



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

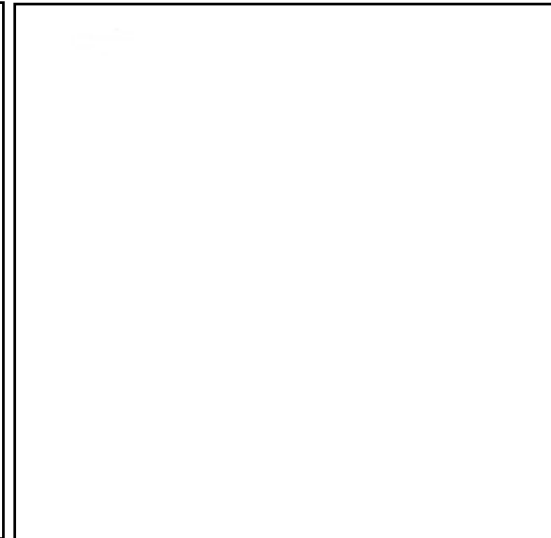
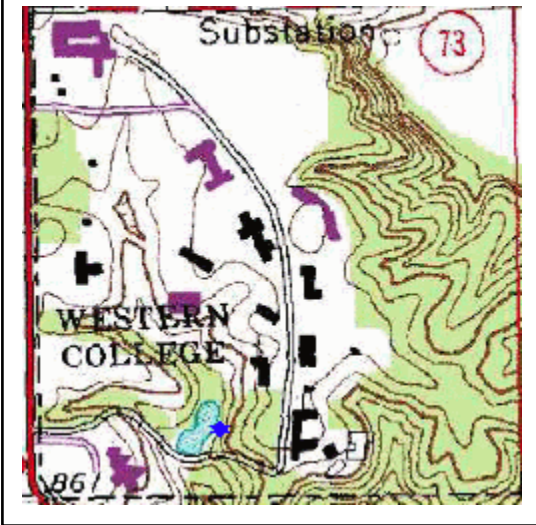
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02512-01</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Western College Pond and Summer House</b>		2-01 <b>BUT-0251</b>
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Western College Pond and Summer House</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>Western College Drive</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County <b>Butler</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Cephas Burns - Summer House</b>		
7. City or Village <b>Oxford</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) <b>Western College Pond and Summer House</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 695419 4374666</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Outdoor Entertainment/Recreation</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Site</b>		23. Present Use <b>Outdoor Entertainment/Recreation</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>Square</b>
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Public</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>YES</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Miami University</b> <b>Oxford, Ohio 45056</b>		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. <b>Period of significant activity</b> 17b.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) <b>Western Female Seminary Historic District</b>		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>Seminary</b> <b>PRIVATE/College</b>		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s)
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1853-present</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>One story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>No academic style - Vernacular</b>		29. Basement?		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Ashlar Stone, w/no water table</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction <b>Ashlar Stone, w/no water table</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
		32. Roof Type <b>Hip</b> Roof Material <b>Asphalt shingle</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>1</b> Side Bays <b>1</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>No chimney observed</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Ashlar stone (plain)</b>		
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
51. Condition of Property: <b>Excellent</b>				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>At the bottom of Peabody Hill is a duck pond that is fed by a creek running north and south through the Western campus. Above the north bank of the pond is a limestone gazebo and staircase, along with a footbridge over the creek. The gazebo is constructed of ashlar limestone piers topped by a hipped roof. A rectangular window-less opening is on two sides, while the other two sides are completely open. Also present is a retaining wall and staircase constructed of the same limestone. The steeply-inclined staircase leads to the footbridge below; each has the same sidewall treatment of ashlar laid limestone with a limestone cap.</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>The duck pond is part of the natural character of the former Western College for Women campus, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The limestone gazebo, staircase and footbridge were built by Oxford stone mason Cephas Burns while he was employed by Western College between 1914 and 1931. The gazebo replaced an open frame structure that was known as 'Summer House' and served as the pedestrian entrance to the pond from the early days of the college.</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>The pond and gazebo, stairs and bridge, are part of the natural and built environment of the southern part of the Western campus.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>Mitchell, Lawrence, Western Female Seminary National Register nomination, 1979; Western College Memorial Archives, Miami University Libraries Digital Collections.</b>				

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:

Door Position:

Orientation:  
**Other**

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)

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

45. Sources (Con't)