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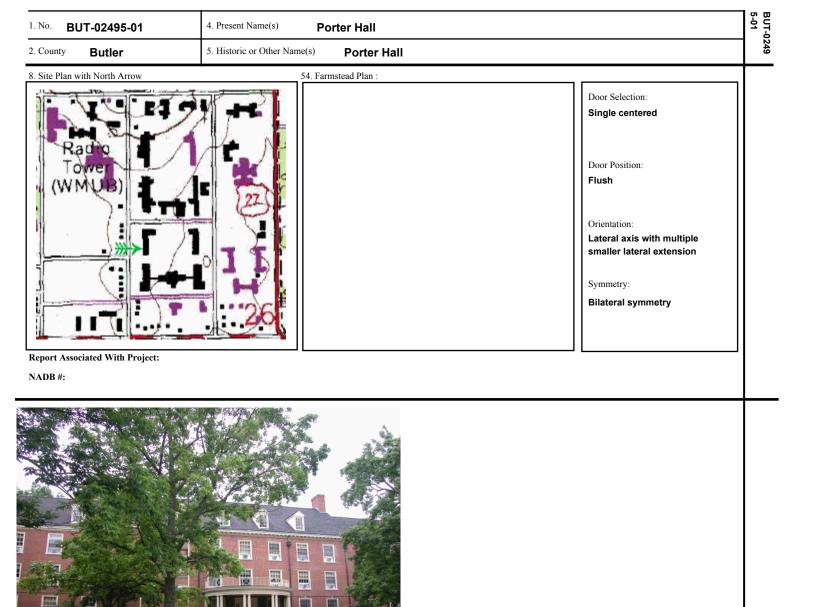
OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number BUT-0249 5-01 4. Present Name(s) 1. No. BUT-02495-01 **Porter Hall** 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 2. County Porter Hall Butler 6. Specific Address or Location 35. Plan Shape Butler 2. County 19a. Design Sources L-shaped 601 Oak Street 20. Contractor or Builder 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: Frank Messer & Sons 17. Original/Most significant construct 21. Building Type or Plan 6a. Lot. Section or VMD Number Other Building Type 17b 22. Original Use, if apparent College/University 7. City or Village Dormitory 37. Window Type(s) Present or Historic Name(s) Oxford Porter Hal 8 over 8 23. Present Use 9. U.T.M. Reference 38. Building Dimensions College/University Oxford Quadrangle Name: Dormitory 16 694698 4374834 39. Endangered? NO Easting Northing Zone 24. Ownership Public By What? 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known 10. Classification: Building Miami University NO 11. On National Register? 40. Chimney Placement Oxford, Ohio 45056 Gable end, interior both gable ends 26. Property Acreage 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 15. Other Designation (NR or Local) 27. Other Surveys 51. Condition of Property: 28. No. of Stories Excellent Three and a half story 16. Thematic Associations: 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies University 29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material Structure Type Unknown 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 31. Wall Construction 1956 Unknown Date 18. Style Class and Design 32. Roof Type **Neo-Classical Revival** Dominant Associated Activity Gable Roof Material 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Clay tile 33. No. of Bays 22 Side Bays 7 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) 19. Architect or Engineer 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Charles F. Cellarius Flemish bond Archaeological (OAI) 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) 6. Specific Address or Location 601 Oak Street Porter Hall is a 3-1/2 story red brick gable-roofed residential hall built in 1956 in a Georgian Revival style. Its west facade faces the street and serves as the primary elevation. The building has a long rectangular orientation, with wings that step down from the main center block. At the north end the last wing is turned 90 degrees to form an L. Porter Hall is nearly a mirror image of Dodds Hall located directly across the quad to the east. The center block has 7 bays with roof dormers and a pair of gable end chimneys in the Georgian Revival style. Other details are classically inspired, including multi-pane 8-over-8 window sash, Flemish bond brick pattern, doors with entablature surround, pedimented dormers and cornice modillions. There is a small flat-roofed entry porch on the west elevation and a semicircular wood entry porch with paired Doric columns on the east elevation facing the quadrangle. 43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Porter Hall was the first of a group of four large dormitories and dining hall built from 1956-1961 facing what is known as the South Quadrangle of the South Campus at Miami University. This area had formerly been the site of the Miami Lodges, temporary housing constructed in 1947 to house approximately 600 men who came campus following WWII. The South Quad dorms were built in response to enrollment increases. Porter Hall was built in 1956 and dedicated in 1957. It provided space for 225 women, and was the first hall at Miami to have built-in furniture. There were no dining facilities in the dorm, as its residents used a central dining hall. In the first years, this was the mess hall used for Miami Lodges. Porter was followed in 1961 by the remaining buildings - Anderson, Dodds and Stanton continued. 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Occupies a location on the west side of the quadrangle at Miami University, in the vicinity of other similar residential dormitories from the same period.

45. Sources of Information

Miami Alumnus, September 1, 1955 + March, 1957; Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975; MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005.

46. Prepared By: **Judy** 49. PIR Reviewer:





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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Halls and Harris Dining Hall - which were designed by Cellarius and Hilmer. McCracken Hall, built in 1957 and 1961, completes the quadrangle to the north. Porter Hall was named for Elizabeth Porter, an 1851 graduate of Oxford College who was married in 1853 to David Swing, an 1852 graduate of Miami who became famous in the ministry.

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

45. Sources (Con't)