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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number BUT-0251 1-01 4. Present Name(s) 1. No. BUT-02511-01 Williams Hall 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 2. County Williams Hall Butler 6. Specific Address or Location 35. Plan Shape 2. County 19a. Design Sources Butler Central Courtyard 350 South Oak Street 20. Contractor or Builder 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: C.J. Conradt & Sons (1959), Digger & Novak (1987) 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 Modern Replacements Williams Hall 23. Present Use 9. U.T.M. Reference 38. Building Dimensions College/University Oxford Quadrangle Name: 16 694593 4375199 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 No chimney observed 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 Two story 16. Thematic Associations: 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies University 29. Basement? Radio/Television Structure Type 30. Foundation Material Unknown 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 31. Wall Construction <u>1959</u> 1987 Unknown Date 18. Style Class and Design 32. Roof Type None Associated Activity Hip Roof Material 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Clay tile 33. No. of Bays 8 Side Bays 7 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) 19. Architect or Engineer 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Small & Wertz (1959), Dalton, van Dijk, Johnson Stretcher or running bond Archaeological (OAI) (1987) 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) 6. Specific Address or Location 350 South Oak Street Williams Hall consists of an original 1959 radio and television building and a major new addition in 1987-89. The 1959 building is flat-roofed, constructed of brick, with a horizontal form accented by bands below windows and at the cornice. Its flat-roofed form and what appear to be original windows are still evident at the south side of the building. Much of the original structure was covered over by the major expansion to the north. This brick-faced addition has a steep hipped roof, wide frieze band, patterned brick and simple windows. At the front (north) elevation, there is a triple-arched entrance leading to an interior courtyard.

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

This building was built in two stages as the radio and television building for Miami University. It was originally known as the Radio-Television Building when completed in 1959. The grounds included a 340-foot broadcasting tower used by WMUB (FM) and WMUB-TV. The building was renamed in 1980 to honor Harry M. Williams, former chairman of the Department of Speech who had been largely responsible for Miami's entry into radio and television. In 1985, plans were made for a major renovation and new addition to the first building, completed in 1987-1989. This large expansion houses WMUB-FM (an affiliate of National Public Radio) on the second floor and the Mass Communication department on the first floor. A student radio station, WMSR, is also housed in the building.

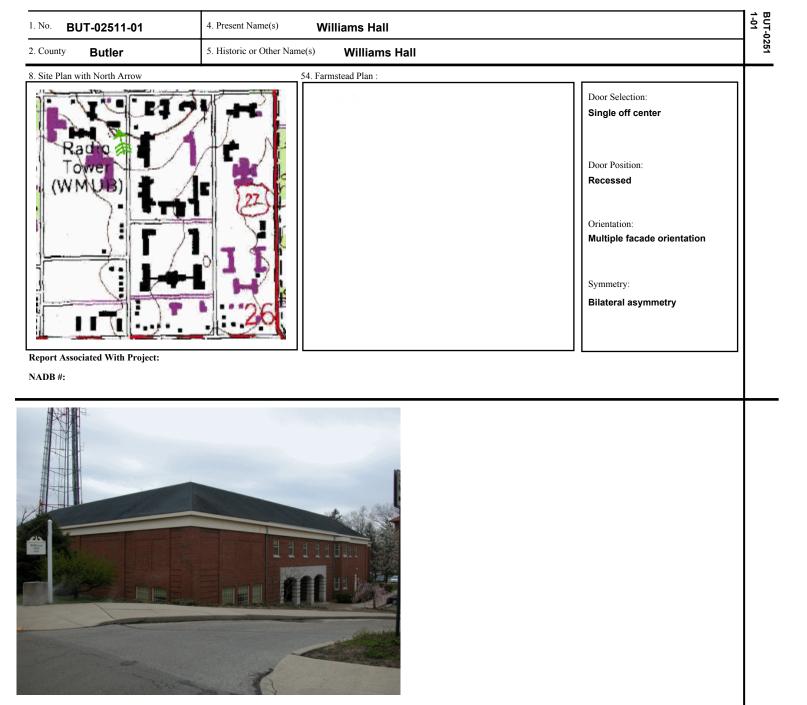
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

The building is located on Oak Street to the south of Spring Street, along with other academic and administrative buildings. The radio tower is immediately south. Parking areas are located to the north and west of the building.

45. Sources of Information

MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005; MU Archives, building files; Darlene Chafin, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Report, Professor Curt Ellison, Fall 2008.

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