



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02022-01</b> REV		4. Present Name(s) <b>Rowan Hall</b>		2-01 BUT-0202
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Rowan Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>550 East Spring Street</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Frank Messer &amp; Sons</b>		
7. City or Village <b>Oxford</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Rowan Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 694894 4375335</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>College/University Naval Facility</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>College/University</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>Rectangular</b>
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Public</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056</b>		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. <b>Original/Most significant construct</b> 17b.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>University</b>		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) <b>Casement</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1949</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Two story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>Element Neo-Classical Revival</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Unknown</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Potter, Tyler and Martin</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Brick bearing</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
		32. Roof Type <b>Hip</b> Roof Material <b>Clay tile</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>7</b> Side Bays <b>3</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>No chimney observed</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Flemish bond</b>		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>This is a relatively simple two-story rectangular brick building with a hipped roof. Neo-Classical Revival elements are seen in the main facade, which contains a central section framed by wide frieze and six raised brick pilasters with capitals. At the center is the entry pavilion, with brick quoins, splayed brick lintel with keystone, and carved stone entablature. Windows between each bay are two-stories in height, with multiple divisions, and have colored translucent glass in shades of blue. At each end of the facade is an octagonal plaque with a metal anchor mounted on it. At the east end of the building there is a loading dock with a garage door. The rear (north) side of the building has five large window openings.</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>Rowan Hall was built in 1949 to house the Naval Science Armory. It was built at a cost of \$500,000, of which Miami paid \$153,500 and the Navy paid the remainder, including \$300,000 in equipment. The armory contained various types of ordnance and gunnery equipment found on a destroyer, along with training and communication aids and library of test and reference books for use in educating future officers in naval procedure. The building is named for Admiral Stephen Clegg Rowan, the first student from Miami to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. The Navy ROTC program was moved to Millett Hall in 1968. In 1970, Rowan Hall was the site of a student protest, when 300-400 students occupied the building on April 15 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The State Highway Patrol entered the building at 10:45 p.m. and continued...</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>Rowan Hall is located in the central campus area of Miami University. It is sited close to Spring Street to the south of Gaskill Hall and across the street from Centennial Chapel. To its rear is a large parking area.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005; MU Archives, building files; Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999.</b>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Judy Williams</b>		47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>550 East Spring Street</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>		
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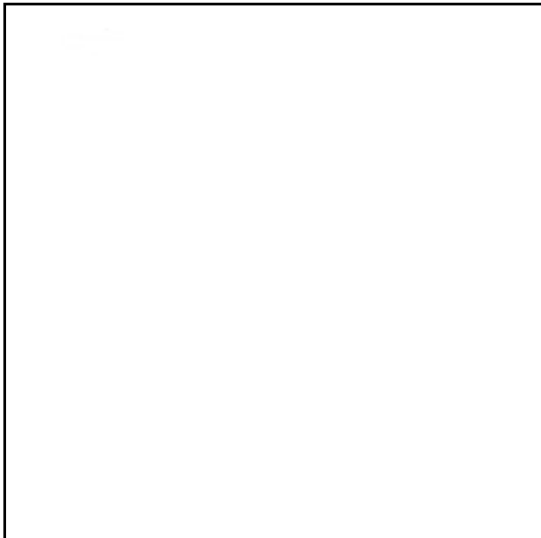
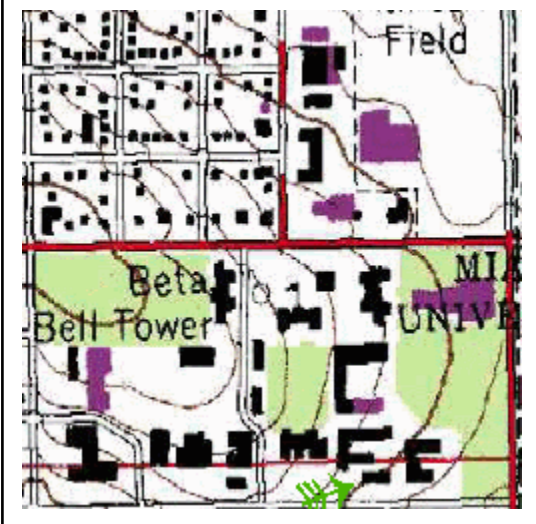
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Single centered**

Door Position:  
**Protruding**

Orientation:  
**Lateral axis**

Symmetry:  
**Bilateral symmetry**

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

43. History and Significance (Con't)

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45. Sources (Con't)