



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-00042-01</b> REV		4. Present Name(s) <b>Western Lodge</b>		2-01 <b>BUT-0004</b>
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>The Lodge, Y.W.C.A. Lodge</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>801 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 - stone work</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 Lodge</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 695511 4374536</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>YMCA/YWCA Meeting Hall College/University</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>Meeting Hall College/University</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>Rectangular</b>
11. On National Register? <b>YES</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>Original/Most significant construct</b> 17b.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) <b>Western Female Seminary</b>		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>ARTS AND RECREATION PRIVATE/College</b>		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) <b>6 over 6</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1926</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>One story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>Element Craftsman/Arts and Crafts</b>		29. Basement? <b>Unknown</b>		38. Building Dimensions
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Rubble Stone, w/ wood water table</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction <b>Horizontal, round log</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
		32. Roof Type <b>Gable</b> Roof Material <b>Asphalt shingle</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>7</b> Side Bays <b>2</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>Lateral Exterior</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Saddle notch (horizontal round)</b>		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p><b>Western Lodge is a one-story building constructed of unhewn round pine logs shipped to the site from Colorado. The building has a horizontal orientation, with a tall and steeply-pitched gabled roof running east and west. The logs are joined by white mortar chinking, producing a polychromatic horizontal effect. At both ends of the facade are projecting gabled wings at a lower height than the main section; they have broadly projecting eaves and a single ground-level window. Between them is the recessed porch sheltering the five bays, including two entry doors in the first and fifth bays and three 6-over-6 windows between. Windows and doors have simple board surrounds. The porch roof with exposed log rafters appears to be original, but the porch has been enclosed with windows and doors. On the interior is a large lodge room with stone fireplace centrally located along the south wall. The cobblestone chimney and foundation are thought to be the work of Cephas Burns, Oxford's black stone mason who built so many of the bridges and other features on the Western campus.</b></p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p><b>Western Lodge was built in 1926 as a recreation lodge to serve the campus of Western College for Women. It was a gift from Colonel Albert E. Humphreys to the college as a memorial of his friendship with Fletcher S. Heath of New York City. Humphreys was a wealthy industrialist whose interests included mining, oil and railroads. According to an October 1924 issue of The Western Oxford announcing plans for the building, Col. Humphreys originally offered a replica of his hunting lodge in Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado, to Fletcher Heath. But Mr. Heath, whose wife was an 1884 graduate of Western College, requested that the donation go instead to the college for use as a recreation building. The article stated that Col. Humphreys shipped unhewn mountain pine timbers from his estate to Oxford, while continued...</b></p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p><b>Western Lodge occupies a wooded site at the foot of Peabody Hill at the south end of the Western campus of Miami University. The slope of the site drops off to the rear of the building. At the front, new formed-concrete retaining walls were recently built to raise the grade and provide a handicapped accessible entrance to the lodge. The site is accessed by a driveway on the east side, where parking is located.</b></p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p><b>The Western Round-Up Student Newspaper collection, various issues, 1930-1971; Western College Memorial Archives; Miami University Physical Facilities building information.</b></p>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Judy Williams</b>		47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>801 Western College Drive</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>		
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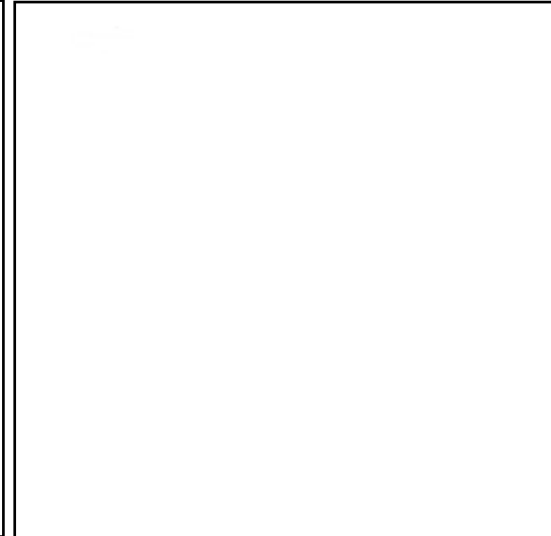
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Two doors symmetrical**

Door Position:  
**Flush**

Orientation:  
**Lateral axis**

Symmetry:  
**Bilateral symmetry**

Report Associated With Project:

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**Mr. Heath was to cover the transportation expense. The Lodge, as it was known at first, was used by the YWCA of Western College. The YWCA held meetings in the building and programmed its use for college clubs and social events. In 1940, the YWCA was the largest volunteer organization on the Western College campus. In 1941, renovations at the Lodge included a food counter and kitchen, large powder room and smaller game rooms for use by students. Western Lodge continues to be used as a meeting and social space for groups affiliated with Miami University today.**

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45. Sources (Con't)