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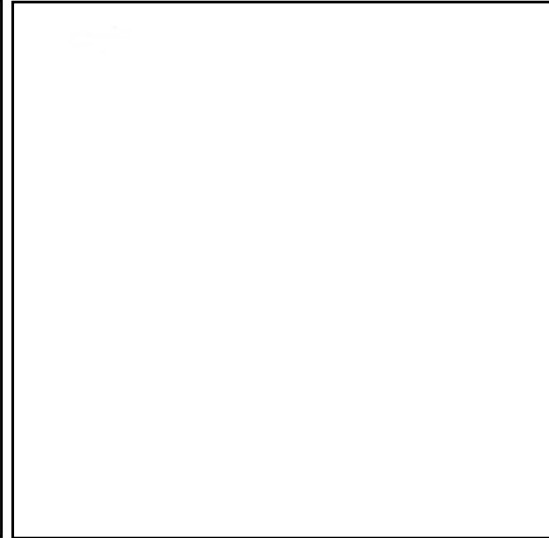
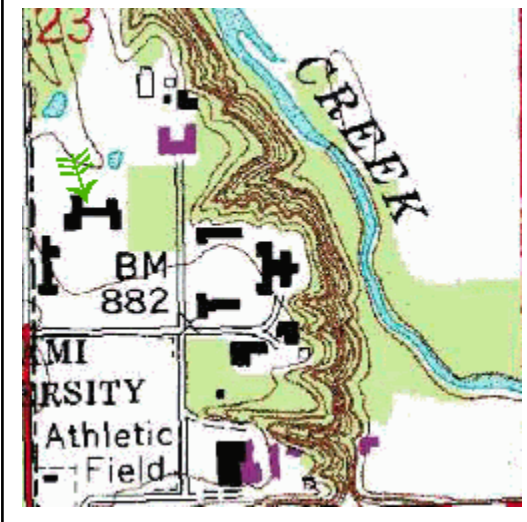
RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02491-01		4. Present Name(s) Symmes Hall		1-01 BUT-0249
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Symmes Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 500 North Fisher Drive		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder James I. Barnes Co.		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Symmes Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695203 4375847 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Dormitory		35. Plan Shape Irregular
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, OH 45056		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: University		27. Other Surveys		17b.
17. Date(s) or Period 1939		28. No. of Stories Three and a half story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Georgian Revival		29. Basement? Yes		37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8 6 over 6
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
19. Architect or Engineer Charles F. Cellarius		31. Wall Construction Unknown		38. Building Dimensions
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Clay tile		
		33. No. of Bays 24 Side Bays 11		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Symmes Hall is a 3-1/2 story red brick building, irregularly shaped. A three bay section on each side of the central block is one story shorter in height, and the brick has been painted white. The facade faces south, with projecting wings extending beyond it. Entrances are tucked into each corner of the facade. A one-story loggia, with three arches, covers the entrances. Two other doors, with simple surrounds, are present on the facade. The one-story dining hall (converted to a staff development center in 2004) comprises part of the western projection. It has arched multi-light windows and a centered bay window, with balustrade, on the south elevation. A cupola is also on top of the dining hall. The rear elevation has two bay windows on the first floor and three secondary entrances. The entrance in the west corner of the elevation has a one-story porch supported by wrought iron posts. The other rear entrance has a multi-light transom and an entablature surround. The central block of the building has a cupola within the ridge line. Other features of the building include 8-over-8 window sash, Flemish bond brick pattern, splayed-brick lintels (some on continued...				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Completed in 1939 at a cost of \$393,600, Symmes Hall was designed by Charles F. Cellarius. The residence hall, designed to house 201 male freshmen, was initially known as the New Men's Dormitory Number One. After ten years, the building was named in honor of John Cleve Symmes. Symmes served in the Revolutionary War and later was elected to the Continental Congress, 1785-1786. He arrived in the area in February 1788, to serve as a judge in the Northwest Territory. Symmes was the recipient of 1,000,000 acres of land in the Miami Valley, of which he was only deeded 311,682 acres for the land that he paid for. He was directed to set aside a township of land for an academy, but never did. The federal government eventually granted a township to the state, which resulted in the 1809 continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Symmes Hall is in the northeastern portion of the campus. It is located near the formal gardens and is in the area that was referred to as the men's quadrangle, in the early 1950s.				
45. Sources of Information Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings, Past and Present; Miami Alumnus, 9/1/1955.				
46. Prepared By: Nathalie Wright		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 500 North Fisher Drive
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Three or more

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Other

Symmetry:
Other

Report Associated With Project:

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

the first floor have keystones), fanlight windows, cornice modillions and pedimented dormers.

43. *History and Significance (Con't)*

formation of Miami University.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*