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## **OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02516-01</b> 4.	Present Name(s) Women's Recreation Association (Wi	RA) Cabin	BUT-0251 6-01
2. County <b>Butler</b> 5.	Historic or Other Name(s) Schmidlapp Lodge, Women's At	r Name(s) Schmidlapp Lodge, Women's Athletic Association Cabin	
Specific Address or Location     Toxford-Milford Road	19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape Rectangular	2. County Butler
	20. Contractor or Builder	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:	T winty
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number	21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type	17. Original/Most significant construct	
7. City or Village Oxford	22. Original Use, if apparent Outdoor Entertainment/Recreation	37. Window Type(s) Unsure from existing information	<b>4 2</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 696978 4377920	23. Present Use Outdoor Entertainment/Recreation	38. Building Dimensions	4. Present or Historic Name(s)  Women's Recreation
Zone Easting Northing  10. Classification: Building	24. Ownership <b>Public</b> 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known	39. Endangered? NO By What?	istoric Name(s) Recreation
11. On National Register? NO	Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056	40. Chimney Placement	
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO 15. Other Designation (NR or Local)	26. Property Acreage 27. Other Surveys	Off center within roof surface 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	sociatio
16. Thematic Associations: University Sports	28. No. of Stories  One and a half story  29. Basement? Yes  30. Foundation Material Concrete block	51. Condition of Property:  Excellent  52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies  Structure Type	Association (WRA) Cabin
17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration 1936 18. Style Class and Design		Date	abin
Element Craftsman/Arts and C	32. Roof Type  Gable  Roof Material	Associated Activity	
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)	Asphalt shingle  33. No. of Bays 4 Side Bays 3	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers:	+
19. Architect or Engineer	34. Exterior Wall Material(s)	Historic (OHI)	
	Log or Plank	Archaeological (OAI)	

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

The cabin has a horizontal orientation, with side gabled roof and horizontal log facing (it could not be determined if the logs are whole or if they are simply a facing). The roof has overhanging eaves, there are plain boards at corners, and window openings are covered with operable wood shutters. The front porch is very simple, with shed roof supported by plain lumber and a low wall to front and sides faced with the same rounded logs as the rest of the building. The entry door is wood. The building rests on a concrete block foundation, with an exposed basement level where the land drops off to the rear. Atop the foundation is a simple porch overlooking the ravine to the rear.

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

This cabin was originally built in 1936 by the Women's Athletic Association (WAA) of Miami University with WAA funds and funds from the Federal WPA. Located on 22 acres of wooded land, the cabin provided a place for the activities of the Department of Physical Education for Women. It was to serve as a hiking station and headquarters for picnics and athletic events. The cabin was outfitted with complete kitchen facilities, two bunk rooms with 16 bunks, a bathroom, and a large living room with a fireplace. In 1956, the WAA changed its name to the Women's Recreation Association, and the cabin became know as the WRA Cabin. It was later renamed Schmidlapp Lodge in recognition of a \$35,000 gift from the Charlotte Schmidlapp Fund of Cincinnati to be used for its improvement.

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

The cabin is located in a heavily wooded area about 2 1/2 miles northeast of Oxford. It is reached by a drive, and there is a small parking area nearby. To the rear of the cabin is a ravine.

45. Sources of Information

25 Years of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics at Miami University, web site, 1999-2000; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; Miami University Archives, building files.

46. Prepared By: **Judy** 49. PIR Reviewer:

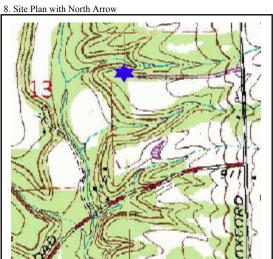
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47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant

48. Date Recorded: **04/13/2009** 

50. PIR Review Date:

6. Specific Address or Location **5757 Oxford-Milford Road** 



54. Farmstead Plan

Door Selection:

Single centered

Door Position:

Flush

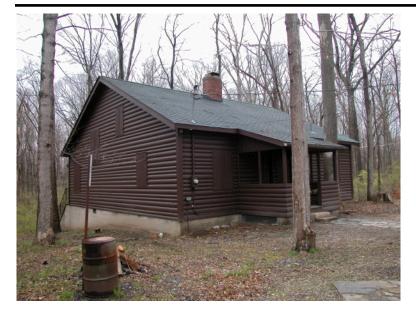
Orientation: Lateral axis

Symmetry:

Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:





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