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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number BUT-0168 0-01 REV 4. Present Name(s) 1. No. BUT-01680-01 Upham Hall 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 2. County Upham Hall Butler 2. County 6. Specific Address or Location 35. Plan Shape 19a. Design Sources Butler U-shaped 100 Bishop Circle 20. Contractor or Builder 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: Ferro Concrete, Frank Messer & Sons, Knowlton 17. Original/Most significant construct 21. Building Type or Plan 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number Other Building Type Substantial alteration/addition 22. Original Use, if apparent College/University 7. City or Village 37. Window Type(s) Present or Historic Name(s) Oxford Upham Hal 12 over 12 23. Present Use Modern Replacements 9. U.T.M. Reference 38. Building Dimensions College/University Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694837 4375467 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 Three or more chimneys 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? 26. Property Acreage 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 story 16. Thematic Associations: 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies University 29. Basement? Yes Structure Type 30. Foundation Material Unknown 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 31. Wall Construction 1950, 1965 1949 Unknown Date 18. Style Class and Design 32. Roof Type Georgian Revival High Associated Activity Truncated hip Roof Material 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Clay tile 33. No. of Bays 35 Side Bays 18 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) 19. Architect or Engineer 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Charles F. Cellarius, Cellarius & Hilmer Flemish bond Archaeological (OAI) 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) 6. Specific Address or Location 100 Bishop Circle This landmark campus building is noteworthy for its U-shaped plan and central pavilion with tall cupola. It is three-stories and faced with Flemish bond red brick with limestone accents. The central pavilion on the main elevation (east) is defined by a hipped roof with open-arched cupola surrounded by a balustrade at the square base. The upper facade has four 2-story smooth stone pilasters topped by a wide frieze with modillions. At the stone base is the central arch that passes through the center of the building. Above the arch is the inscription 'YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.' The interior of the arch has built-in seating of stone and entry doors with stone pediments on north and south walls. Beyond the pavilion, the long expanses of Upham's central section and two wings are broken by pedimented pavilions. The use of a stone beltcourse above the first floor, regularly spaced multi-paned 12/12 windows (the existing are replacements) with jack arches, and classical enframements at entry doors are other features that unify the design. Stone tablets on the the courtyard side of the north and south wings honor Percy MacKaye, Miami poet continued.. 43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Upham Hall was built in 3 stages, beginning with the center section and part of the south wing in 1949 and followed by the north wing in 1950 and the remainder of the south wing in 1965. It is a landmark building on the Miami campus. Plans for this classroom and laboratory building were begun in the mid-1940s in response to enrollment increases following WWII. The center section was intended for use by the English and History departments and the north and south sections for the sciences: Botony and Zoology in the north and Physics and

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

Upham Hall occupies a central location on the Miami University campus. Its U-shape forms a grassy east courtyard where walkways and mature trees are located. The building's central arch provides passage to the west and The Hub, and to the east and Bishop Woods.

Geology in the south. The building was named in honor of Alfred H. Upham, Miami class of 1897, who was instructor of Latin and Greek 1898-1900, professor of English 1907-1910 and 1914-1920, and university president from 1928-1945. Upham also wrote a continued...

45. Sources of Information

Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2009; Post-War Building Program for the State Universities of Ohio, June 1944; Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999.

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow	54. Farmstead Plan :		
Beta of Beta	Field	Door Selection: Two doors symmetrical Door Position: Flush Orientation: Multiple facade orientation	
		Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry	

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't) in residence from 1920-1922.		

43. History and Significance (Con't)

centennial history of Miami in 1909 and is credited with writing the Alma Mater. The building is today home to the College of Arts and Science, the Scripps Gerontology Center, anthropology and zoology museums and an herbarium. A tradition associated with Upham Hall says that sweethearts who kiss beneath the Upham arch at midnight will marry.

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

45. Sources (Con't)