historically residential neighborhood at the west end of Oxford's business district. Landscaping and planters have been added to enhance the main entrance on College Avenue.

45. Sources of Information

Walking Tour of the Uptown Oxford Historic District, 2006; MU Archives, building files; Flower, Olive, History of Oxford College; Curry, Lucy and Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1977 and 1999.

49. PIR Reviewer:

46. Prepared By: Judy

50. PIR Review Date:

6. Specific Address or Location10 South College Avenue

8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan :

Door Selection:

Two doors asymmetrical

Door Position:

Flush

Orientation:

Lateral axis

Symmetry:

Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:





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the Oxford College and then in 1906 the Oxford College for Women. Ox College, as it was known colloquially, was merged with Miami University in 1928. The existing building was constructed in 1849-50, with additions and modifications in 1856, 1884, 1888, and 1894. In 1929, it was renovated to serve as a women's dormitory, with Neo-Classical features added at that time. It served as a dorm until 1998. Miami currently leases the building to the Oxford Community Arts Center.

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

45. Sources (Con't)