



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02021-01 REV		4. Present Name(s) Gaskill Hall		1-01 BUT-0202
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Industrial Arts Building		
6. Specific Address or Location 540 East Spring Street		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Boydjohn and Barr (1925), A Benzing & Sons (1951)		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Gaskill Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694845 4375377 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent College/University		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use College/University		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 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: University		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Casement
17. Date(s) or Period 1925		28. No. of Stories Three story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) 1951, 1959		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions
18. Style Class and Design Element Neo-Classical Revival		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer Herbert S. Briggs (1925), C. F. Cellarius (1951)		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 20 Side Bays 22		40. Chimney Placement Three or more chimneys
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stretcher or running 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) Gaskill Hall was built in 3 sections, beginning with the northwest section in 1925. This is a 2-story building with basement. Ornamentation includes a stone belt course between the first and second floors, industrial sash windows, rounded roof dormers, and a classical stone surround with incised 'Gaskill Hall' at the west end door. A south wing addition was built in 1951, creating the L plan. This wing repeats features of the original, although differences in brick detailing are seen. The final addition was built in 1959 to accommodate the Audio Visual Service. This wing is three stories because of differences in grade. Windows here are still industrial-type sash but the openings are much larger. On the north side there is a cross-gabled pavilion with pediment and decorative oculus window in the gable.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Gaskill Hall was originally known as the Industrial Arts Building and was first occupied in September, 1925. The university requested a state appropriation in 1944 to enlarge the building, anticipating an influx of students interested in industrial training following the close of the WWII. Wings were added to the original building in 1951 (designed by Charles F. Cellarius) and in 1959 (designed by VanBuren, Ayers & Blackburn). The building was named the Fred G. Whitcomb Laboratories in 1948-49, but shortly after was renamed Gaskill Hall in honor of David Lewis Gaskill, a lawyer who was a Miami trustee from 1907-1939 and who established the Greenville Electric Light Co. and the Ohio Electrical Association. Gaskill Hall was built around the university's first steam power plant. The boiler continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Gaskill hall is located immediately south of Upham Hall in the center of the Miami University campus. A parking area exists to the southeast of the building. To accommodate a grade change, there is a set of steps with a distinctive brick cap along one side of the building.				
45. Sources of Information Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; Post War Building Program for the State Universities of Ohio, June 1944; The Miami Student, March 6, 1925; Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008 50. PIR Review Date:
49. PIR Reviewer:				

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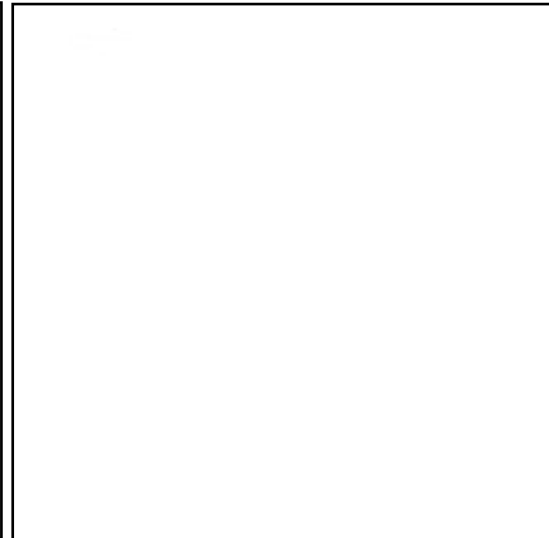
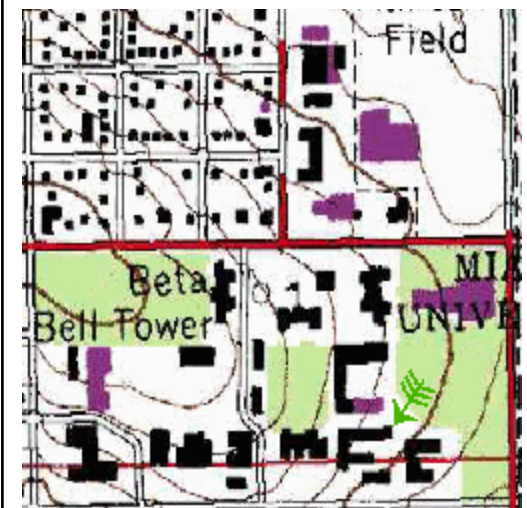
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Multiple facade orientation

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

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)

house and stack were demolished in 1981.

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

45. Sources (Con't)