



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00127-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Simpson Guest House		7-01 BUT-0012
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Graham-Moffat-Rogers House		
6. Specific Address or Location 300 East High Street		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 House Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Simpson Guest House
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694526 4375682 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Single Dwelling		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 17b.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: Presbyterian University		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6
17. Date(s) or Period 1836		28. No. of Stories One and a half story		
18. Style Class and Design No academic style - Vernacular		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Ashlar Stone, w/no water table		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Unknown		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 3		40. Chimney Placement Paired interior ridge
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or vinyl siding		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) This house is 1-1/2 stories with a gabled roof and three bay facade. At the center of the symmetrical facade is the entry door with sidelights, small flat-roofed entrance porch with Doric posts, and a large gabled wall dormer at the roof. The dormer appears to be non-original, possibly added at the time the house was converted to a guest house. The front porch is post-1950. A pair of brick chimneys are spaced apart within the ridge line. The windows are 6/6 sash, with shutters. The floor plan has a central stair hall flanked by parlors to either side. A screened porch is at the rear.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) The Simpson Guest House was originally occupied by Rev. William Graham who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Oxford from 1834 to 1841. After the church divided, he continued as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. The home was occupied by Prof. Clement Moffat from 1841-1852 and then by Rev. William Stewart Rogers about 1853. Rogers was a 1835 Miami graduate, former missionary in India, and agent for the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions until 1854. The Rogers house was used for church socials and the front west room as a school room for a time. The house remained known as the Rogers House for many years. After W.S. Rogers died in 1873 and his wife in 1876, their daughters moved out and the house was sold to Prof. and Mrs. Joseph James, who called the house 'The Ark.' In				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The house is located in a still-residential section of High Street on the campus of Miami University. It is set back from the street with a brick walk leading to the front door. A detached garage is located to the rear of the house. Just to its east is Lewis Place, home of the University president.				
45. Sources of Information Flintermann, Peter. Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; Miami University Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2009; Tatnall, Carrie. Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 300 East High Street
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008 50. PIR Review Date:		

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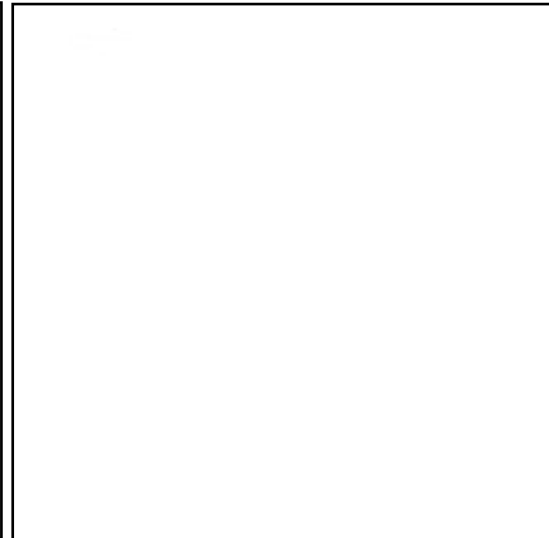
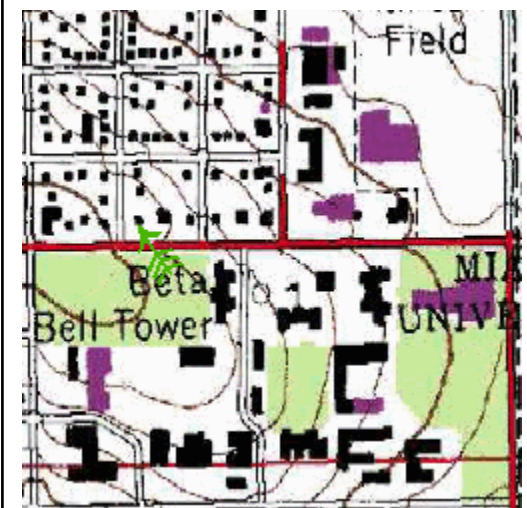
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Lateral axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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

43. History and Significance (Con't)

1930-31 the house was acquired by Miami University as a gift from Col. John R. Simpson, class of 1899, for use as a guest house. From 1930 to 1937, it was simply known as the Guest House, but in later years it was remodeled and renamed Simpson Guest House.

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

45. Sources (Con't)