



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00164-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Wells Hall		4-01 BUT-0016
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Wells Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 301 East Spring Street		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
		20. Contractor or Builder		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Wells Hall
7. City or Village Oxford		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694525 4375236 Zone Easting Northing		23. Present Use Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		24. Ownership Public		
11. On National Register? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		26. Property Acreage		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		27. Other Surveys		
16. Thematic Associations: University		28. No. of Stories Three story		
17. Date(s) or Period 1922-23		29. Basement? Yes		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Mediterranean		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		
19. Architect or Engineer Frank L. Packard		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material Clay tile		
		33. No. of Bays 7 Side Bays 14		
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stretcher or running bond		
		35. Plan Shape H-shaped		
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.		
		37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8		
		38. Building Dimensions		
		39. Endangered? NO By What?		
		40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridge line		
		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road		
		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Wells Hall is a three-story red-brick structure with distinctive red clay-tile hipped roof in a Mediterranean style. The roof has broadly overhanging eaves with exposed rafters. Wells is a long narrow building with front and rear sections being the shorter sides. The first story of the building is set off by a stone beltcourse that wraps the building. Due to a sloping grade, the lower basement story is exposed at the sides and rear. At the center of the symmetrical north facade is the main entrance, set within a stone classical entablature enframing with fluted pilasters, dentils, ornamentation and the name Wells Hall. The stone surround continues at the 2nd floor center bay, with pilasters and classical ornamentation. To either side of the entry are three French doors that open onto the raised front terrace across the front. The first two bays have transoms and brick flat arches with keystones, while the last bays are set within round arches. Doors, transoms and windows are multi-paned. Round arched casement windows also exist on both the east and west sides of the front section. At the basement level of the west side is a large projecting 5-sided bay window. continued...		
		43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Wells Hall was constructed as a women's dormitory in 1922-23 and was designed by Columbus architect Frank Packard. Packard had previously designed Alumni Hall (1909) and Bishop Hall (1912) on the Miami campus. The building was one of several dormitories built during the early-mid 1920s as a response to increasing enrollment. Others included Ogden Hall(1924)and Swing Hall (1924). Wells Hall was named for William B. Wells of St. Louis, a native of Oxford whose bequest had made possible the purchase of the land which Wells occupies. The hall originally included a dining hall at the lower level, closed by 1999.		
		44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) The dormitory faces north on Spring Street in the western part of the Miami campus. It is set among residential Spring Street buildings and is across from McGuffey and Bishop Halls.		
		45. Sources of Information Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; Ashley Green, Eric Gessner, Ross Longthorne, Sean Hong, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Report, Professor Helen Sheumaker, Fall 2008; Havighurst, Walter, The Miami Years 1809-1984, 1996; Curry, Lucy and Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1977 and 1999.		
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
		50. PIR Review Date:		

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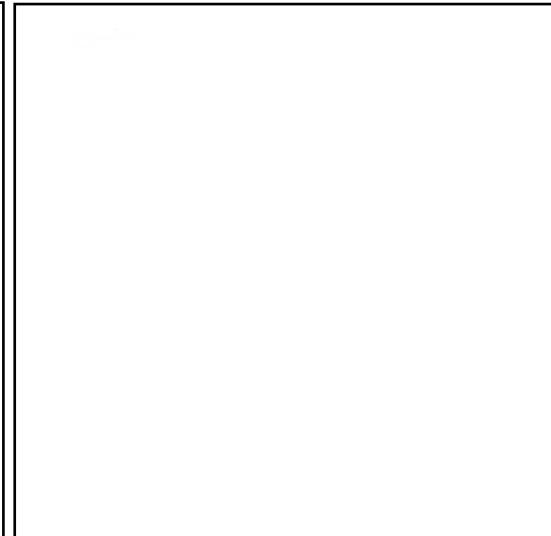
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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

An extension of the basement level to the rear (south) creates a rooftop terrace that is accessed from the central corridor at the first floor. On the interior, the front section of the building was designed with first floor public spaces, including living rooms with fireplaces and a solarium with red tile floor on the west side. Dormitory rooms are located off a central corridor on each floor.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

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

45. Sources (Con't)