



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00033-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Sawyer Gymnasium		3-01 BUT-0003
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Western College Gymnasium		
6. Specific Address or Location 751 Western College Drive		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Sawyer Gymnasium
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695647 4374634 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University Sport Facility Swimming Pool		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use STORAGE		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
11. On National Register? YES		24. Ownership Public		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? YES		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) Western Female Seminary		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: PRIVATE/College		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Casement
17. Date(s) or Period 1913-1914		28. No. of Stories Two story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) 1968		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design Element Renaissance Revival		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof Type Flat Roof Material Built-up (tar paper, membrane, graveled)		
		33. No. of Bays 4 Side Bays 6		40. Chimney Placement
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Common or American bond		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
				51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
				52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity
				53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>Sawyer Gymnasium is a two-story rectangular brick building with flat roof. The facade has three bays, including a central round-arched entry located in a projecting one-story pavilion. The pavilion has a shaped gable design capped with stone and detailed with basket-weave patterned brick below the cap, header and soldier brick at the door arch, and diamond-shaped stone insets. Historic photos show that the parapet originally had sloped sides that terminated in a central rounded cap with window. This feature has been modified to the plain parapet roofline that exists today. Large windows with triple casement sash are located to either side of the central entrance. A continuous lintel course has a herringbone brick pattern. The entry retains its multi-paned round arched transom, but doors are replacements. A one-story shed-roofed addition occupies the building's north side.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Built in 1913-1914, this building was constructed as the gymnasium and indoor swimming pool for Western College for Women. It may have originally been known simply as Western College Gymnasium, but was eventually named after Mary Alma Sawyer, dean of Western Female Seminary and Western College for Women from 1887 to 1920. A graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary in 1879, Miss Sawyer also served as acting president of the college from 1906-1908 and 1912-1914. This building was added to the campus during her second tenure as acting president. Sawyer Gymnasium served as the location for indoor sports, including basketball and swimming, as well as equipment for physical education courses. It also was the location for campus parties, and both formal and informal dances for many years.</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>Located to the rear of Peabody hall, at the southeast corner of Miami University's Western campus. The setting has been compromised by the creation of a driveway and loading dock at the front entrance.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Mitchell, Lawrence, Western Female Seminary, National Register nomination, 1979; Western College Memorial Archives, Miami University; Western Round-Up student newspaper, miscellaneous references, 1930-1971.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams				
47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant				
48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008				
49. PIR Reviewer:				
50. PIR Review Date:				

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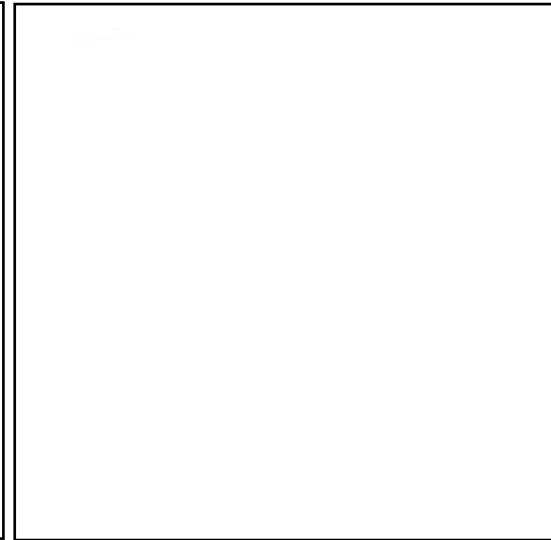
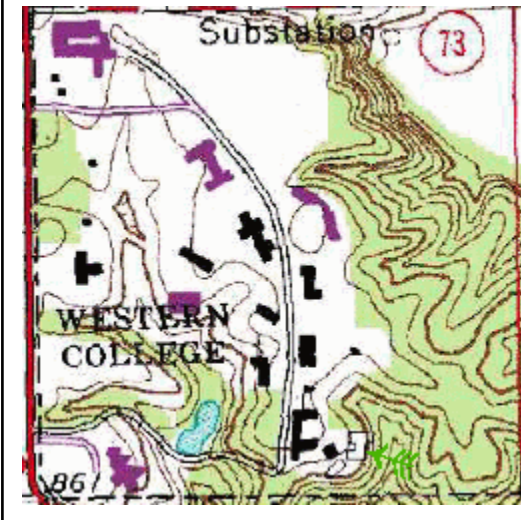
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:

Report Associated With Project:

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