



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

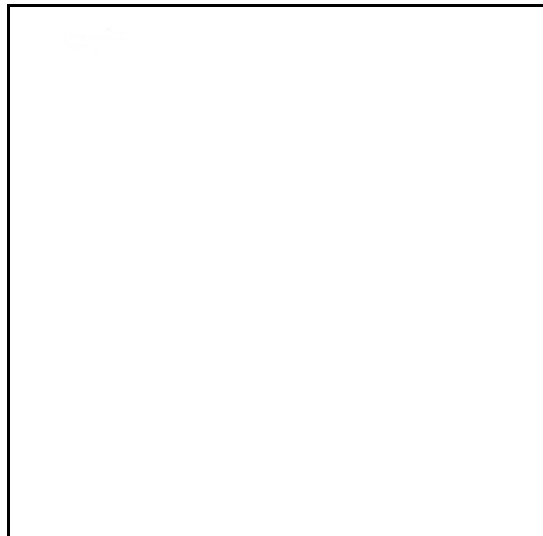
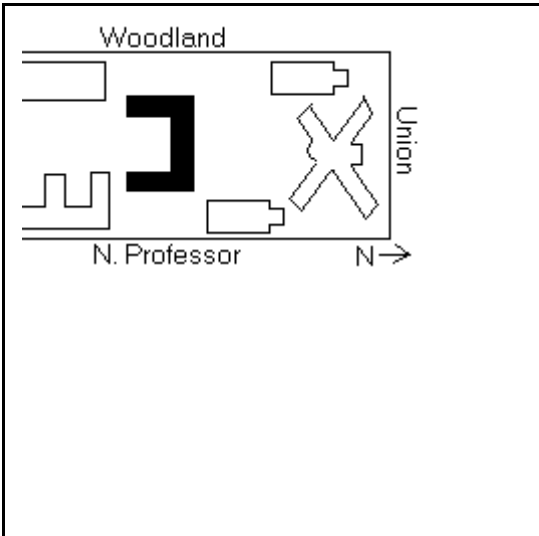
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>LOR-1921-21</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Burton Hall</b>		LOR-1921-21
2. County <b>Lorain</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Burton Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>194 North Professor</b>		19a. Design Sources		Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>0900075106072</b>		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		2. County
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> <b>17 397760 4572253</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Dormitory</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>Dormitory</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Private</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Oberlin College</b>		Burton Hall
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage <b>0.92</b>		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>College</b>		27. Other Surveys		194 North Professor
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1946</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Four story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>Dominant Georgian Revival</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		6. Specific Address or Location
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Brick bearing</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Mellenbrook, Foley &amp; Scott</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Metal/steel frame</b>		194 North Professor
		32. Roof Type <b>Hip</b> Roof Material <b>Wood shingle</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>6</b> Side Bays <b>14</b>		194 North Professor
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Brick</b>		
35. Plan Shape <b>U-shaped</b>				
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b>				
37. Window Type(s) <b>6 over 6</b>				
38. Building Dimensions <b>108' x 204'</b>				
39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?				
40. Chimney Placement <b>Off center within roof surface</b>				
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road <b>100' approx</b>				
51. Condition of Property: <b>Excellent</b>				
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) <b>This college dormitory is an example of Georgian Revival. The east &amp; west elevations are identical. Basement windows sit partially below ground-level &amp; have replacement windows, with stone walls lining the depressions they sit in &amp; metal railings around the center walls. The 1st &amp; 2nd story windows are all 6/6 double hung. 4 pairs of windows &amp; a single window at the far left &amp; right make up the window configuration at both the 1st &amp; 2nd stories. 9 dormers in the roof each have 6/6 double hung windows &amp; hipped roofs, with wood shingles covering the walls of the dormers. The north elevation is dominated by its center portion, which has 4 stories. Most windows are 6/6 double hung &amp; 9 dormers are situated in the roof. Brackets adorn the underside of the eaves. 9 6/6 double hung windows are located at the 3rd story. 9 windows are also located at the 2nd story, but the center window is flanked by sidelights with a filled fanlight above it, hinting at a Paladian window. Sandstone follows the top of this window. The 1st story has a projecting bay window at the center with 3 6/6 double hung windows to the left &amp; right. Entries with double doors are located at the far continued...</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>On the 21st of June, 1947 - about 2 p.m. in the afternoon - Oberlin College President William Stevenson spoke about a man who in life 'strongly exemplified the qualities of political responsibility, social consciousness, intellectual maturity and moral strength which we wish to develop in the young men who will live here.' 'Here' was Burton Hall and the man spoken of was none other than Theodore E. Burton, an Oberlin College trustee from 1899-1928. Burton descended from the Burton family of Jefferson, Ohio. His sister, Mary, married Civil War hero Giles Waldo Shurtleff. Burton graduated from Oberlin College in 1872 and became a well-respected Republican congressman who, upon his death in 1929, bequeathed \$10,000 to Oberlin College. Thus, his name was given to the building that Geoffrey continued...</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>This dormitory is located in an area of Oberlin owned by Oberlin College and is surrounded by other college buildings.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>Department of Residential Life. Residential Life &amp; Dining Services: Housing: Program Houses. Oberlin College. 24 August 2005 &lt;http://www.oberlin.edu/reslife/housing/Hhouses/Hburton.html&gt;; Oberlin College Archives. Series III, Buildings and Grounds; Box 5; 'Burton Hall Dedication, 1947.'; 'Jones Family Papers, 1832-1991: Biography.' Oberlin College Archives (Online). 23 February 2000. Oberlin College. 26 August 2005 &lt;http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW_files/jones_family_b.html&gt;; Oberlin News. continued...</b>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Laurie Stein</b>		47. Organization: <b>Oberlin Heritage Center</b>		48. Date Recorded: <b>11/18/2005</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

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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:  
**Repetition of bay arrangement**

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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*42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

left & right of the center section. Copper, standing seam, bell-cast hoods above the doors are supported by sandstone brackets; sandstone surrounds flank the doors. The entries have 4/4 double hung windows directly above them with sandstone surrounds; bull's eye windows with stone keystones are located between the 2nd & 3rd floors. Identical wings are located to the left & right of the center portion. Each wing has 2 4/4 double hung windows nearest the center section at the 1st & 2nd story with a shed dormer in the roof. The far left & right of the wings have 2 6/6 double hung windows at the 1st & 2nd story & each has 2 hip dormers with 6/6 double hung windows. 2 basement windows are set below ground level. The south elevation features brackets below the eaves, & the center section is recessed far back from the east & west wings. Each wing has 2 6/6 double hung windows at the 1st & 2nd stories & a hipped dormer in the roof (like the other dormers). A brick belt course runs between the 1st & 2nd stories. Brick lintels above the windows run in a vertical pattern & angle out towards the corners. This central, recessed portion is very wide. It displays a steep, hipped roof with 9 dormers. The 2nd & 3rd stories have 9 6/6 double hung windows. The 3 windows at the center have stone keystones above them. The 1st story has double doors at the center with transoms above. Smooth, sandstone pilasters & quoins flank the doors, which have a wood, pedimented hood with full cornice above, supported by sandstone brackets. 4/4 double hung windows with sandstone surrounds also flank the entry. At the far sides of these windows, another casement window is 2 windows further over. A 2-story bay connects the center portion to the east & west wings. Each connecting bay contains 2 brick archways with brick & sandstone steps leading to a door at the right. Arches at the 1st story create an arcade, whose back wall is smooth sandstone. The 2nd story of the connecting bays have 4/4 double hung windows. The roof ridgelines have copper seams. The west/rear side of the east wing has an entry near the right side, with a bell-cast, standing seam, copper hood, supported by sandstone brackets & columns. The door has an 8-light window above the hood with 3 6/6 double hung windows and 2 4/4 double hung windows farther left. 6 dormers are in the roof. The east side of the west wing is identical to the east wing.

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Blodgett describes as 'the last gasp of the Neo-Georgian impulse...reminiscent of Tidewater Virginia plantation architecture.' Today, Burton Hall houses 175 students in 'spacious' rooms with 'high ceilings' and 'large windows.' In addition, two student newspapers, *The Oberlin Review* and *the Grape*, have offices in the basement.

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

*45. Sources (Con't)*

'congressman, Oberlin graduate, to speak.' 31 October 1905, pg. 1. 26 August 2005 <[http://132.162.37.121/news/search\\_begin.html](http://132.162.37.121/news/search_begin.html)>; ---. 'will leaves \$10,000 to college, \$1000 to Shansi, \$10,000 as Community Chest Trust Fund.' 7 November 1929. 26 August 2005 <[http://132.162.37.121/news/search\\_begin.html](http://132.162.37.121/news/search_begin.html)>. Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2005.