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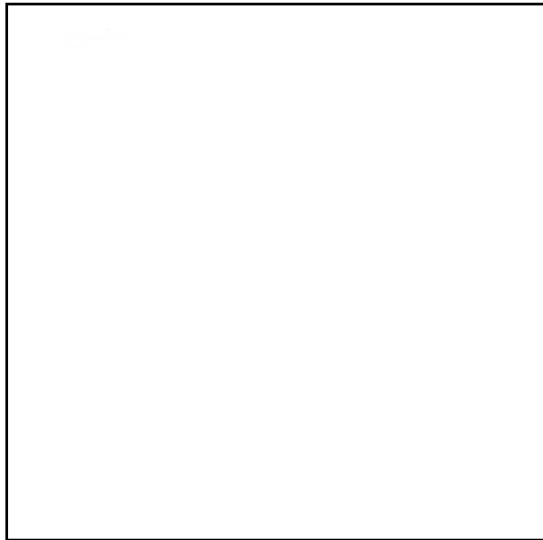
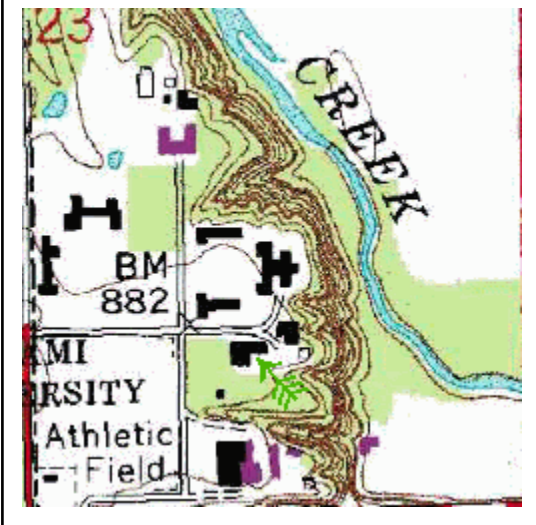
RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02510-01		4. Present Name(s) Wilson Hall		0-01 BUT-0251
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) The Pines		
6. Specific Address or Location 21 South Fisher Drive		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder J. Wespiser		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Wilson Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695444 4375625 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Mental Hospital Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Dormitory		35. Plan Shape L-shaped
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Public		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: Health Care University		27. Other Surveys		17b.
17. Date(s) or Period 1925-26		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Neo-Classical Revival		29. Basement? Yes		37. Window Type(s) 6 over 1
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
19. Architect or Engineer J. Wespiser		31. Wall Construction Stone bearing		38. Building Dimensions
		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material Clay tile		
		33. No. of Bays 11 Side Bays 14		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Rubble or unsquared stone		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>Wilson Hall is an L-shaped building, two stories in height, and constructed of native blue limestone with a red clay tile hipped roof. The facade is dominated by a large two-story hip-roofed portico with large central pediment. A trio of round-headed windows in a Palladian motif occupies the gable. Modillions are at the eaves at the gable and at the main roofline of the building. The porch roof is supported by four massive round columns with capitals decorated with floricarvings and fleur-de-lis. At the central entry door is a smaller one-story porch with Doric posts and flat roof topped by a balustrade. Inside the main entry hall is a large center stair leading to the second floor. To either side of the two-story porch, at the location of French doors, are smaller shed roofed porches with plain square posts. Windows in the building are generally single or set in pairs, although there are some triple windows on the rear elevation. The uncoursed rubble limestone construction material is continued on all sides of the building.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>This building was originally built in 1925 as The Pines, home of the Oxford Retreat, a mental health sanitarium established on the property of the Oxford Female College in 1882. This building was constructed to replace an earlier building, also called the Pines, which was being renovated in 1925 when it burned to the ground. Miami University had just acquired the main Retreat building for conversion to a dormitory, which it renamed Fisher Hall. The Retreat was able to continue by housing its patients and operations in this building, completed in 1926. Ten years later, Miami reached an agreement with Dr. R. Harvey Cook, the Retreat director, to acquire the 14.67 acre property. The Pines was converted to a dormitory in 1936, providing needed housing for 72 upper class women. During the war</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>Wilson Hall is reached by a curved drive on the former Oxford Retreat property. It is east of Cook Field and just south of the East residential quad.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; The Oxford Retreat, Oxford, Ohio, brochure, no date; MU Archives, building files; Auger, Claudia, and Chenetski, Laura, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Report, Professor Curt Ellison, Fall, 2008.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 21 South Fisher Drive
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Lateral axis

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)*

years from 1942 to 1944, the U.S. Navy leased the building to house men enrolled in Naval Radio Training School. In 1986, the building was renamed Wilson Hall to honor Charles R. Wilson, University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1961-70 and Acting President in 1964-65.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*