



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02044-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Withrow Court		4-01 BUT-0204
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Withrow Court		
6. Specific Address or Location 201 North Tallawanda Avenue		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Charles Taylor (1931)		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Withrow Court
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694806 4375886 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University Sport Facility		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use College/University STORAGE		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
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 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: University		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) 9 over 9 6 over 6
17. Date(s) or Period 1931		28. No. of Stories Two story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) 1966		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design High Georgian Revival		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer Gerber & Woodward (1931), Cellarius & Hilmer (1966)		32. Roof Type Flat Roof Material Built-up (tar paper, membrane, graveled)		
		33. No. of Bays 15 Side Bays 5		40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
				51. Condition of Property: Excellent
				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)				
<p>This building is an impressive example of the Georgian Revival style as it was applied to academic buildings on the Miami University campus. A significant feature is the raised octagonal cupola that exists behind the center gable. At the center of the facade is a projecting gabled pavilion containing the main entrance. Its features include an oculus window with ornamental surround and swags in the gable face, brick quoins at corners, a central window with balcony and fanlight in the blind arch, and a ground floor clad with scored limestone facing. There are 3 entrance doors with transoms; the center has a stone portico with entablature and Ionic columns. Attached to each end of the 1931 building is a two-story wing; a one-story wing was added across the rear.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Withrow Court was built in 1931 to serve Miami University as a men's gymnasium for classes and recreation and as an assembly hall for a student body of over 2,000 at that time. It was built with an appropriation of \$300,000 from the State of Ohio. The original building included a playing floor that could be divided into 3 basketball courts. Facilities also included locker rooms, showers, dressing rooms, four handball courts and two squash courts, 1200 lockers, a small gymnasium for boxing, wrestling and fencing, two large classrooms and offices for the staff. The building was named for Dr. John M. Withrow, Miami class of 1875 and a member of the university's Board of Trustees from 1885 until his death in 1931. As an assembly hall, Withrow Court could hold over 3,000 people in bleachers and continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>Withrow Court has a distinctive presence on Tallawanda Road in the northern part of the Miami University campus. The front of the building is characterized by walkways and grassy areas, while the rear is adjacent to a large parking area.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Elliott, Valerie Edwards, Oxford, Ohio, Arcadia Publishing; Withrow Court brochure, n.d.; MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005; MU Archives, building files; Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		6. Specific Address or Location 201 North Tallawanda Avenue
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2009		
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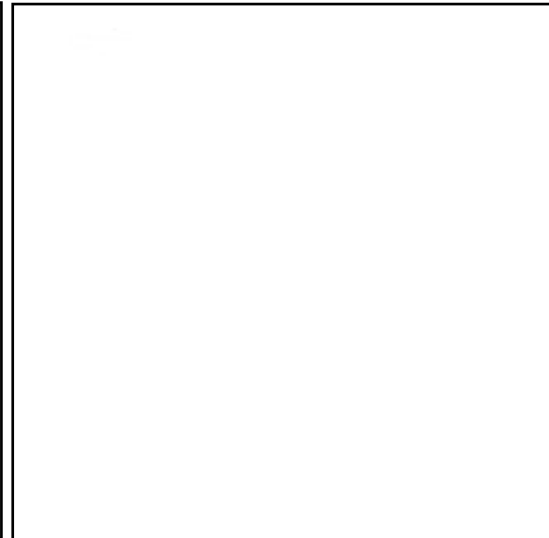
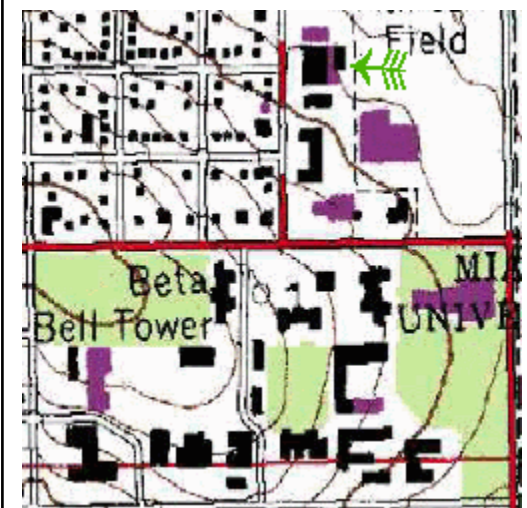
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
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)*

up to 5,000 when chairs were placed on the gymnasium floor. Wings were added to the north, south and east in 1966. Withrow Court remained Miami's primary location for commencement, dances, and convocations until Millett Hall was completed in 1968. Today, the building houses the university's archives, as well as offices and athletic practice facilities.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*